

## WINTER CHEERLEADING COSTS 2016-17

Item	Payable To	Due Date	Amount
Pay to Play	bpsregister.com	Monday, Nov. 14th	\$155
Tumbling	Groves High School	Thursday, Nov. 17th	\$90 (whole season)
Booster Club Fee	Groves High School	Monday, Nov. 21st	\$75 (new) \$55 (returning)
Spankees (if needed)	Chelsea Edwards	Wednesday, Nov. 16th	\$8
Cheer Shoes (if needed)	NA	Must be purchased BEFORE first game	\$30-\$70
Athletic Physical (if NOT current since 4/16)	Turn into Athletic Office	Monday, Nov. 7th	NA

Total Financial Obligation for 2016-17 Season: \$300-\$398

**Spirit Wear:** There will be optional spirit wear offered in late November, but no spirit wear will be required.

**Pay to Play Fee:** The Pay to Play fee must be paid online to Birmingham Public Schools at [bpsregister.com](http://bpsregister.com). If this fee is not paid on time, your athlete cannot participate until it is paid.

**Tumbling:** We will tumble with Paul Columbo & his assistant once a week. This is a cost of \$10 a week. Even if your athlete misses a tumbling or conditioning session, you are responsible for paying for each week that is on the calendar. We are under contract with our tumbling provider to pay for each athlete each week. You may pay monthly (see chart below) or for the entire season up front, which is the price listed above.

Month	Total Thursday Tumbles	Total Cost	DUE DATE:
November	1	\$10	December 1st
December	3	\$30	January 12th
January	3	\$30	February 2nd
February	2	\$20	March 2nd

\*Any tumble fees paid AFTER the dates listed in this chart will be charged a 10% late fee.

**Booster Club Fee:** The Booster Club fee includes bows, team t-shirt, team bonding/dinners, and the banquet. IF you paid your booster fee for fall cheerleading this year, you will be charged the reduced rate of \$55, as some of the fall costs went toward yearly costs.

**RETURNED CHECK POLICY:** If your check is returned NSF, you are responsible for all fees incurred, as well as the original amount of the check, and for all future payments, you must pay by money order, or in cash.

*if your family has any issues with the above payment schedule. The Groves Cheer schools are happy to work with you to find a solution.*

## Birmingham Groves High School Cheerleading Standards Expectations

1. Cheerleading practices will be held at the time and place designated by the coach according to the school program for that year. Team members need to be dressed and prepared to practice at that time.
2. Arriving late or leaving early from practice is not acceptable. Since we have to have a full team to practice effectively, please limit your doctor's and teacher's appointments to those that can absolutely not be scheduled ~~at any other time. These~~ are excused only when  
    . Frequent absences or tardiness may result in sitting out games.
3. If you will be late or absent from a game, practice, or other event, notify your coach as soon as you are aware of the conflict. Last minute notifications may not be considered excused.
4. Athletes should be dressed in uniform on game days and at games as coaches direct. Uniforms must be cleaned, pressed, and mended. Shoes, socks, and bodysuits must be clean. Excessive make-up and untidy hair is not acceptable. Hair should be as directed by the coach.
5. As cheerleaders are representing our school to the public AT ALL TIMES, only the best example in conduct will be acceptable. Show nothing but the best sportsmanship at all events and contests.
6. Uniforms are the property of Birmingham Public Schools and must be well maintained by each cheerleader. If lost or damaged, the cheerleader to whom the uniform was last issued must pay for the cost of replacement or repairs.
7. Cheerleaders must pass all classes to be eligible to participate in practices and in all contests (games/competitions). If an athlete is failing one or more class, the athletic director will notify the coach and the athlete will be asked to sit out.
8. Cheerleaders must attend and participate in 85% of all mandatory events to earn the appropriate awards/certificates/letter. The only exception is due to injury or illness which prevents the athlete from participating accompanied by a doctor's note. The coach will keep attendance records, that any athlete or parent can request at any time. If an athlete attends less than 85% of mandatory events (practice, games, gymnastics, team bonding), they will not earn their letter.
9. ANY CHEERLEADER WHO DOES NOT ACT IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER TO BE REPRESENTING BIRMINGHAM GROVES HIGH SCHOOL AND THIS COMMUNITY (ILLEGAL USE OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER ABUSIVE SUBSTANCES, SMOKING, INSUBORDINATION, OR ANY OTHER BEHAVIOR DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE) MAY BE IMMEDIATELY DISMISSED FROM THE PROGRAM.

