

Hello Mighty Mite Families!

Whether you're new to the Jags program or returning from last year, welcome! This upcoming season is going to be fun for the littles! We have made some changes to the Mighty Mite program and we think they will create a fun and rewarding season for everyone.

There are two big changes we are super excited about. First off, the MMs will have NEW uniforms this season! YAY!! There will be an upcoming date for uniform fittings that we will send out as soon as we have the design finalized. The second big change we already mentioned in the welcome letter. The MM will be participating in two competitions! They will have their own choreography sessions held during the week of August 11th. They will take place in the mornings from 9-12 over two days. We will send out the location and specific dates later this spring but please block off that week. If there are any hardships, please reach out to Lori or Michelle immediately! We can help figure out logistics, if needed.

Another change this season is that the MM will not travel to away games. We will be cheering for our own Mighty Mite Football team when they are at home. Those games are decided fairly late into the summer, so please be patient with that piece of the schedule. The girls will also occasionally cheer with the bigger kids at some of their home games. They will take turns with each team (mites, peewees, midgets), to cheer with them and perform at halftime. As soon as the game schedule is provided, we will post it to everyone.

#### Practices

August: see important dates below

September through November 21:

    Wednesdays at IBES

    Fridays at PSMS

Cheerleaders will also practice for one hour before each home game to review halftime. If this hour is missed, the cheerleader may be taken out of stunts or may not be able to perform at halftime.

Practices will start at Elmer Raymond Playground in August. After the start of the school year, they will move inside per the above schedule.

Practices will run through November this season and that is so they will be best prepared for their performances at the OCYCA Championship on November 22.

#### **Important Dates**

Choreography: August 11-15, two days, 9-12p\*

Cheer Intensive Weeks: August 11-14, 18-21, 5-7p at Elmer Raymond

Jags Showcase: October 18th, PSMS\*

Spirit Spooktacular: October 25th\*

OCYCA Championship: November 15th\*

\* If any of these dates are a major conflict for your family, please let us know. We'd like for all the kids to be able to participate but we understand life happens. We can rearrange choreography to accommodate things but just need to have the time to do so.

Other things that are helpful to know...

- Jags Night: this is a super fun event for the kids! All Jags cheerleaders will learn cheers (and maybe a dance) with the high school team. They will be called out at halftime and get to run across the field. This will be a Friday night home game at PSHS and that game date will be announced in the fall. It is not a mandatory event but it is super fun for them. All Jags kids can leave at halftime or stay to watch the rest of the game.
- The last home game in September will be Go Gold for Childhood cancer
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness month

Lastly, we will be sending out information soon about cheer camp that PSYF Cheer is hosting. This camp is run through UCA, the best instructors for cheer in the nation. Camp is not required but will be so fun and help the girls start their cheer seasons on the right foot.

Lori and Michelle are happy to answer any questions you may have! Don't hesitate to email us at [psyfcheer@yahoo.com](mailto:psyfcheer@yahoo.com).

Cheers,  
Lori and Michelle