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# **Objectives of the Athletic Program**

Sheridan High/Middle School's interscholastic program is designed to:

- provide worthwhile educational experiences, which will contribute to the growth and development of the participants.
- provide opportunities for student participants as well as spectators to develop good attitudes, proper emotional control and the establishment of social values within the framework of competitive athletic activities;
- provide for student athletes who are physically mature and highly skilled in various sports

## **Organizational Control**

#### Sheridan Community Schools Board of Education

The Board of Education shall endeavor to provide the support and athletic facilities that will provide for a well-rounded athletic program for the students of Sheridan High School and Sheridan Middle School.

The Board of Education holds that although the athletic programs of the corporation are important, they at no time shall take precedence over the academic program.

#### Member of the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

Sheridan High School shall be a member of the **IHSAA** and shall abide by all rules and regulations set forth by this governing organization.

## SHS/SMS Principal

The principal is the administrative head of all athletic activities. He is directly responsible to the Superintendent and to the IHSAA for the athletic activities. Enforcement of policies, selection and supervision of coaches, attendance at major events, maintaining adequate team and crowd control measures, promoting sportsmanship and attendance at IHSAA and Hoosier Conference meetings are major job responsibilities. The detailed responsibilities of the Principal for interscholastic athletics can also be found in SCS Administrative Guideline 2431A- Interscholastic Athletics.

#### The Athletic Director

The Athletic director shall work in harmony with the coaches, principal, and superintendent of the school.

Administratively the program should become an integral part of the total school program, so that it makes an educational contribution and that it becomes the best program possible for student participation.

Supervision of coaches' record keeping, purchasing, equipment maintenance, parent/community relations, budgets, gate receipts, and communication/media relations are major job responsibilities. Game and practice schedules, tournaments, hiring and supervision of IHSAA officials, eligibility, transportation, and facility concerns are also priorities. The detailed responsibilities of the Athletic Director for interscholastic athletics can also be found in SCS Administrative Guideline 2431A- Interscholastic Athletics.

#### Member of Hoosier Heartland Conference

As a member of this conference, our purpose is to develop a well-rounded athletic program and to promote friendly relations among those schools within the conference. Member schools are: **Carroll, Clinton Central, Clinton Prairie, Rossville, Sheridan and Tri-Central**.

#### Athletic Council

The Sheridan High School Athletic Council's purpose is to enable proper administration, guidance, and control of the athletic program.

The membership of this council shall consist of the:

- Superintendent or designee
- Varsity Head Coaches
- High School Varsity Cheerleader Coach
- Principal/Asst. Principal
- One School Board Member
- Athletic Director/Asst. Athletic Director

The Council shall meet at least once per semester and meetings will be coordinated through the Athletic Director and Principal.

## Coaches

The Varsity Head Coaches are key individuals in the school athletic program. Each coach is directly responsible for the students, equipment, and facilities under his/her care and supervision. Each activity must be properly supervised and all facilities and equipment should be properly maintained. Attending clinics, developing training rules, administering first aid, compilation of statistics and program evaluation are other job responsibilities.

Varsity Coaches must attend all mandatory IHSAA Rules Meetings.

Coaches may not require students to participate in non-school sanctioned activities (i.e. camps, clinic, off site practices...as defined by Athletic Director) unless transportation is provided. Costs for transportation in these instances will be the responsibility of that sport. Costs of camps or clinics are the responsibility of the student athletes or that respective sport and not the Athletic Department.

SCS athletes are required to travel to and from athletic contests and special events in school approved vehicles (bus or van) under adult supervision provided by SCS. Extraordinary circumstances should be submitted to the athletic director for his review prior to the day of the event.

The detailed responsibilities of Coaches for interscholastic athletics can also be found in SCS Administrative Guideline 2431A- Interscholastic Athletics.