Please sign and return one copy of these rules on Nov 7th. The other is to be kept by you for your information and future reference. Your signatures indicate that you understand and will fully cooperate with the expectations explained above.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION

- We provide our entire season calendar before the season begins and do our absolute best to keep changes to a minimum. Please understand the commitment you are making and give the coach a heads up as soon as you know about a conflict.
- Cheerleaders are responsible for their own transportation home from all home games and to and from our away game at Seaholm High School. Cheerleaders are dismissed from games following a team meeting.
- Cheerleaders are required to attend ALL practices, games, tumbling sessions and any other team related events. All events (practice or otherwise) on the calendar are required.
- Being on time and prepared means:
  - Being in the practice facility 5-10 minutes prior to the start time, to roll out mats and get ready
  - Being fully dressed (proper attire, jewelry off, shoes on and tied, hair up, taped, etc.)
  - You must be taped by a trainer or coach BEFORE practice begins
  - Bringing a water bottle

\*If injured, we ask that:

- (a) athletes provide a note from a doctor when injured
  - (b) athletes attend all events in full dress and
  - (c) athletes do not use phones or other electronic devices during event (studying is encouraged)
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## ATTIRE

Cheerleaders are required to wear what is on the calendar for each day. Pants, hoodies or other loose clothing is not permitted as this is a safety hazard. Leggings often result in girls being "too hot"; please do not wear leggings. Cheerleaders will not roll their shorts, skorts or skirts at any time. Cheerleaders will not expose their stomachs at practice or at any time they are representing the team. Hair longer than chin length must always be securely pulled back. Fake or long nails are not permitted at any time as this is a safety hazard. Painted nails are permitted at practice but not at games. ALL piercings, no matter location, visibility, how new they are, etc. must be removed, as this is a safety hazard.

## CONTACTS:

Head Coach:

Chelsea Edwards

Email: [cedwards@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:cedwards@birmingham.k12.mi.us)

[My prep period runs from **10:10-11:10am** if you need to reach me during the school day]

Athletic Director:

Tom Flynn

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Athletic Secretary:

Diedra Righter

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## GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNICATION

What do you do when you have a question or conflict? Who should you contact? What is expected?

STEP 1: Contact the coach as soon as the question or conflict arises

→ Inappropriate times to approach coaches:

- ◆ Before, during, or after games or competitions
- ◆ Before, during, or after practices without an appointment
- ◆ Anytime in public

→ Appropriate ways to approach coaches:

- ◆ Phone or email coach to discuss issue or ask questions
- ◆ Phone coach to set up a time for an appointment if issue is more than a quick question.

STEP 2: If you do not feel as though your issue was handled correctly at that level, then make an appointment to see the athletic director.

\*\* Skipping steps in the chain of command will result in confusion, and you will be directed to go back to the beginning. We welcome the opportunity to discuss our program with you. We would also hope that you would come to talk to the coaches about any issues or questions you have rather than talking about coaches and issues. We need to model good conflict resolution skills if we expect our athletes to learn from us.

# 1st TRIMESTER GRADE CHECK

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Teacher,

The athlete named above is trying out for the 2016-17 winter cheer team at Groves High School. One of our program guidelines is the ability to maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or better.

In addition to grades, we expect cheerleaders to be role models in the classroom and display exemplary citizenship and positive leadership. We ask for your help in evaluating these areas as we do not get to observe all candidates in the classroom. If you have any information you would like to share beyond this form, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Chelsea Edwards  
Teacher (Berkshire), Head Varsity Coach  
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Hour	Class	Citizenship	Grade	Teacher Signature
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You must have this form completed, or a print out of PowerSchool turned in on Nov. 7th