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To: Students Participating in Cheerleading Squad Tryouts

Thank you for your interest in becoming a part of the Cheerleading Program at Haynes Academy. It is important that you are aware of the high level of commitment that is required and the standard of excellence that is expected from each of the squad members. Before completing the registration packet, please consider the following:

- \* Cheerleading requires after school time commitments nearly every day of the week all year long as well as in the evenings and on weekends for scheduled sporting events. In the height of the various sport seasons it is not uncommon to have two or more evening sporting events per week.
- \* Cheerleading does not only encompass football, but also includes basketball, and on some occasions, volleyball, and boys/girls soccer games. Cheering obligations extend well into the spring making participation in other extracurricular sports and/or activities impractical if not totally impossible.
- \* We will be incorporating a "Big sis, Little sis" program this year. There will be more information to come on this. Please be aware that this program does require time outside of practice.
- \* All cheerleaders are required to participate in regular fundraising activities. We will have group fundraisers as well as individual fundraisers. There will be a minimum requirement amount for group fund raisers.
- \* Cheerleaders are not replaced during the school year if they quit or lose their position on the squad. By participating in tryouts, you are presenting yourself as someone who plans to work hard consistently for the benefit of the squad and remain committed for the entire school year.
- \* VARSITY - Being a cheerleader involves significant financial obligations. Last year, the costs for camp, uniforms, and miscellaneous expenses exceeded **\$1000-\$1500** for some squad members. Please be aware that this can be costly, however we are implementing new ways to fundraise and each member will have ample opportunity to raise money for his/herself.
- \* VARSITY - All cheerleaders are required to attend the mandatory summer UCA camp.
- \* VARSITY - We will also practice during the summer 2 days a week for 2 hours each day as well as organize a Youth Cheer Camp! There will be several weeks that we will not practice; a calendar will be given out after try outs. Please schedule your summer plans around this.

Cheerleader x \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian x \_\_\_\_\_