



2019-2020

**NORWIN HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL
CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS (SIDELINE & COMPETITION)**

THERE WILL BE AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING PRIOR TO TRYOUTS FOR NEW (OR RETURNING) NHS OR NMS PARENTS AND CHEERLEADERS TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAM, WHAT TO EXPECT, ETC. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE NORWIN HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 139 (ENTER GYM DOORS, MAKE A LEFT, DOWN THE HALL) ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH AT 7:00 PM.

Cheerleaders are not required to be on the competition team to cheer sideline!
New GAME DAY Competition Team this year – more cheer oriented, not so much tumbling!

TRYOUTS: Saturday, March 30th



**Held at: Norwin Middle School
High School: 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Middle School: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

Plain white tee, navy blue soffe shorts, cheer or tennis shoes,
hair pulled up (bow optional)

Team placements will be discussed with coaches on Sunday, March 31st

NHS and NMS MANDATORY PRACTICE AT HIGH SCHOOL

March 27th, 28th and 29th - 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

Norwin High School - Gymnasium

Plain white tee, navy blue soffe shorts, cheer or tennis shoes,
hair pulled up (bow optional)

MANDATORY CAMP DATES:

High School: June 26th, 27th and 28th, 2019

Middle School: June 23rd, 24th and 25th, 2019

*Must attend camp – no exceptions! If you cannot attend
the mandatory safety camp, you cannot be on the team.*



Dear Cheerleaders and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the Norwin Cheerleading program. We are excited about the upcoming tryouts for the 2019-2020 school year. Attached you will find the application. You need to complete and bring this with you to the **first** day of practice for tryouts. Dates for tryouts have been set for Saturday, March 30th at Norwin Middle School. High school tryouts start at 9:00 am and Middle school tryouts start at 12:00 pm. (times subject to be adjusted). There will be three practice days leading up to tryouts – Wednesday, March 27th, Thursday, March 28th and Friday, March 29th from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Students coming from Hillcrest or Middle School will be escorted by existing high school cheerleaders and walk down to the high school TOGETHER. No exception. All prospective cheerleaders will meet in the lobby and walk down together. You will not be dismissed early for practice, you will go after school lets out. Parents; When picking your child up from practice, do NOT park in the circle area along the curb near the gym doors, park in the main parking lot. They will learn the dance and cheer for tryouts during the three day practice sessions.

Practice and tryouts are CLOSED. We do not allow **ANY** spectators! Please do not approach the coaches and/or judges. If you have questions, ask the parents at the check in table to assist you.

When you check in for practice on the first day you **MUST** have your completed application (page 3), with parent signature giving permission to tryout. Also, if your child is permitted to try out for the competition team, please return the bottom of page 5 of this packet as well.

To be comfortable and flexible for movement, you should wear:

- Athletic shoes (Cheer shoes are preferred, but tennis shoes are acceptable)
- Navy soft/soffe shorts and a plain white tee **MUST** be worn each day.
- Hair **MUST** be worn up. Bows are allowed and encouraged!
- **NO** jewelry, including any and all piercings! (nose, ears, bellybutton, etc) Nails kept at an athletic length.
- Bring a positive attitude and lots of smiles!

After your child has his/her tryout on Saturday, they will be permitted to leave. Results of the tryouts will be discussed with your child on Sunday with the coach.

Parents/guardians AND cheerleaders must attend the required sideline booster meeting at 7:00 pm (location to be announced) on Tuesday, April 2ⁿ. A \$150 check made out to Norwin Cheer will be turned in at that booster meeting. This initial payment is for sideline only, and is used to begin ordering gear, securing camp spots, etc. This meeting is mandatory. A competition team meeting will be held directly after the sideline meeting, plan to stay if your child is awarded a competition team spot. This is for both NMS and NHS parents.

Keep in mind that being selected as a member of the Norwin Cheerleading program is a privilege. You must follow all rules and have a positive attitude to be considered for the team. Bring lots of spirit! *If you make the squad, you MUST attend a MANDATORY Cheer Camp - No exceptions! High School camp is: June 26th- 28th & Middle School camp is June 23rd-25th at one of the Norwin Schools.* Do not plan vacation during the camp dates listed above. This is mandatory to be eligible to cheer. It is a safety camp and is required. We also do team and individual photographs during this week since everyone is required to be there for camp anyway.

