### St. Pius X Cheerleading Parent Letter

#### Dear Parents,

Your child is interested in becoming a member of the St. Pius X Cheerleading squad for the 2019-2020 school year. It is an honor and privilege to become a SPX Cheerleader, and the role in the squad should not be taken lightly. As a squad, we do much more than cheer at games. We take part in community service, pep rallies, and are considered role models and representatives of our school. Please consider the commitment and sacrifices that will be made to be a part of this elite family of cheerleaders.

To be considered for cheerleader, the following conditions must be met:

- Parent and candidate must attend the parent meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commons.
- Candidate must turn in all signed forms by **Thursday**, **March 7**, **2019**.
- Candidate must attend tryout camp on March 18-21 from 4:00 to 6:00
- Candidate must be at tryouts on Friday, Mach 22, at 4:00
- Candidate must be passing and turn in a copy of the last report card by **Thursday**, **March 7, 2019**.
- All paperwork must be turned in on time, signed, and meeting attended in order to tryout.

After reading the attached handouts and fully understanding the required commitments, which govern this program, along with your child, please sign and return one copy of this letter, release form, try-out application, and report card to Gloria Kimball on or before Thursday, March 7, 2019

The approximate cost for each cheerleader is attached, which includes uniforms, summer camp, camp wear, travel expenses and supplies. Any remaining costs will be earned by fund-raising projects throughout the year.

Being a member of the St. Pius X Cheerleading squad has many rewards and is a valuable experience your child will remember for a lifetime. Additionally, your child will give pride and spirit to our school through their participation. We are delighted to offer your child the opportunity to join one of the finest organizations at our school, and we look forward to a great and successful year!

If you have any questions concerning the cheerleading guidelines, please email Gloria Kimball at molinag@stpiusx.org.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Coaches: Gloria Kimball (Varsity) Chelsea Molder (JV)

Candidate Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

### **CHEERLEADER EXPECTATIONS**

- Attend Home NCA Cheerleading Camp June 3-6 @ SHSU
- Attend Leadership Camp June 1 @ SPX
- Attend Competition & Mini-Camp practice July 8-12 @ SPX
- Attend Workday for Mini Camp July 14
- Attend SPX Mini-Camp July 15-18 @ SPX
- Attend all scheduled practices.
- TAPPS Competition for Varsity Only
- **\*** Attend <u>ALL</u> football games (regular season and playoff games):
  - Varsity cheerleaders: Varsity football games
  - Junior Varsity cheerleaders: JV and Varsity home games (may travel to St. Thomas)
- Attend <u>ALL</u> basketball games (regular season and playoff games):
  - Varsity cheerleaders: Boys & Girls Varsity basketball games
  - Junior Varsity cheerleaders: Boys & Girls JV home games (may travel to St. Thomas and St. Agnes)
  - A cheerleader may participate in a SPX spring sport or SPX spring drama production. However, Cheerleading must remain her number one priority until competition is over. Basketball cheer will have mandatory practices in January. Coach must have written consent from coach/sponsor of what activity they will participate in.

Attendance and participation in pep rallies and other sports events as designated by coaches.

- Participation in many school activities including but not limited to:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation
  - New Family Night
  - Open House
  - Meet the Panthers
- Always show school spirit at all activities.
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA during the course of the year
- Always conduct yourself as an appropriate and positive representative of St. Pius X High School at all time.

### CHEERLEADING ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Account: Cheerleading

Sponsor: Gloria Kimball (Varsity) Chelsea Molder (JV)

Payments by parents: Parents must pay for all uniforms, camp clothes, summer camp, pom-poms, gym fees, and any other expenses that arise or the cheerleader could be suspended from the squad. Everything must be paid in full before participating or receiving any uniforms. Please make all payments payable to St. Pius X High School (SPX).

#### Estimated Expenses:

New Member Uniforms:		JV- \$1,100	Varsity- \$1,500
Returning Member Uniforms:		JV- \$500	Varsity- \$700
NCA camp:	\$390		
Bows:	\$100		
Gym fees:	Tentative		
Christmas party:	\$30-35 per pe	rson	
Little Sis/Big Sis:	\$75 to \$100 va	aries	

# St. Pius X Cheerleading Release Form

Student Release:

I, (applicant name) \_\_\_\_\_\_, have read and agree to all guidelines that govern the St. Pius X cheerleading squads. As a representative of the school, I understand and agree to abide by these guidelines if selected as cheerleader for the 2019-2020 school year.

### Parental Release:

I, the undersigned, have read and fully understand the guidelines, which will govern my child if he/she is chosen to represent St. Pius X High School as cheerleader. I further understand that this is an extracurricular activity and that attendance to **all** practices, games, special functions and summer camp is required of a cheerleader.

I hereby give consent to my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to try-out for cheerleader at St. Pius X High School. I understand that, if chosen, my child will be required to pay for cheer camp and uniforms. Further, I understand that personal insurance must cover my child. I give permission for my child to receive medical attention in the event that I cannot be present or reached for any reason.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, and my child \_\_\_\_\_, understand that she will be judged by a panel of qualified judges, and will be scored on the categories listed under the "SPX Score Sheet" headline. We understand at no time will my child's score nor any other cheerleader's score be discussed or provided to me as the parent, my child, or any other individual outside of school officials. We also understand that all decisions made by the judges are FINAL.

Student Signature	Dat	e
Parent Signature	Da	.e

## SPX CHEERLEADING TRY-OUT APPLICATION

Name:	Age:
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Home phone#:	_ Cell #:
Emergency Contact Name:	
Emergency Contact Phone #:	
Email to send try-out results (please prin	t)
2019-2020 grade level: (check one)	

Sophomore	
Junior	
Senior	

Please answer the following questions pertaining to St. Pius X Cheerleading. If you need additional space, feel free to attach extra paper. Please be very truthful and put thought into your answers.

- 1. List any qualifications (dance, tumbling, previous cheer teams or all-star cheer teams):
- 2. List other commitments (i.e. clubs, other sports, theatre, all-star cheer etc.)
- 3. Why do you want to be a SPX cheerleader?

4. If chosen, what will you do to benefit your team?

5. What is your preferred position (base/back spot/flyer)? If you couldn't have that specific stunting position, would you try another position? Which position?

6. The SPX Cheerleading program requires a significant time commitment. How do you plan to balance academics, practices, games and your personal/social life?

7. What makes you an ideal candidate to represent the SPX Cheerleading program?

8. What is your individual goal for this year on the SPX Cheer Team?

Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
Student Signature:	Date: