

WLMS Tryout Information:

Please remember tryouts will be held in the WLMS gym on May 13th and will begin promptly at 5pm. You must have current physical, concussion form, and Covid Screening forms on file with the WLMS Athletic Department in order to participate in any day of tryouts. Parents may pick up their child immediately after they complete their tryout slot.

Candidates are asked to wear a PLAIN white shirt and black shorts on tryout day. We will provide each candidate a number to pin on for tryouts. Hair needs to be up and out of the face and NO jewelry or earrings. Tennis shoes are required for each day of tryout practice. Flip flops, sandals, or dress shoes are not allowed.

Masks must be worn indoors at all times.

Tryout Agenda:

Monday (5/10) - Intro of Coaches & Squad Expectations; Review Cheer 101- basics of cheer; tryout expectations; learn cheer, chant, and dance - Jump preview

Wednesday (5/12) - Review Cheer, Chant, and Dance - Coach's Tumbling Skill preview

Thursday (5/13) - TRYOUT DAY! Promptly arrive dressed and prepared at 5:00pm. Report to the cafeteria doors for entry. Remember to wear a PLAIN white t-shirt, black shorts, and tennis shoes.

Friday (5/14)- Letters will be distributed to the students at the end of the school day. Elementary students will receive letters at their home schools.

Those who make the team will be contacted soon, and parents will receive an invite via text to join the team REMIND group.

Team Selection:

All students trying out for cheerleading will have an equal and fair chance of making the team. Cheerleaders from the previous year must try out like everyone else. A spot on the team has NOT been reserved for anyone just because they cheered previously. A panel of former unbiased experienced cheerleading coaches will judge candidates on final tryout day. For tryouts, each candidate will perform a cheer, chant, dance, and jump. Tumbling will be optional and treated like "extra credit" on scoring. This means tumbling will be judged based on cleanliness of execution and not level of difficulty. Candidates who do not feel comfortable participating in this part of tryouts will not be penalized. Tryouts and practices are closed to spectators.

Practices and Cheer Costs

Practice schedules for the 2021-2022 season have not been finalized yet. We will anticipate practice/workouts to start around the first week of August. We practice on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3pm-5pm. It is important & required that each selected cheerleader participate in each practice. Basketball season will begin approximately 6 weeks after football season ends. Schedules and more information will go out the first week of practice.

Cheerleading uniforms (skirt & shell top) are provided by WLMS. They are provided to each girl to wear for games.

The only items that are mandatory to purchase are white cheerleading shoes, briefs, and team selected bow. Typically under \$100 for these three items. Football cheerleaders must also purchase "Pink Out" Game shirt as well. You may either purchase shoes on your own or choose them from the "team store" if selected. You do not need these items for tryouts.

We will have a "team store" available for parents to select and purchase the items needed along with additional spirit wear if desired. A virtual fitting will be scheduled for the team once announced.