Each girl must attend fittings. Date to be announced. A parent/guardian must attend to assure correct sizing, we will not be held responsible if a parent/guardian is not present and items are sized incorrectly. This includes all NHS and NMS returning cheerleaders and parents. Please note, there are financial responsibilities that are associated with being a member of the Norwin Cheerleading program. Costs are NOT covered by the district. We offer many opportunities to fundraise to help cover expenses.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please email us at: nhscheerleading@hotmail.com and include your name and phone number, someone will call you to discuss and answer your questions prior to tryouts.

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NORWIN HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TRY-OUT APPLICATION

Please indicate the team(s) that you will be trying out for with an **X** beside it:

NORWIN HIGH SCHOOL: ___ **SIDELINE** ___ **COMPETITION (FULL OR GAMEDAY)**
CIRCLE CHOICE(S)

NORWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL: ___ **SIDELINE** ___ **COMPETITION**

Cheerleader 's Name: _____

Grade for upcoming 2019-2020 School Year: _____ **Birthdate:** _____

Cheerleader Cell Phone #: _____

Cheerleader Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone #: _____ **Home Phone #:** _____

Parent's Email: _____

Cheerleading Experience (List # of years, current and previous teams): # of yrs: _____

Tumbling Experience (List years, achievements and current skills): # of yrs: _____

Are you currently taking tumbling lessons? Yes ___ No ___ Planning to start ___

Stunting Experience (Are you a base, back, flyer or front? What is your best stunt?):

PARENTAL CONSENT:

By signing below, I give my child permission to try out for the Norwin High School or Middle School Cheerleading program. I understand that there are mandatory cheer camp dates and agree that my child will not be absent during those dates (NHS: 6/26-6/28/19 and NMS: 6/23-6/25/19) No exceptions. If they fail to attend the mandatory camp, they will not be permitted to cheer on the team and all monies will be forfeited. I also understand that there are financial obligations and fundraisers to be part of the Norwin Cheerleading program, as well as parent volunteering. The responsibilities will be outlined in the first mandatory parent meeting where I will be given a packet of information that must be completed and returned. I understand that if my child is awarded a spot on one/both of the competition squads, that is a cost additional to sideline cheerleading. You do not have to participate on a competition team to be on the sideline team. You can contact the Booster organization with questions at nhscheerleading@hotmail.com, email with your name/number and someone will call you to answer all of your questions prior to tryouts. I agree that if I allow my child to accept a spot on the squad(s), that I will be responsible for any expenses that are associated with the selected teams. By signing, I agree to the above.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

2019-2020 NORWIN COMPETITIVE SPIRIT or GAME DAY TEAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

If your child plans to be on one of the competition teams – you must read/sign this form.

For the 2019-2020 cheerleading season, Norwin Cheerleading will once again develop a Competitive Spirit team to compete at WPIAL and PIAA sponsored events for both NHS and NMS. Our goal this season is to once again qualify and compete at the PIAA state championships! NEW THIS YEAR FOR NHS: Game Day division. The Game Day division is more cheer oriented, and not tumbling based. This is a great alternative for those cheerleaders who want to participate on a competition team, but might not yet possess the tumbling skills necessary to be on a traditional competition team. Please note; expenses for the Game Day Comp team are the same as the competition team. Please be sure to indicate if you'd like to be considered for Competition or Game Day or BOTH!

Participation on the Competitive Spirit or the Game Day Comp team is voluntary for NHS Varsity & JV and NMS Sideline teams, and will require parent/guardian approval. Your decision to join or not join the competition squad(s) will have no bearing on your tryout for sideline cheerleading. The Competitive Spirit teams are voluntary and separate from the NHS/NMS Sideline Squad. A cheerleader is NOT REQUIRED to participate in competition cheerleading to be considered for a sideline cheer squad spot. The NHS team will have up to 30 members with a possibility of 2 alternates, the NHS Game Day team size will be determined and the size of the NMS competitive squad will be approximately 25 members, with a possibility of 2 alternates. You must be a current team member of the sideline squad, in good standing, in order to apply for a position on the Competitive Spirit Team or cheer at competitions. The coaches will review scores from the sideline tryouts to determine final acceptance to participate on the team(s). Because of the high level at which this team performs, there will be minimum standards and experience required to be a member of the Competitive Spirit team. Please understand this is a matter of safety to the members of the team as the skills and stunts that they perform are at a very high level. Members of the Competitive Spirit Team may be required to take private stunting or tumbling lessons in their own free-time and at their own expense.