#### **Student Athletes**

- 1. Every student who participates in athletics must have a physical examination on record with the school. This must be signed by a physician, the student's parents and the student. Coaches may request a second physical examination during season to determine fitness to play.
- 2. Athletes must have parental consent and give personal consent for the drug-testing program.
- 3. In high school, an athlete must pass five (5) solid subjects each grading period to be eligible or continue eligibility. In addition, an athlete must be enrolled in five (5) solid subjects to maintain eligibility. Middle School students must pass five (5) classes and may not be failing in any core class (Social Studies, Math, English/Language Arts, and Science) to maintain eligibility. Grades are checked at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester.
- 4. Each student athlete is responsible for his or her own medical insurance in case of injury while practicing or playing in an athletic contest. The school does not have a medical plan to cover these types of injuries. If you do not have a family medical plan, a 24-hour coverage policy may be purchased through the office that would cover most athletic injuries. The high/middle school is a member of the IHSAA and thus a policy for catastrophic injury is provided. The IHSAA coverage begins with the \$125,000 limit of expenses and extends to \$1,000,000.00.
- 5. The Indiana High School Athletic Association sets up standards for athletic eligibility. Although the state association governs a school, the school may also establish eligibility requirements of its own.
- 6. All athletes are students first and subject to the same rules as other Sheridan High School or Sheridan Middle School students. Any athlete who is suspended out-of-school will also face immediate suspension from athletics. He/she will be involved in a conference with the coach, athletic director, parents, and principal before being reinstated on any athletic team.
- 7. Athletes may not participate in a game or practice on a day when they have not been present at school for at least the three (3) final class periods of the school day unless previously excused by the assistant principal and/or principal.
- 8. An athlete has a definite responsibility to his teammates and his coach. He should treat them with respect and be loyal at all times.
- 9. Any athlete who begins practice in one sport and is released from that team for any reason may NOT participate in any other sport during that same season (fall, winter, spring) or begin practice for another sport without the varsity coach's permission.
- 10. An athlete is responsible for any equipment issued to him and it is not to be worn outside of practices or game situations or during P.E. classes. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in disciplinary action.
- 11. Equipment purchased by athletes should be paid for before the equipment is issued. Failure to pay for equipment or pay for damaged equipment may result in the sending the debt to small claims court for retrieval and may result in withholding participation in future sports until debt is paid. Possessing athletic equipment from a team in which you are not a member or equipment from other schools will be regarded as theft. All equipment is issued is on a **LOAN** basis and is the property of Sheridan Community Schools. All athletes will care for all equipment as though it were their own personal property. If equipment is destroyed through practice, it will be replaced by the school. If equipment is lost or stolen, the athlete(s) will fulfill their responsibility by paying for replacement of item(s). Remember that stealing or wearing stolen equipment is a violation of the Code of Conduct and punishable by suspension from athletics. Equipment may not be worn during the school day, at home, or on the streets without

approval of the coach of that sport.

12. Activities at SCS share many students. From time to time, there may be conflicts between a student-athlete's sport and another activity that is grade based. In the event a conflict arises and the student-athlete's grade is dependent on attending this activity then it will take precedent over the student-athlete's sport. Communication between coaches and sponsors of conflicting activities is a must. Importance of contests and state competitions may affect decisions.

## The Athletic Program

The following competitive teams are offered at Sheridan High School as a part of our total athletic program. They are listed in the season in which they are offered.

|         | GIRLS         | BOYS          |
|---------|---------------|---------------|
| FALL:   | Volleyball    | Cross Country |
|         | Cross Country | Football      |
|         | Soccer        | Soccer        |
|         | Cheerleading  | Cheerleading  |
| WINTER: | Basketball    | Basketball    |
|         | Swimming      | Wrestling     |
|         | Cheerleading  | Cheerleading  |
| SPRING: | Softball      | Baseball      |
|         | Track         | Track         |
|         | Golf          | Golf          |

# Athletic Eligibility

If athletics are going to be a part of your plans in high school, you should be aware of the eligibility rules of Sheridan High School. These rules state that:

- 1. Students who are ineligible scholastically at the end of a grading period are ineligible for the **following** grading period.
- 2. An incomplete at the end of a grading period counts as a failure until the deficiency has been removed, providing such is removed before the end of the following grading period or summer, whichever comes first.
- 3. A subject for which credit has previously been granted may not be repeated for credit.
- 4. Athletes must agree to the rules and regulations of Sheridan High School and the Sheridan Community Schools Athletic Department. Violation of the rules could lead to the student's ineligibility in athletics.
- 5. TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY GENERAL (Per IHSAA Rule 19-3) A student

who transfers to a member school shall not be eligible to participate in interschool athletics for a period not to exceed 365 days after enrollment, unless a. the principal of the school to which the student transfers (receiving school) files with the Association a) signed and completed IHSAA Athletic Transfer Report; and b) such IHSAA Athletic Transfer Report shall have been approved by the Commissioner, or his designee.

