

Position: Cheerleading Coach **Reports to:** Athletic Director **Salary:** \$3,000 - \$5,000 stipend

St. Mary's Academy is seeking a dedicated and energetic Cheerleading Coach to lead our high school girls' cheer team! This is a fantastic opportunity to mentor young athletes, build school spirit, and showcase your cheerleading expertise.

About St. Mary's Academy

St. Mary's Academy (SMA) is a Catholic High School for young women, founded and sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Together with the students' families, the administration, faculty and staff are committed to forming a Christian community that nurtures and challenges each young woman to attain her full potential. This effort is consistently characterized by respect for the individual, service to the "dear neighbor," academic excellence; preparation for higher education and the empowerment of young women who are inspired to take their places in an ever-changing world. This education promotes the formation and integral development of young women from various backgrounds and cultures and provides opportunities for the development of contemporary leadership while preserving the spirit that has made St. Mary's Academy unique.

Job Summary

As a member of St. Mary's Academy coaching staff, you will demonstrate a commitment to SMA mission and vision expressed through the CSJ charism of service to the dear neighbor. The role of the Cheerleading Coach is to teach the cheerleading squad to promote school spirit and encouragement of athletic teams. St. Mary's Academy sees the role of the Cheerleading Coach as being someone who, in addition to having a high level of knowledge in coaching the sport of cheerleading, can teach and model all the aspects of the CSJ charisms. Ideally it will be someone who can coach our young women in a highly competitive sport yet help them keep a balance in all aspects of their lives, spiritually, socially, mentally and physically. A cheerleader promotes school spirit, school pride, and encourages the members of the athletic teams. Their involvement and enthusiasm in the SMA community helps other students feel a part of the community. Promoting positive teamwork, positive interactions amongst teammates, modeling sportsmanship and fan involvement at games and rallies are viewed as important aspects of being a cheerleader.

Responsibilities:

- Plan and lead practices focused on skill development, teamwork, and safety.
- Choreograph and prepare routines for pep rallies, games, and competitions.
- Promote sportsmanship and foster a positive, inclusive team culture.
- Ensure adherence to school and athletic safety protocols.
- Serve as a role model and mentor for student-athletes.

Qualifications:

- Prior cheerleading experience (coaching experience preferred).
- Knowledge of choreography, stunting, and cheer safety guidelines.
- Strong leadership, organizational, and communication skills.
- Passion for working with high school students and encouraging their growth.

Interested candidates should submit a resume to mfinn@smabelles.org.