Practices for Comp/Game Day teams for NHS and NMS squads will be in addition to the sideline cheer practices that your child will be expected to attend. For NHS, the competition season will run into February and the NMS team will run into November/December, depending on what competitions we attend. There will be additional practices announced before all competitions. Competition squad practices are MANDATORY. Please note; if you miss practice prior to a competition, excused or not, you may be asked to sit out at the competition because the routine/cheers may have to be changed to accommodate your absence, and therefore you may not be able to have time to learn the changes to the cheer/dance/stunts, which could adversely affect the entire team performance. You are still expected to attend the competition. This is for the good of the team as a whole.

There are additional expenses that are associated with being a member of the competitive cheer squad. You will have many fundraising opportunities to help offset the cost, and you can secure sponsors as well. There will be fund raising opportunities presented throughout the season (in addition to any and all High School Cheerleading fundraisers) to cover the costs associated with the Competitive Spirit team. Estimated costs might include:

- Entrance fees for local competitions, the regional, and state competition. Fees are not yet known, but will be provided as soon as they are published by the hosting event. Transportation if necessary. Norwin School District does NOT provide transportation to cheer competitions, that will be the responsibility of the parent.
- Each cheerleader will be required to obtain at least two (3) corporate sponsors at the \$100 or more level (total required sponsorship per girl \$300). These sponsors will be given recognition in the Football Program and on the Competitive Spirit Team t-shirts. Or you can pay \$300 directly to the squad instead of securing sponsors. The \$300 direct payment can be made to Norwin Spirit Squad. Additionally, there are mandatory ticket sales that are associated with the competition team(s) to cover expenses like travel, choreography, music, signs, poms, competition fees & rental of the gym. If crossing over, an additional (2) sponsors will be required, as well as fundraising.
- There may be additional out of pocket expenses that are unforeseen at this time.
- There will be team fundraising events that are REQUIRED, and every parent will be required to participate.

If the NHS team makes it to Disney again, there will be additional fundraising needed to cover that trip. In the past, NMS did not have the opportunity to compete in Disney, but with board approval, that may change. If NMS gets approved to travel to Disney (and a bid), there would be additional cost associated with that.

A Competition Coordinator is selected by the coaches and will work as a liaison between the coaches, parents and booster members. One will be appointed for both NMS and NHS. The Competition Coordinators may appoint committees and assistants as needed, at his/her discretion, to assist with duties that need to be taken care of. The expense associated with the Competitive squads are IN ADDITION to your normal sideline expenses. All sideline expenses MUST be paid in full at all times to participate in the optional competitive squads. If you are unsure and have questions, please feel free to reach out and ask prior to tryouts. Email your phone number to: nhscheerleading@hotmail.com and a coach or booster member will get back to you.

This is a huge commitment and in fairness to all of the other team members, if your child is unable to give 100% to the competition team, then perhaps this isn't the team for them. The cheerleaders work VERY hard and if your child is regularly unable to attend practices or competitions because of other obligations (Work, Dance, Karate, All-Star Cheer, other sports and activities), please don't allow them to tryout and take the spot from another child who can commit to the team. The coaches try hard to work around other activities.

If your child makes the competitive squad, a payment of \$100 to the competition team will be required at the first booster meeting, in addition to the \$150 sideline check that you need to turn in at that meeting. The cost of competition is subject to change depending on team size, needs as far as uniforms, etc. Additional fundraisers will be offered if additional funds are needed.

If you approve your child's participation on the competitive squad for the 2019-2020 season, please complete, sign and return this form with your child's cheerleading application either way.

Sincerely,

- Linda Rundy – Head Coach
- Spencer Rundy-Murin – NHS Comp, Lindsay Westwood and Lindsey Meyer - NHS Comp/Sideline
- Mckenzie Daugherty and Jenna Mandella – NMS Comp/Sideline

**PLEASE KEEP THE TOP HALF FOR YOUR RECORDS
RETURN THE BOTTOM HALF WITH APPLICATION. THANK YOU!**

===== CUT HERE – RETURN BOTTOM ONLY =====

NORWIN COMPETITIVE SPIRIT TEAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT 2019-2020

Cheerleader's Name _____
(Please Print)

NHS: _____

NMS: _____

Please check one and sign:

_____ **YES** *My child has permission to try out and participate with the 2019-2020 competitive squad if selected.*

_____ **NO** *My child will not be participating or trying out for the competitive squad for the 2019-2020 season and will be trying out for sideline squad only.*

Print Parent/Guardian Name _____

Signature _____