#### Standards of Conduct for Sheridan High/Middle School Athletes

#### 1. Statement of Philosophy

The interscholastic athletic program is regarded as an integral part of the total educational program in the Sheridan High/Middle School. The interscholastic athletic program has developed from the physical education curriculum and is consistent with the purpose of physical skill development.

Each Coach may set rules and regulations for personal grooming and code of conduct. Each coach reserves the right to adopt additional rules and regulations beyond those outlined in this handbook. The Principal and Athletic Director must approve copy of additional rules; also, a copy of all rules must be given to all athletes **before** the start of any season. Indiana High School Athletic Association and School Policies and Regulations supersede all the above Athletic Conduct Rules.

#### 2. Sportsmanship tips for student-athletes:

- 1. Accept your responsibility as a role model. Understand that representing your school and your community is a privilege that has not to be taken lightly.
- 2. Learn the rules of the games you play. Help your parents and fellow students understand them better.
- 3. Treat your opponents the way you want to be treated with respect. Nobody understands how hard they have worked better than you do.
- 4. Refrain from taunting, trash talking, or making any kind of derogatory remarks to your opponents especially comments of an ethnic, racial, or sexual nature. No trash talking! Got it?
- 5. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials, no matter how much you may disagree with them.

#### 3. Sportsmanship tips for parents:

- 1. Remember that high school athletes are teenagers. They are still learning, which means they make mistakes. It is important to praise them, and not criticize.
- 2. Always respect opposing players, coaches, and spectators. Show appreciation for the outstanding plays they make. Moreover, never cheer if one of them is injured.
- 3. Respect game officials. Understand that they are people like you and me who are doing their best to support our youth. Hey, where would our community be without them?
- 4. Censor those fans around you whose behavior is inappropriate.
- 5. Remember that a ticket to a high school athletic event is not a license to verbally assault others including officials, coaches, and players from the opposing team.

## 4. Sportsmanship tips for coaches:

- 1. As a coach, you need to exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership possible. You are a lot more than just a coach. You are a teacher. There is no profession that is more important. Practicing good sportsmanship is teaching good citizenship.
- 2. You need to do more than teach the rules of the game. You must also respect them and abide by them in letter and in spirit.
- 3. You must stress to your student-athletes that disrespectful behavior especially taunting, trash talking, and intimidating will not be tolerated.
- 4. You have to set a good example for players and fans alike to follow. This means treating game officials with respect even when you disagree. In addition, no arguing, gesturing or throwing stuff including your hat, clipboard, or jacket.
- 5. There are so many examples of unsportsmanlike conduct at the professional level; you have to make sportsmanship your number one priority. Aspire to be role models that professional coaches can follow.

#### 5. Athletic Rules and Penalties

These rules are drafted with the premise that participation in Blackhawk athletics is a privilege and not a right. Violation of standards will lead to certain sanctions ranging from directives to probation, suspension and even to expulsion. We want our student athletes to be serious about good citizenship.

#### TYPES OF VIOLATIONS FREQUENCY OF OCCURRENCE PENALTY

| Felonies, Theft, and  | All           | Determined by   |
|---|---------------|---|
| Misdemeanors  |               | Principal, Asst. Principal<br>Athletic Dir. and Asst.<br>Athletic Dir.  |
| ******TYPE "  | 'A" OFFENSES* | *******   |
| Use or illegal Possession of a<br>controlled substance or<br>look-alike substance | 1st.          | 30% of Athletic<br>Contests of the sport<br>in season which the<br>athlete may carry over<br>(see policy below) |
|   | 2nd.          | 50% of the Athletic<br>Contests of the sport<br>which may carry over<br>(see policy below)                      |
|   | 3rd           | One calendar year Suspension  |

|   | 4th | Suspension for career   |
|---|-----|---|
| Use or illegal<br>possession of<br>alcohol or look<br>alike substitute              | 1st | 20% of athletic contests in<br>which athlete is involved<br>which may carry<br>(see policy below)         |
|   | 2nd | 50% of athletic contests of the<br>sport which may carry over<br>(see policy below)                       |
|   | 3rd | One calendar year suspension  |
|   | 4th | Suspension for career   |
| Use or possession of<br>tobacco and smoking,<br>chewing, skoal, vaping devices etc. | 1st | 20% of athletic<br>contests in which<br>athlete is involved<br>which may carry over<br>(see policy below) |
|   | 2nd | 50% of athletic<br>contests of the<br>sport which may carry<br>over (see policy below)                    |
|   | 3rd | One calendar year suspension  |
|   | 4th | Suspension for career   |

## PLEASE BE ADVISED WITH CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, PRINCIPAL AND VARSITY OR HEAD COACH THAT THESE ARE ONLY THE MINIMUM PENALTIES TO BE ISSUED.

