

Jackson-Milton Blue Jays Cheerleading Tryout Packet 2017-2018 Season



Packet Includes:

**Tryout Information
Cheerleader Rules & Regulations
Student & Parent Agreement to the Rules & Regulations
Teacher Evaluation Forms
Team/Competition Team Agreement Form**

TRYOUT INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in the 2017-2018 Jackson-Milton Cheerleading Squad.

The purpose of the Jackson-Milton Cheerleading Program is to promote school spirit and a positive school environment by participating at athletic events and extra-curricular activities as deemed appropriate by the Cheerleading Coach/Advisor. As recognized school leaders, cheerleaders are expected to be positive role models at school and in the community. The information provided in this packet explains qualifications and responsibilities of Jackson-Milton cheerleaders.

Questions pertaining to this packet can be directed to Megan White (Varsity/JV Coach): CoachMeganWhite@gmail.com or Grazia Accordino (Middle School Coach): GraziaAcc@gmail.com

WHAT TO DO

Please read the entire Jackson-Milton Cheerleader Rules and Regulations. **The Jackson-Milton Cheerleading Program requires 100% commitment!**

IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS TO NOTE

- Cheerleading season is from May 2017 to March 2018. You must be able to commit to this entire time frame!
- Student's Academic Grades must continue to meet the guidelines outlined in the Jackson-Milton Student Handbook.
- Practices, games, scheduled performances and/or competitions are **NOT** optional.
- **Parents:** By signing the Agreement to the Rules and Regulations, you are agreeing to support and uphold these cheerleading regulations if your child is selected as a cheerleader.

In order to be a cheerleader candidate, you **MUST** complete and submit the required documents in this packet at the start of try-out clinics April 25, 2017. All packets received after this due date will not be accepted and candidate will be ineligible to attend clinics and tryouts.

Required Documents Checklist:

- Teacher Evaluation Form (to be returned by *Teacher*, not Student).
- Student and Parents Agreement to Cheerleading Rules & Regulations.
- Varsity-Junior Varsity/Competition Team Agreement Form (for those students competing for Varsity/JV positions or want to try out for the competition team).

*Cheerleading candidates are required to give the Teacher Evaluation Form to **FOUR** of their core teachers to be filled out and returned to Cheerleading Mailbox.

*Former Cheerleaders are required to give the Teacher Evaluation Form to **THREE** of their core teachers to be filled out and returned to the Cheerleading school mailbox. The fourth evaluation will be a Coach's evaluation given by Coach Megan White or Coach Grazia Accordino.

WHO CAN TRYOUT?

Jackson-Milton students currently in 6th thru 11th grades.

WHEN IS TRYOUTS?

TRYOUT CLINIC – Jackson-Milton High School Cafeteria

ALL CLINICS ARE MANDATORY OR CANDIDATE IS INELIGIBLE TO TRYOUT.

Tuesday, April 25, 2017	5:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Wednesday, April 26, 2017	5:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Thursday, April 27, 2017	5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

TRYOUT DAY – Jackson-Milton High School Gym

Friday, April 28, 2017	4:00 PM
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The days for the Cheerleading Clinic will be **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**. Parents arriving to pick up their child must wait in the parking lot.

The day of tryouts will be **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC** with **NO** exceptions. Anyone **NOT** trying out for Cheerleading will be asked to leave the building. Parents may wait in the parking lot for their child to finish.

Attendance at Cheerleading Camps is Mandatory, Dates are as Follows:

July 10, 2016	9AM-1PM
July 11, 2016	9AM-1PM
July 12, 2016	9AM-1PM

*Camp will be held at CheerTime Athletics and transportation will be provided

Costs:

The majority of costs will be offset by fundraisers. We do a lot of fundraisers and we will do our absolute best to keep cost at a minimal. If a small cost were to occur you will be given plenty of advanced notice and time to make the payment.

Conditions for making Varsity and Junior Varsity Squads:

1. Freshman are only eligible to make the Junior Varsity Squad.
2. Seniors are eligible to make either JV or Varsity
3. Any cheerleader who quits during the season is **INELIGIBLE** to try out the following season. **(This applies to both High School and Middle School)**

* Varsity squad will be cheering at home and away football games. Junior Varsity squad will cheer at home Varsity and JV football games only. Junior Varsity may potentially be required to cheer away Varsity football games as well.

*Varsity and JV will both cheer home and away basketball games.

*Anyone who signs and agrees to the competition team will be required to attend all competitions.

