



*Thank you for your interest in Trinity Christian School's Junior Crusader Cheer Club. This will be our first year with this program and we are looking forward to an exciting and fruitful future! We are excited to have your daughter participate and are looking forward to a great year.*

**THIS TEAM IS FOR RISING 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> GRADERS.**

#### **FEES**

- The total cost to participate is **\$300** for all cheerleaders. This includes the following team items:
  - Cheer uniform
  - Cheer shoes
  - One pair of briefs for uniform
  - Bow
  - Pair of pom poms
  - Team practice/event shirt
  - One pair of practice shorts
  - Participation in Mini Cheer Camp and
  - \$50 team fee.
- Participation fees can either be paid in full or according to the payment schedule included in this packet.

## EVENT DATES & TIMES

### Registration Details & Dates

- Registration deadline – **Wednesday, May 3, 2023**
- Fitting Day for uniforms – **Saturday, May 6 at 10 am** in the cheer gym
- A current physical will need to be turned into the school or coaches by **June 1**.

### Practice Guidelines

Practices will be held on Mondays from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm in the TCS cheer gym. The team t-shirt and shorts must be worn. Hair must be up in a ponytail and out of their face. Please be mindful of having your athlete in the appropriate undergarments for stunting and tumbling. **NO JEWELRY OR GUM AT ANY TIME**. An official practice calendar will go out after registrations are complete.

Attendance is required for ALL practices, events, and competitions, unless advance notice was given and approved by the coach.

### Game Guidelines

All participants on this team are considered to be a Trinity Christian School Athlete and are expected to attend all home Elementary football games. We will not be attending any of the away games. The official game schedule will go out after dates are confirmed and registrations are complete.

**\*\*I understand that I, the parent of a team athlete, will be responsible for getting my child to each game located on the TCS campus.\*\***

### Mini Cheer Camp

TCS Mini Cheer Camp – September 19 – 22, 2023

This camp is historically for any TCS student in grades K4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. By participating on this team, you will be required to attend Mini Cheer Camp for the scheduled practices and events.

The registration fee will be discounted for your athlete and is already factored into these participation fees.

### Other Appearances

- TCS Homecoming – October 6, 2023
- TCS Middle School Football Game – September/October 2023
- TCS Middle School Basketball Halftime – December 2023
- TCS Varsity Basketball Halftime – December 2023
- Potential Christmas and St. Patrick's Day parades - TBA

## PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN PACT

I agree to allow my athlete to participate in the 2023-24 season of Junior Crusader Cheer Club. Therefore, I agree to abide by the following:

### **Communication**

Our primary source of communication is the BAND Sports App. You can download this free app to your cell phone from Apple App or Google Play Stores. More information for logins will be sent out after registrations are complete.

Please check this app regularly and consider turning on notifications for this app so that you don't miss any information that we push out to the team. Feel free to ask questions in the forum as others may have the same question.

Any concerns or questions you have need to be addressed with the head coach either BEFORE or AFTER practices. Coaches will be unavailable to chat with parents during practices, events, or games. The Spirit Director can also assist you. If you are not satisfied, we can set up a time with the Spirit Director or TCS's Athletic Director.

Please ask for clarification if you are unsure of anything. Never assume! Don't ever be afraid to ask questions. We're here to help!

### **Appearance & Apparel**

Athletes are to wear their designated practice apparel and cheer shoes with hair pulled back into a ponytail.

For games and other appearances, athletes must come dressed and ready (the coach will send out hair, makeup, and uniform details). Each athlete must comply with this.

No outside apparel is allowed over their uniform, other than what the coach has designated as approved.

NO JEWELRY OR GUM of any kind is allowed at practices, events, or games.

Nails are to be kept short and smooth.

Designated cheer shoes are not to be worn outside of practices and games. These will not be permitted as gym/PE tennis shoes. Please have your athlete change shoes prior to leaving an event.

Please make every effort to have your athlete in the required clothing at the required time. The t-shirt and shorts practice wear will be given and should be worn to each practice.

### **Facility Guidelines**

The cheer gym is a private practice facility. Parents will not be permitted in the gym during practice times unless otherwise noted by the coach. No gum is allowed in the cheer gym at any time.

Water must be in sealed bottles, and it is the athlete's responsibility to make sure she takes it home.

Please keep the gym clean. Be sure your athlete picks up after herself and removes all trash.

We do NOT provide transportation at the end of practice times. Parents are to pick their child up at the TCS cheer gym. *We will be prompt about ending practice at 4:15 pm. Please be in the parking lot ready to pick up your athlete 5 minutes prior to avoid athletes waiting for parents.*

No tumbling or stunting without a coach present.

Parents may not represent TCS in business matters, call meetings, hand out flyers, send emails, or schedule a fundraiser without the direct permission of the TCS Spirit Director, Athletic Director, AND Headmaster.

The coach has sole discretion about positions, leadership, and levels of participation. The coach will decide what each team member's strengths and weaknesses are. Cheerleader positions are based on performance/skill and will be rearranged as necessary for the benefit of the team.

If your athlete stays home from school for illness, that information does not trickle down to the coach. If she is going to miss practice on any given day for illness, please notify the coach ASAP through the Band App!

Missed practices due to homework or other responsibilities are NOT excused absences.

Withholding your athlete from practice and/or games as a form of punishment hurts the team and is NOT excused.

Injured athletes are still required to attend all team practices to support the team and to keep up with what we are learning.

Vacations and other requests must be turned into the coach in a timely fashion by messaging the coach ASAP in the Band App. All absences are subject to approval. Approvals will not be given in the week of a game or event.

### **Payment Schedule**

By registering your student to participate on this team, you are agreeing to the payment amount and schedule below:

May 6 at fitting	Deposit	\$100
September 15		\$100
October 15		\$100 (or remaining balance)

*You may pay in full at any time by giving a check to the Head Coach or Spirit Director.*