Additional Policies:

1. A student athlete may reduce his/her first or second offense suspension 1% per hour of verified professional counseling with the counselor to be approved by the assistant principal in advance. Suspension may not be reduced by more than 50%.

- 2. An IHSAA sanctioned scrimmage will constitute one athletic contest.
- 3. If a suspension period includes a fraction of an athletic contest and that fraction is .5 or higher, the athlete will **not** be allowed to participate in any part of that contest. If the fraction is lower than .5, then the athlete will be allowed to participate in the entire contest.
- 4. All suspensions will be based on varsity contests. For example: If the athlete's suspension consists of five contests, then five contests will be varsity contests, even if the athlete only participates at the junior varsity or freshman level. He/She will not be allowed to participate until five varsity contests have been played.
- 5. Practice during the period of suspension will be up to the individual coach involved and dependent upon whether or not the athlete will be capable of "regaining" eligibility for a remainder of the season OR for future seasons (i.e. an underclassman who could play next year as opposed to a senior who would not be able to play) provided the athlete submits documentation from a medical doctor that participation does not pose a health risk to the student.
- 6. In random drug testing, cause of suspension will be established by "positive" drug test that is not satisfactorily explained.
- 7. An athlete's suspension will carry over to the next sport in which he/she participates regardless of when he/she was suspended. For example: if an athlete has a 30% suspension from football and only has one game left, then 20% of his/her next participation season would be suspended. In order that the suspension time be credited and the athlete regain full eligibility, he/she must complete the season of suspension time in good standing and register a negative drug screen prior to competition.
- 8. Any athlete who refuses to submit to a drug screen will immediately be ineligible to participate in athletics for one calendar year.

# Award System

# 1. Philosophy:

The Sheridan High School Athletic Department believes that the athletic award is no way a reward for participation in athletics. It is impossible to reward a good athlete in proportion to time and effort an athlete puts into any sport. The reward an athlete receives must be the satisfaction he gets from the participation itself. The athletic award is to be considered a high honor given those sports for which the award is given.

## 2. Requirements: Major/Minor Awards

In the order to earn a major award in any sport, the athlete must satisfy the criteria for that particular sport; major awards are given to boys or girls who were regulars and squad members for the duration of the season. In order to earn a minor award in any sport, an athlete must participate for the duration of the season and be a squad member in good standing. Major and minor awards are made at the coach's discretion.

## 3. Awards

An eight (8) inch letter (white chenille on black felt) will be the award given when a boy or girl earns a varsity letter for the first time. If an athlete earns another varsity letter in a different sport, a second varsity letter will not be given. When an athlete earns further letters, a letter certificate will be issued. Any minor award will be a junior varsity certificate.

# 4. Letter Jackets:

The athlete may purchase a letter jacket after the first varsity letter is earned. A blank letter and four (4) inch numeral will be placed on the jacket at the time it is awarded.

## 5. Plaque:

A senior award plaque will be awarded to any boy or girl who earns eight varsity letters during his/her high school career.

The award will be presented at the Senior Awards Day convocation in the spring of Senior year or after the athlete successfully completes the spring sports season of the senior year.

## 6. Transfers:

If a student moves to Sheridan High School, his/her participation at his/her former school shall be counted towards athletic awards.

## 7. Completing Participation:

Any athlete who fails to complete participation in any sport, except for excusable reasons forfeits his/her right to an award in that particular sport.

## 8. Good Standing with School:

In order for an athlete to receive any awards, he/she must be in good standing with the school and athletic department. All equipment that was issued to the athlete must be returned at the end of that season before he can participate in any other sport at Sheridan High/Middle School. If the equipment is lost or stolen, the athlete must pay the replacement cost of the lost article. No awards will be given until all issued equipment and financial obligations to the school and athletic department have been met.