Conditions for making the Middle School Squad:

1. You are required to cheer all home and away Middle School football games.
2. You are required to cheer all home boys' Middle School basketball games.
3. You may also be asked to participate in competitions throughout the season.

Jackson-Milton Cheerleading Rules and Regulations

The Jackson-Milton Middle/High School cheerleading program is designed with the following tenets in mind:

1. A cheerleader's first responsibility is to her academic program. The educational process should not be compromised by cheerleading.
2. The primary function of a middle/high school cheerleading program is to support interscholastic athletics.
3. A middle/high school cheerleading squad has the responsibility to uphold, to reflect and to project the goals and ideals of their community.

Cheering at Jackson-Milton Middle/High School is received as an honor and a privilege-not a right. A cheerleader is in a very influential position in her relationship with the student body. She is looked upon by parents and the public as an example of ALL Jackson-Milton Middle/High School students. In such a capacity, highest standards must be met and maintained.

1. Attendance:
 - a. Cheerleaders must attend all practices, projects, games and fundraisers. If a cheerleader misses a mandatory practice, demerits will be given and/or she will be suspended from a pep rally and/or game.
 - b. Practices, games, scheduled performances and/or competitions are **NOT** optional.
 - c. Cheerleaders must attend at least half the school day of the day of an event in order to cheer. Per administration, cheerleaders will not be allowed to cheer if the student checks in/out the day of an event without a doctor's excuse.
 - d. The cheerleader must checkout with the advisor before leaving school if it is necessary to check out the day of a practice or game. Otherwise, it will be considered an unexcused absence.
 - e. In case of absence, the cheerleader must inform the advisor one day prior to the activity or an unexcused absence will be recorded. Absence due to job, dance competition, drama, incomplete homework, etc. is unexcused.
 - f. Cheerleaders are to leave away games with provided transportation. The only exception will be if the cheerleader has written parental permission to leave with a parent and signed by the Principal. Written permission must be given to the advisor prior to the game.
2. Tardiness:
 - a. Cheerleaders must be on time to all practices, projects and games.
 - b. You must be at games according to the following time table:
Football: 45 minutes prior to game
Basketball: 30 minutes prior to game
3. Behavior and Attitude:
 - a. Cheerleaders should observe school rules and regulations. A serious violation may result in disciplinary probation or dismissal from the squad.

- b. Smoking and drinking are not permitted at school related functions or outside school related functions. If this occurs, the cheerleader will be dropped from the squad.
 - c. A cheerleader who is insubordinate to the cheerleading advisor may be placed on disciplinary probation or may be dropped from the squad.
4. Scholarship:
- a. Cheerleaders must maintain a 2.0 overall average.
 - b. If the academic average is not met, the cheerleader will be put on probation until grades improve. If the cheerleader receives a D in any subject regardless of overall average, she will be placed on probation for 2 weeks. If the cheerleader receives an F in any subject regardless of overall average, she will be placed on academic probation for 9 weeks. The cheerleader will be restricted from all activities during the probationary period.
 - c. If a cheerleader is placed on probation, the advisor will periodically check grades to determine whether or not she will cheer. If the standards are not met, the cheerleader will be dismissed from the squad.
5. Uniform:
- a. Each cheerleader will be responsible for keeping their uniform neat and clean or they will be required to replace damaged pieces.
 - b. When altering uniforms, DO NOT CUT!!!!!!!
 - c. Hair and makeup is to appear neat and attractive. Hair should be in a high ponytail with all hair off face. The standard uniform bow should be worn at all games.
 - d. Jewelry is not a part of the uniform. Earrings, necklaces, and watches will not be allowed during cheer practice or events. Facial piercing including tongue piercing is not allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!
6. Expense:
- a. Fundraisers are used as a means to raise funds. EVERYONE will participate in fundraisers. Failure to do so will result in suspension from the squad until required minimum amount is turned in.
7. Demerit Offenses:
- a. Failing to be on time, (includes practice, pep rallies, camps, games, special events, competitions, etc.) 1
 - b. Failure to return on time from half time break before the start of the second half. 1
 - c. Failure to have hair and makeup neat and attractive upon arrival to cheerleading functions. 1
 - d. Wearing jewelry. 1
 - e. Ungracious acceptance of a demerit 1
 - f. Unsportsmanlike conduct or foul language. 2
 - g. Unexcused absence from practice (prior notice) 2
 - h. Unexcused absence from practice (no notice) 3
 - i. Unexcused absence from special cheerleading function/Fundraiser (also refusing to participate) 3

- j. Unexcused absence from a game or
playoff game. 5
- m. Unexcused absence from a special
performance/competition. 5
- n. Showing disrespect to coach, fellow cheerleaders,
teachers, administrators. 5

With 5 demerits, the cheerleader will be suspended from 1 game. Attendance to the game is still mandatory and you must sit with the coach for the duration of the game. With 10 demerits, the cheerleader will be suspended from 2 games. Attendance to the games is still mandatory and you must sit with the coach for the durations of the game. With 15 demerits, the cheerleader will be removed from the team.

