

BMS Cheer

2025-2026

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Coach Morehouse & Coach Smith

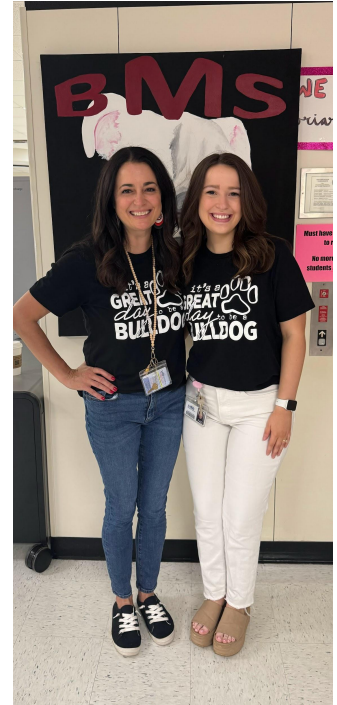


🐾 Hello and thank you for your interest in being part of the amazing Briarhill Cheer program! We hope you join our incredible team!

🐾 Coach Morehouse is finishing her 12th year at Briarhill and took over the cheer program four years ago. She teaches 8th grade ELA.

🐾 Coach Smith is finishing her 2nd year at Briarhill, first with cheer. She teaches 8th grade history.

FUN FACT – Mrs. Smith was a student of Mrs. Morehouse when she was in 8th grade!



Program Expectations



Being a Briarhill Cheerleader Means:

- You like to dance and cheer and be *in front of a crowd.*
- You have a *positive attitude* and an excitement for CHEER and BMS!
- You have a *desire to become a school leader*.
- You have *respect* for adults and peers and are *overall role models* of the school.
- YOU HAVE BULLDOG SPIRIT!



Program Expectations



What can you expect when you get involved with Briarhill Cheer?

- We perform at 8th grade home football games (at Marcus) and some 8th grade home volleyball and basketball games (at Marcus). Please note that you must provide your own transportation to and from the events.
- We perform at pep rallies and special functions throughout the school year, as needed.
- We practice most Friday mornings in the fall from 7:45am-8:15am in the cafeteria. We release at 8:15 for tutorials.
- We will have a mandatory two-day camp with Marcus Cheer on July 31 & August 1. We learn routines and cheers that we will use throughout the year and bond as a team. It is very important that the entire squad attends (pending special circumstances - please speak with Coach Morehouse or Coach Smith).



Program Expectations



What are the cost expectations?

There is an approximate cost of \$350-400 upfront for the required items (see below). A \$100 deposit is required to secure your spot on the team. A second payment will be due approximately a couple of weeks later (TBA).

Exact numbers will be provided in March/April when we have our fittings and are subject to change.

Costs include:

| <u>Uniforms</u> | <u>Additional Pieces</u> | <u>Camp</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will have a fitting in March/April. Payment will be made to Briarhill.• Uniform pieces: Shell, Skirt, Bloomers, Camp T-Shirt & Skirt, Sweatshirt & Poms• Shipping costs are added, too. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandatory items that will need to be purchased on your own: Bow, Socks & Camp Shirt & Skirt (Links and specifics will be provided later) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dates: July 31 & August 1• Cost: TBA (separate cost from BMS Cheer)• More info will be sent out at the end of the school year. |

FAQs



- Do I have to tryout to be on the team?
 - No, middle school teams do not have a tryout process; however, members must be in good standings with grades and behavior during the current school year.
- Will this be a huge commitment outside of school?
 - Not necessarily. Please refer back to slide which discusses what events we cheer for. All events for the fall are given out by first week of school, so you can plan accordingly and let the coaches know of any conflicts.
- What if I am on other cheer squads outside of Briarhill?
 - Awesome! That's totally fine. We know those practices/comps will supercede our events, and we are ok with that!

FAQs



- Do I need a physical?
 - Yes, please make sure you get a physical taken care of before our first day of Marcus Cheer Camp.
- Are there other forms to fill out?
 - Yes, these are through the district's Rank One program. We will email that information out after spring break.
- Do I have to pass my classes?
 - Yes. We follow the same UIL guidelines as the athletes do. If you are not passing at a grade check deadline, you will have to sit out until the next checkpoint. You are still expected to attend practices and performances – you will just sit out.

FAQs



- What about excessive unexcused absences?
 - Please understand you are committing to a team, just like any other athlete.
 - All football/volleyball dates are given out before school even starts, so please make every effort to not miss those!
- What do I do once I've submitted my information and 1st payment of \$100?
 - Because cheer packets are being accepted until February 28, the coaches will reach out to both the parent and the student once we return from spring break with information on what to do next. Please email with questions in the meantime.

Demerit/Merit System



| Merits Given | Achievement |
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| 1 | "A" Average for every 9 week grading period in any core class |
| 1 | Noteworthy teamwork |
| 1 | Helping a teacher |
| 1 | Volunteering your time to help with clubs/school events |
| 1 | Promptness and participation |
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| Demerits Given | Achievement |
| 2 | Displaying disrespectful or inappropriate behavior to teachers & peers |
| 1 | Cell phone use during practice or games |
| 1 | Appearance for practice/games/events (i.e. complete uniform, hair up, cheer shoes/socks/bow, changing out before end of day) |
| 1 | Inappropriate behavior for practice/games/events (goofing off, not on time, participation effort) |
| 2 | Student Code of Conduct infraction |

Notes:

- *Accumulation of 5 demerit points will result in suspension of a game/event/performance.
- *Accumulation of 10 demerit points will result in dismissal from the program.
- *Merits/Demerits will start over each semester.
- *I will keep track of the merits and demerits and give updates if a cheerleader is in poor standing.
- *Cheerleaders are expected to be role models and follow ALL school guidelines.

Ready to be a cheerleader?



To Do Checklist:

1. Turn in completed packet and \$100 deposit (online through Revtrak) to Coach Morehouse in room 410 by February 28.
2. Mark your calendars for Marcus Cheer Camp: July 31 and August 1.

You will hear from Coach Morehouse & Coach Smith the week after spring break with more information on what to do next.

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