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CPS ORIOLE YOUTH CHEERLEADING PROGRAM

The new Oriole Youth Cheerleading program is the first for Charlotte Public Schools. Aligned with the goals and objectives set forth by the Charlotte High School varsity cheerleading coaches, this program will have a volunteer youth cheerleading advisor selected to assist with coordinating the Youth Cheerleading Program. All cheer teams will have adult volunteer coaches selected by the youth recreation coordinator with the assistance of the youth cheerleading advisor and the varsity cheer coaches.

For the low cost of just \$45, developmental kindergarten through 3rd grade athletes will practice each Wednesday from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Charlotte Middle School beginning August 7, 2019. On September 12, 2019, the cheerleaders will cheer at the CHS junior varsity home football game. The cheerleaders will also cheer at a CJO 8th grade football game in September. Each athlete will receive a t-shirt, short and bow!

For grades 4-8 the cost of the Oriole Youth Cheerleading program is \$75. Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning August 6th for grades 4-6 and July 30th for grades 7-8 at Charlotte Middle School. In addition to practices, the athletes will learn gymnastics on Monday's at Charlotte Middle School beginning August 12th. The cheerleaders will cheer at their respective grade's CJO football games and each athlete will receive a t-shirt, short, sweatshirt and bow.

Yvonne Ridge, CHS varsity coach, and Mike Sparks, youth recreation coordinator, have been working together to create a successful program for the Oriole Youth Cheerleaders. "This is a great opportunity for the cheer program and I am looking forward to working with the volunteer coaches and young athletes" said CHS varsity coach, Yvonne Ridge. All volunteer coaches will receive coaches training the last week of July and provided with the tools to run a practice the way the varsity athletes conduct their practices.

You can register and pay for the Oriole Youth Cheerleading program by visiting the Charlotte Aquatic Center page at <https://registration.swimcharlotte.org>. If you have questions or need additional information you can contact Mike Sparks at 517-541-5748 or email Mike at sparksm@charlottenet.org.