**Causey Middle School**

**Cheer Club**

**2023-2024**

Dear Parents,

Your child has indicated an interest in being a Causey Middle School Tiger CHEER CLUB

member for the 2023-2024 season. Before club selections, I want each student to know what will be expected if she is selected for the cheerleading club. I especially want to inform the parents about general policies and requirements that have been set for all the Causey Middle School cheer club members. This information packet should answer most of your questions. You will find a schedule of clinic/selection date below.

### Selection clinic: MAY 15TH CMS GYM

**4:30-6:45 PM**

## THE SELECTION CLINIC WILL BE CLOSED.

**NO PARENTS, GUARDIANS, FRIENDS, ETC ARE ALLOWED IN THE GYM OR IN HALL.**

### The packet– with non-refundable fee should be turned in by Friday, May 5, 2023.

**No Exceptions!**

Sincerely,

Katelyn Busby Cheerleading Coach

Sydnie Shuford

Assistant Club Sponsor

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IMPORTANT DATES

Selection Date: Monday, May 15, 2023 **MANDATORY**

4:30– 6:45 PM

CMS GYM

**CLINIC IS CLOSED**

Selection

Announcement: Athletes chosen for Cheer Club will be posted

to the Causey Cheerleading Facebook page

as soon as possible after clinic

If selected, UNIFORM

FITTING: May 17th @ 4:00PM **MANDATORY**

Coach Busby’s Room

Park in rock parking lot by the baseball field to enter that wing of the school. Someone will direct you.

Clinic Fee: $20.00 (non-refundable)

Cash or Check made to CMS cheer

Selections based

on the following: Toe-Touch

Show of Spirit Smile/ Personality Attitude

Sharpness/ Placement of Motions

Tumbling preferred but not required

Dress: Navy shorts and white t-shirt tucked in with tennis shoes/cheer shoes

NO TIGHT ATHLETIC SHORTS (such as Nike Pro) No Jewelry

Hair out of face

No cell phones during clinic

**Causey Cheerleading Code of Conduct**

The cheerleaders/cheer club of Causey Middle School use a standardized code of conduct. Whenever a rule is not observed, the cheerleader is given a fixed number of demerits. Upon the accumulation of 12 demerits, she will be dismissed from the squad. **Please read and discuss these with your child.**

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| **Demerits Given** | **Offense** |
| 1 | Late for game, practice, or event |
| 1 | Chewing gum, eating, or drinking during inappropriate times during games, events, or practice |
| 1 | Not fully dressed for game, practice, or event |
| 1 | Appearance: Untidy/incorrect uniform, jewelry, incorrect/no ribbon, incorrect/no socks, unsuitable hair, fingernail polish, etc. |
| 1 | Unnecessary conversation during practice or games with other squad members, fans, or team |
| 1 | Public displays of affection on campus, in uniform, or at any cheerleading event |
| 1 | Failing to perform a required stunt/skill (back handspring, tuck, etc.) at game, practice, or event. |
| 1 | Allowing a non-cheerleader to wear any part of your uniform |
| 1 | Leaving a game, practice, or event before being dismissed by the coach |
| 1 | Possession of a cell phone at a game, practice, or event |
| 1 | Profanity, vulgar movement, or gestures while representing Baker High School |
| 1 | Using inappropriate language during games (taunting, name calling) |
| 1 | Unexcused absence from game, practice, or event |
| 2 | Bad remarks from faculty |
| 2 | Receiving a “D” in any subject on a report card (quarter or semester) |
| 2 | Retract |
| Coaches’ discretion | Inability to cooperate with squad or coach; lying to coach; bad attitude; bullying or bad mouthing another cheerleader; giving out coach’s personal information |
| Coaches’ discretion | Inappropriate behavior while in uniform (on or off campus) |
| Coaches’ discretion | Inappropriate comments or posts on any social media platform. Punishment will vary on degree of offense. Immediate dismissal is possible at coach’s or administration’s discretion |
| 5-Dismissal | Possession or use of inappropriate substances at any time or on social media. This includes, but is not limited to, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, electronic cigarettes, etc. Random drug testing is possible. |
| Dismissal | Suspension from school; Retract twice during cheerleading term |

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of Causey Cheer Club is to allow 6th grade athletes to promote and uphold school spirit. Club members are role models for the entire Causey student body and should always conduct themselves in an exemplary manner- both on and off campus.

**Appearances:**

1. 1st and 2nd quarter of HOME football games.
2. Halftime at Football
3. Pep Rallies
4. The 4:00pm home basketball game (It will be girls game half of the season and boys game the second half of the season, as they switch who plays first)

**FUNDRASING :**

**All club members will be REQUIRED to participate in Causey Cheerleading fundraisers throughout the year as part of their membership on cheer club.**

**Cut on the BOLD LINE. RETURN all pages after the line SIGNED by the deadline in a sealed envelope.**

**Participants Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PAYMENT:**

##### The estimated cost to be a cheer club member is $400 for the year.

* **This payment is due at the uniform fitting. Cash or Check (made out to CMS cheer)**

This payment includes dues (used for items throughout the year), club top & club skirt (uniform), sweatshirt, shoes, poms, and bag.

I acknowledge that I am the parent/guardian and agree to pay the amount listed above for my

athlete’s fees on the cheer club. I understand that this fee is non-refundable.

Signature: Date:

#### CAUSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEER CLUB TRYOUTS:

**INFORMATION SHEET**

Please complete the following information. Please print legibly.

