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**CHARLOTTE COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING  
WINS ACADEMIC ALL STATE TEAM AWARD**



The Competitive Cheerleading Coaches Association of Michigan announced individual and team All State Academic Awards. The Charlotte High School competitive cheer team is the Division 3 Academic All State Champions. With a collective 3.709 grade point average (GPA), the Orioles edged out runner up Grosse Ile's collective GPA of 3.655.

"It's a great honor for our team and for our school," Charlotte head coach Yvonne Ridge said. "It shows that Charlotte High School administration, teachers and coaches make a conscious effort to really emphasize the academic side, as well as the athletic side."

The team received Academic All State Honorable Mention awards in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017. To receive recognition of Honorable Mention a team must have a collective GPA of 3.00 or higher. Last year the Orioles were the Academic All State runner up with a team GPA of 3.675.

"It's always great to be recognized for accomplishments such as this, but to know that you are the best in the state is something we can build a tradition around," Ridge said. "I and Coach

Hoogstra hold our athletes to high standards, and the athletes continue to meet and exceed all expectations.”

In addition to being Team Academic All State Champions, nine athletes received individual Academic All State honors. To receive individual All State honors an athlete must have a minimum overall GPA of a 3.8 (unrounded) by the end of the first semester or trimester of the current school year. Receiving individual All State Academic honors are competitive cheer team athletes: Brooklyn Baker, Mackenzie Bleisch, Mady Conklin, Kendra Cordell, Osa Ounsombath, Lynsey Peters, Julia Phillips, Meagan Treadwell and Lauren Wietzke. Coach Ridge and Coach Hoogstra value these athletes’ commitment to academics and are extremely proud of what they have accomplished. Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!