If a cheerleader does not fulfill her obligation to the satisfaction of the advisor, she will be placed on probation or removed from the squad.

If a cheerleader has outstanding fees, has not turned in all required cheerleading equipment, quits or is removed from the squad, she must immediately turn in all cheerleading uniforms/gear and will be ineligible to tryout for the following cheerleading season.

Competition Team Rules and Guidelines:

By committing to the Competition Team, you are promising to be at every “Competition Team practice”. **ANY** unexcused absence from a competition team practice will result in automatic removal from the competition team (not regular team). If you **ABSOLUTELY** have to miss a competition practice it must be for a legitimate reason such as a death in the family or doctors excuse (excuse must be provided in order for it to count as unexcused). Missing the last practice before a competition, excused or unexcused, will result in automatic removal from the competition team (not regular team). Any absence from a competition, excused or unexcused, will result in automatic removal from the competition team (not regular team). Determining an excused absence is up to the discretion of the coach.

DETACH AND RETURN

Athlete and Parent Agreement to Cheerleading Rules and Regulations

Student's Name _____

Grade Entering Fall 2017 _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

*This form must be signed and returned by April 25 to be eligible for Cheerleading.

STUDENT SECTION

- I have read and understand the Jackson-Milton Middle/High School Rules and Regulations.
- I understand that all practices, games and other cheer obligations are mandatory.
- I agree to attend the mandatory cheerleader/parent meeting.
- **I agree to abide by these regulations if I am selected as a cheerleader.**

Student's Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN SECTION

- I have read and understand the Jackson-Milton Middle/High School Cheerleading Rules and Regulations. I have discussed the requirements, responsibilities and rules with my child.
- I understand that there may be minimal financial obligations that come with my child being a member of the Jackson-Milton Cheerleading Squad.
- I understand that as in all sports, there are physical risks involved in the sport of cheerleading.
- I agree to attend the mandatory parent/cheerleader meeting.
- **I agree to support and uphold these cheerleading regulations if my child is selected as a cheerleader.**

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Jackson-Milton High School/Middle School Teacher Evaluation for Cheerleading Tryouts

PLEASE READ FIRST: Please complete the following form as soon as possible, so that we will have time to tally prior to the tryout date. Teacher evaluations will be averaged together to count for a portion of each candidate's score. Only **CORE** teachers will participate in the evaluation process. It is very important for you, the teacher, to give the student an honest rating based on your knowledge of that individual.

Please complete this form and return it in a sealed envelope to the cheerleading mailbox, by Monday, April 24, 2017. It is very important that you rate the student according to how **YOU** feel the student does in **YOUR** class or classes. Please be realistic as well as fair. These evaluations will not be shared with the student. They will be confidential and tallied by the advisor.

Thank you for your time and cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Megan White (High School) at CoachMeganWhite@gmail.com or Grazia Accordino (Middle School) at GraziaAcc@gmail.com

Name of Student _____

Class(es) Taught _____

On a scale of 1 to 5, with **5 being the best**, please rate the student in each of the areas listed below:

Work Ethic:

1 2 3 4 5

Attitude:

1 2 3 4 5

Cooperation/ Willingness to Work with Others:

1 2 3 4 5

Attendance and Punctuality:

1 2 3 4 5

Responsibility:

1 2 3 4 5

Please provide any additional comments you feel the advisors should be aware of concerning this student:

Signature of teacher _____ Date: ____/____/____

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DETACH AND RETURN IN AN ENVELOPE THE FIRST DAY OF CLINICS

**Jackson-Milton Cheerleading
Varsity/Junior Varsity and Competition Team Agreement Form**

The following agreement is for students trying out for Varsity/Junior Varsity Cheerleading positions.

I, _____ understand that by signing this
(please print first and last name)

agreement, it is my final decision.

- I will accept a Junior Varsity position.
- I will NOT accept a Junior Varsity position.

Signature

Date

The following agreement is for students trying out for the Competition Team.

I, _____ understand that by signing this
(please print first and last name)

agreement, it is my final decision.

- I DO want to try out for the Competition Team.
- I DO NOT want to try out for the Competition Team.

Signature

Date