# 9. Wall of Fame Criteria:

<u>A "Wall of Fame" has been established to honor our teams, student-athletes,</u> and coaches for attaining the highest level of accomplishments while being in good standing throughout their high school career. Along with exemplifying good character and sportsmanship, the following set of criteria has been established for teams, individual student-athletes, and coaches to achieve for eligibility to be placed on the "Wall of Fame".

| Team:       | Post Season Tournament Champion (Sectional, Regional, Semi-State, State) |
|-------------|--|
|             | Undefeated Season  |
| Individual: | Post Season Tournament Champion (Sectional, Regional, Semi-State, State) |
|             | State Qualifier  |
|             | State Tournament Mental Attitude Award Winner                            |
|             | <u>Member of the All-Star Team</u>                                       |
|             | <u>All-State Team</u>  |
|             | <u>NFL / NBA</u>   |
|             | IHSAA 1,000 Point Club   |
| Coaches:    | Hall of Fame Inductee, State Coach of the Year, or National Recognition  |

# Cheerleading

## Sheridan Cheerleaders

Sheridan High School and Middle School recognizes cheerleading as an athletic activity and is treated as a varsity sport under the Sheridan High School Athletic Department. All requirements for participation that apply to other athletes (such as academic eligibility, physicals, attendance at practices and athletic competitions, adherence to code of conduct, and award considerations) apply equally to cheerleaders.

## Philosophy of Sheridan Cheer Program

The cheer program at Sheridan High and Sheridan Middle schools will provide participants with many opportunities involving leadership, spirit, teamwork, enthusiasm and support. In this spirit, SHS/SMS provides a program, which promotes participation for qualified students within the rules and regulations of the National High School Federation Spirit Guidelines and Sheridan High / Middle School Athletic Handbook. Our vision is to

- assist participants in the development of athletic and leadership skills.
- develop effective time management strategies.
- develop socially through cooperation and appropriate standards of behavior.

The primary purpose of the cheer team is to support all SHS / SMS athletic teams. Cheer competitions, if elected to participate by the cheer coach, are secondary and must not interfere with the primary duties of the cheer team. The Sheridan Cheer program mission is to

- build a well-respected, cohesive cheer program
- support, promote and uphold school unity, spirit, enthusiasm and pride for all athletic teams and designated events
- represent the school to the highest degree
- set an example of good behavior and sportsmanship at all times (whether in uniform or not)

## Purpose and Responsibilities of a Cheerleader

Self-recognition is not the reason to be a cheerleader. The main purpose of cheerleading is to support the athletic teams at Sheridan High / Middle School. After successfully fulfilling the cheer requirements, self-gratification and recognition will follow. The purpose of a cheerleader is to

- provide leadership and promote school spirit, enthusiasm, and good sportsmanship
- promote unification of the crowd's involvement during the athletic event
- strive to uphold the highest personal, as well as cheerleading standards
- strive to build better relationships between the schools
- contribute to the self-growth of the cheerleader in the following areas:
  - o leadership
  - o emotional maturity and self-confidence
  - o social competence
  - o mental, moral and ethical values
  - o decision making skills
  - o cooperation and compromise
  - spirit of competition (being a good loser as well as winner)
  - o character
  - o self-discipline and self-control

Cheerleaders are expected to

- attend designated games, practices and other designated events
- plan and attend pep sessions and special recognitions
- support all teams (boys and girls in game attendance, decorations, special recognition)
- treat all cheer and sports team members with the highest level of respect

# Cheer Coach Responsibilities:

- Coaches must attend a yearly NFHS rules update meeting.
- Coaches must convey all rules and regulations to the cheerleaders.
- Coaches must abide by and enforce all athletic and cheerleading guidelines.
- Coaches are responsible to instill good sportsmanship among team members.
- Coaches are responsible to teach the cheer team the basic rules, concepts, and the officiating signals of the sport in which the cheerleaders will be performing their duties
- Coaches' decisions are final.

## **Conflicts in Extracurricular Activities**

The Sheridan cheer program recognizes that every student should have the opportunity for a broad range of experiences in the area of extracurricular activities, which will enhance a well-rounded high school career. However, cheerleaders should be cautious about participating in too many activities. Cheerleading requires a substantial time commitment, which can extend Monday through Saturday from the first official day of practice until the end of the season tournament series.

# **Multiple Sport Participation**

The Sheridan High School Athletic Department supports the concept of participating in more than one sport. However, if a student athlete wishes to participate in cheerleading and another sport in the same season (fallvolleyball, soccer; winter- basketball) the cheerleader must have prior approval of the athletic director and all coaches involved. A schedule resolving all practice and competition conflicts must be established prior to the season.

## Freshman Participation and Eligibility

Sheridan High School maintains separate teams for freshmen in all sports including cheerleading whenever possible. Freshmen are eligible to participate in all sports at the junior varsity or varsity level based on ability as determined by the head coach.