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| Student Name: | Current School: | Home Address: |
| Birthday:  Cell Phone:  Email Address: | Parent/Guardian Name:  Home Address (if different from above)  Home Phone: | Mother’s Work Phone:  Mother’s Cell Phone: |
| Father’s Name:  Work Phone:  Email Address: | Emergency Contact:  Relationship:  Emergency Phone Number:  Emergency Cell Phone: | Allergies/Health Conditions/ Medications: (List i |

Causey Middle School

Cheer Participant Release and Waiver

2023-2024

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a student at Causey Middle School. My child desires to be part of Causey Middle School’s cheerleading squad. I also desire for my child to be a member of the cheerleading squad.

I have read the by-laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the cheerleading squad. I acknowledge that participation in the cheerleading squad carries with it potential hazards. My child could fall, be knocked over, run into, or bumped; He/she could possibly receive bruises, broken bones, concussion, and/or serious injury as a result of some of the gymnastics/acrobatics and/or building stunts/pyramids practiced or performed as a part of the cheerleading squad.

I hereby attest and verify that my child has seen a physician and obtained a physical, deeming my child physically fit and able to participate in the strenuous exercise that is necessary and part of the cheerleading program.

In CONSIDERATION for my child having the opportunity to participate in the school’s cheerleading squad, I hereby release the Board of Education, the school, the principle, the sponsor, the faculty, and parent volunteers, or any one or more of their executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, or assigns of and from any liability- whether or not caused by negligence, resulting from injury or death as a result of my child’s participation in cheerleading activities and related events.

IN FURTHER CONSIDERATION of the acceptance of my child in the cheerleading squad at the school:

1. I hereby agree to comply with all the rules and regulations applicable to the cheerleading squad, to encourage my child to so comply, and to assist the cheerleading sponsor and the faculty and parent volunteers in encouraging all participants in the cheerleading squad to so comply.
2. For myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, and assigns:
   1. I WAIVE AND RELEASE any and all claims that I may have against the Board of Education, the school, the principal, the sponsor and the faculty and parent volunteers, or any one or more of their executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, or assigns of and from any liability, including any and all claims for damages caused by the negligence of any of them, resulting from or arising out of my child’s participation in cheerleading activities and related events.
   2. I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the Board of Education, the school, the principal, the sponsor and the faculty and parent volunteers, or any one or more of them or their executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, or assigns of them against any such claim for injury, damages or costs, including attorney’s fees, arising from, related to, or otherwise occurring as a result of the negligence of any of them, in connection with my child’s participation in cheerleading activities and related events
   3. I CONSENT to allowing my child to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident and/or illness resulting from or arising out of my child’s participation in cheerleading activities and related events.

Signature of parent/guardian Date

## PARENTAL PERMISSION TO BE A CHEER CLUB MEMBER

I, , have read and fully understand the rules and demerit system which my child must follow if chosen for Causey Middle School’s cheerleading club. I understand that this is an extra-curricular activity and that attendance at all practices, games, special functions, and summer camp is a ***requirement*** for all the elected Cheer members.

I hereby give my child, , my permission to try out for cheer club at Causey Middle School and recognize the responsibilities and requirements as a leader of the school. I understand that if selected, the child’s parent/guardian must pay for uniforms, etc.

Parent/ Guardian Signature Date

## PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

I hereby give my consent for the below-named student to represent his/her school in extra- curricular activities. I also give my consent for my child to accompany the squad to other schools and activities. I also give consent and authorize the school or its representative to obtain, through a physician of its choice, such medical attention as is reasonably necessary for the welfare of the student, if she is injured or ill while in the course of school activities. I understand that the school is not financially responsible for any injury which may occur.

Parent/ Guardian Signature Date

Address

Insurance Company Policy Number

### Permission and Agreement

Be advised that if you make the cheerleading club, you are making a commitment to Causey Middle School,

your coach, your teammates, and yourself for the entire season. The decision to try out should be taken very seriously. You will be expected to consider cheerleading as one of your top priorities. As a representative of the cheerleading club and Causey Middle School, you must always maintain proper behavior. You must follow the cheerleading

guidelines set forth in the Rules and Regulations. Students who break the rules will be subject to the penalties present- ed in the code of conduct. By making this commitment to Causey’s cheerleading club, you will receive many valuable and rewarding experiences.

### Student Agreement

I, , have read and understood the 2022-2023 Rules and Regulations for cheerleaders. I agree to abide by the policies presented, should I be chosen as a member of the 2022-2024 squad. I am agreeing to the information in the packet and understand that failure to adhere to these rules and policies could result in dismissal from the squad.

Student Signature Date

### Parent/Guardian Agreement

I, , the parent/guardian of have read and

understand the 2023-2024 Rules and Regulations for cheer club members. I agree to abide by these polices described if my child is chosen as a member of the 2023-2024 club. I also agree to the financial obligations presented in the

information packet provided. **I understand that failure on behalf of the parent or the child to adhere to these polices could result in dismissal from the squad.**

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

CMS Cheer Club Candidate

Candidate’s Name:

Dear Teachers,

Causey cheer club needs motivated, dedicated members! We are counting on

you to ensure that our new members are leaders in the classroom. Please rank this candidate according to the following criteria:

PLEASE DO NOT GIVE BACK TO THE STUDENT. THIS CAN BE DROPPED IN THE MAIL BAG TO CAUSEY MIDDLE SCHOOL ATTN: KATELYN BUSBY

5 = Outstanding 4 = Excellent 3 = Good 2 = Fair 1 = Poor Printed Name: Teacher Signature: Leadership

* 1. Models good attitude and behavior 5 4 3 2 1
  2. On Time with supplies and work 5 4 3 2 1
  3. Respectful to the teacher and peers 5 4 3 2 1
  4. Polite; follows directions 5 4 3 2 1
  5. Peer Interactions 5 4 3 2 1
  6. Works well with different types of students 5 4 3 2 1
  7. Self-motivated; on task; hard worker 5 4 3 2
  8. Please provide any additional comments: