Dear Parents,

KCSMA is looking for spirited and hard working students to become part of 2013-2014 cheerleading team! This year, the cheerleading program has a new coach. Please welcome Coach Judy Cauthen! Coach Cauthen is a Kindergarten teacher at KCSMA as well as a USA Gymnastics certified coach from The Gymnastics Academy of Atlanta. She has extensive knowledge in choreographing cheers, stunts, and dances for competitive cheerleading. Coach Cauthen is excited to be sharing her experiences and knowledge with the upcoming cheerleaders!

This year’s tryout will be held on Saturday, August 24 at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the gymnasium. Parents are encouraged to stay for the Introduction & Expectations portion of the tryouts. The rest of the tryout will be closed.

This year’s cheerleading tryout will include:

* Introduction to KCSMA Cheerleading (Parents encouraged to stay)
* School/Cheerleading Expectations (Parents encouraged to stay)
* Learning a new choreographed cheer
* Performing the choreographed cheer in front of the judges
* Performing a toe touch
* Performing a special talent (forward roll, cartwheel, etc. Already know how to do on their own without spotting)
* Brief interview with the judges

The judges will include Coaches Megan Swartzlander, Kirsten Roberts, Michelle Dasher, and Judy Cauthen.

If your child is interested in cheering for KCSMA and they are in grades 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th, please send an e-mail with your child’s **name** and **grade** to [kcsmacheer@gmail.com](mailto:kcsmacheer@gmail.com)

**Deadline is Friday, August 23rd**

If your child cannot make the August 24th tryout date, please e-mail Coach Cauthen before the tryout at [kcsmacheer@gmail.com](mailto:kcsmacheer@gmail.com)

Cheerleading practice will be held every **Friday** from **4:00 – 4:45**.

There will be an activity fee of $15.00 per Cheerleader, payable to *KCSMA Cheer*.

Uniform cost is about $160.00 but you can sometimes purchase a uniform from a previous cheerleader at a much lower cost. Uniform is subject to slight adjustment if uniform costs have significantly increased or if purchasing a consigned uniform.

Sincerely,

Coaches Swartzlander, Roberts, Dasher, and Cauthen