## Funding for Cheer Program

- The SHS / SMS Athletic Department will set a yearly allowance for decorating supplies
- The SHS / SMS Athletic Department will purchase the following items on a rotation basis:
  - One set of varsity uniforms. The cheer team cannot purchase any uniform without the approval of the athletic department.
  - o Pom pons
- Individual Cheerleaders, as all other athletes will be responsible for funding /purchasing the following items:
  - o shoes, socks, undergear, hair ribbons, etc...

- 0 Warm-ups
- cheer or letter jacket
- cheer camp and camp clothes
- Any competition expenses if elected to participate

# Uniforms

- Each middle school squad will have *at least* one but no more than two, complete uniform and warmup. The high school squads will have *at least* one but no more than two (one (1) home and one (1) away), complete uniform and warm-up.
- High school and middle school uniforms are purchased separately. Therefore, no exchanging between the high school and middle school. If an exchange is warranted the cheer coaches must obtain prior approval of the SHS Athletic Director.
- Uniforms are to be worn only at games, pep rallies, and official cheer team events. No item deemed a part of the official uniform (uniform, warm-up, cheer jackets, etc...) shall be shared, borrowed or worn by a non-cheer team member.
- All uniforms must be turned in at the end of the season. The cheerleader will be held financial liable for any lost or damaged uniforms and pom-pons.
- The Athletic Director, Principal, Assistant Principal or official designee, must approve all official uniforms.

# Transportation

- The varsity and jr. varsity cheer teams will ride together in school provided transportation for all away varsity games. The jv. cheer team will attend and support all varsity games. The varsity cheer team will attend and support the jv. basketball game when played on the same night.
- The jr. varsity cheer team will ride the jr. varsity team bus to all away football games.
- The freshman cheer team will ride the freshmen team bus to all away football and basketball games.
- The middle school cheer teams will ride their perspective grade level team bus to all athletic events.

## Selection

The goal of the Sheridan cheer program is to allow maximum participation of the student body and provide coverage and/or support for all sports teams (boys and girls). A fall season cheer team and a separate winter season cheer team will be selected prior to their prospective season.

Sheridan Middle School will have sixth grade, seventh grade, and eighth grade cheer teams. The target number of cheerleaders per SMS cheer team is a maximum of eight (8) members for the fall and winter seasons.

Sheridan High School will field a varsity, jr. varsity, and freshman cheer team whenever possible. The fall season target number for each cheer team level is a maximum number of eight (8) members. The target number of members for the winter cheer teams consists of the varsity squad at eight (8) members, the jr. varsity at six (6) members and not exceeds a combined number of fourteen (14) members. The target for the winter freshman squad is six (6) members.

The actual number of cheer team members may fluctuate depending on the number trying out, ability and the number of sports teams being fielded.

The SHS and SMS cheer coaches will select the cheer teams. Each student wishing to be a cheerleader must go through a tryout. Before tryouts, each candidate will have the option of choosing the levels they are willing or not willing to participate. The candidates will only be considered for each level they designate prior to tryouts. The following are approximate dates when each season will conduct their tryouts.

- Fall cheerleaders will be chosen in late April early May
- Winter cheerleaders will be chosen in late September early October

If a student athlete transfers in after tryouts have been conducted, the student maybe granted an individual tryout depending the time of transfer relative to the end of season and the proximity of the next season tryouts.

## Awards

Athletic awards for cheerleaders are not a guarantee just because you made the squad. To be considered for an athletic award, the cheerleader must have fulfilled her/his duties as a member of the team. A cheerleader must be in good standing throughout the season in which she /he participates. Each season will be awarded separately. The cheer coach will make the final determination for athletic awards. Cheerleaders will be granted the same awards as all other deserving athletes.

- Varsity Varsity Letter
- Jr. Varsity Certificate
- Freshman Numerals

When the Marion-Adams Schools <u>consolidation</u> officially took place in 1965 it was determined the school would be called Marion-Adams High School but the athletic teams would be participating members of the IHSAA as the Sheridan Blackhawks. Thus the "<u>S</u>" would continue to be the monogram of a varsity letter winner. In 2006, Marion-Adams Schools became known as Sheridan Community Schools.

# School Song

Onward Sheridan, Onward Sheridan

Dear old S.H.S.

We your sons and daughters love you

Do your level best, Rah, Rah, Rah

Onward Sheridan, Onward Sheridan

Fight now for your fame

Fight fellas, Fight, Fight, Fight

and win this game