

November 2011

D-25: Dear parent of cheerleader-Lauretta Eldridge

Dear Parents/Guardians and Prospective Cheerleader or Mascot,

We are excited that your student is seeking a position on a Stockdale High School cheer squad or mascot. However, we want you to be thoroughly informed of the commitment and responsibilities of this position.

A Stockdale High School cheerleader/mascot is the “**Spirit of the School**”. They are the leaders of our school. It is very important that students have high qualities of **LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATION, DEDICATION, ACADEMICS, TIME MANAGEMENT, RESPONSIBILITY, SELF-CONTROL, MATURITY, RESPECT, SPORTSMANSHIP, AND SCHOOL SPIRIT**. In order to ensure the best representation of our school, members must comply with all the school rules, cheer policy and the Kern High School District Code of Conduct. **All students will be required to have a G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher**, good attendance, no discipline issues, and five current teacher recommendations.

The try-out clinic for the 2011 Cheer squads will be held November 15th through the 17th in the cafeteria from 3:00-5:00 pm. On November 18th, the final tryout will take place from 2:45 to approximately 5:30 in the ASB Room. The entire week is closed to family members and friends. No video taping is allowed at anytime. **The 3-day clinic plus try-out day is mandatory.**

The school will provide each cheerleader with a uniform consisting of a skirt, shell (top), warm-up pants, warm up jacket as well as a sweater and a school bag to carry cheer items. These items are property of Stockdale High School and must be returned in good condition at the end of the cheer season. Students will be charged for any damage beyond normal use or failure to return an item. Other expenses such as, camp wear, shoes, sweatshirts, briefs, poms, hair ribbons, and other miscellaneous items, will be paid for by team fundraising and/or by sponsors. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from all local athletic events within a 50-mile radius, unless school transportation has been offered.

All Cheer functions are mandatory. This includes all events, games, community service projects (min. of 1 per semester) and **Cheerleading camp is mandatory (local, half cost paid by ASB) – Varsity may travel but will have to raise the money on their own.** Camp attire is approximately \$100.00 per member (students will fundraise to cover cost). Half of the camp cost will be paid for by the school’s ASB (local camp only) and the other half will be fundraised by the cheerleaders. **Sponsorship (privately and or for the team) and participating in fundraisers is highly encouraged to offset costs.** Fundraising is Mandatory, out of the approximately 15 fundraisers that we will be doing this year, 7 of them will be mandatory PER CHEERLEADER! More information will be given once the team has been selected.

Cheerleading is an Extra-Curricular Activity. **CHEER IS A YEAR-LONG COMMITMENT!!** Each cheerleader will receive a three months’ worth of calendars in advance in order to alleviate any stresses or concerns. Cheer practice schedule will be from 2:45 to 4:30 Monday and Wednesday during Winter Sports and 2:45 to 4pm during Fall Sports.

Summer Months - the team will most likely not practice in the month of June, after school is out, other than optional Tumbling Classes. Practices will resume in July and into August, times and dates will be announced in the spring. Please schedule your vacations accordingly. Our season includes Winter and Fall sports. It is typical to cheer up to 3 nights a week from Basketball, Wrestling, Football, and Volleyball (we may cheer Saturdays on occasion). Summer Practice days are normally Mondays thru Thursdays from 9-11am or evenings 6-8pm – TBA. It is also the parent/student responsibility for transportation to practice and fundraising events. Due to safety reasons, those members who miss three summer practices will not be allowed to perform in the first rally. (Senior pictures, work, babysitting siblings, doctor visits, driving school etc. etc. is **NOT AN EXCUSE!!!**)

2011 Competition Team: a competition squad will be formed from the 2011 cheer teams. This is an optional squad to be a part of; consisting of members from all three teams. Please be aware that this team is OPTIONAL. It requires extra practices, extra fundraising, and extra commitment. With that, it will be extremely fun :) The Competition Season will run from January 2011 to April 2011. We will compete at ONLY PPAACC in town competitions against other local high schools. Please note on this form if you will be interested in participating if you make the 2011 cheer squad.

Tumbling classes: will be offered sometime during our cheer season, maybe twice due to competition squad; during winter and summer. These classes are **optional** and will be beneficial to everyone. Each class is \$5 and requires no upfront paying or commitment, you just pay as you go.

Please make sure that both the student and parents take the time to thoroughly read through the contract and other materials in this packet.

There will be a **mandatory parent and student meeting** on Monday, November 22nd, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Stockdale cafeteria. At that time; we will cover the Stockdale Cheer Policy for the cheer program. Please feel free to ask questions at that time. **All cheerleaders must attend this meeting accompanied by their parent/guardian – No exceptions (questions-concerns contact the Activities Office at 665-2800).**

Please sign and return the bottom portion of this page along with the Cheerleader Tryout Permission Form, green Risk Acknowledgment and consent to participate form the blue discipline code form, the white code of ethics form, green physical card, & white emergency/insurance card, in your large manila envelope no later than 7:30 a.m. Monday, November 15th, 2010 to Mrs. Easter in the Activities office. The 5 teacher recommendations must be returned by the teacher to whom it was given. **Packets that are incomplete will be automatically disqualified from the try-out process.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sherah Richardson Laretta Eldridge
Advisor Director of Activities

Please complete and sign below and return with above information

I have fully read and understand the Cheerleading guidelines/policy procedures and agree to adhere to all regulations as stipulated in this letter.

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Are you interested in joining the optional 2011 Competition Squad??

Yes Or NO