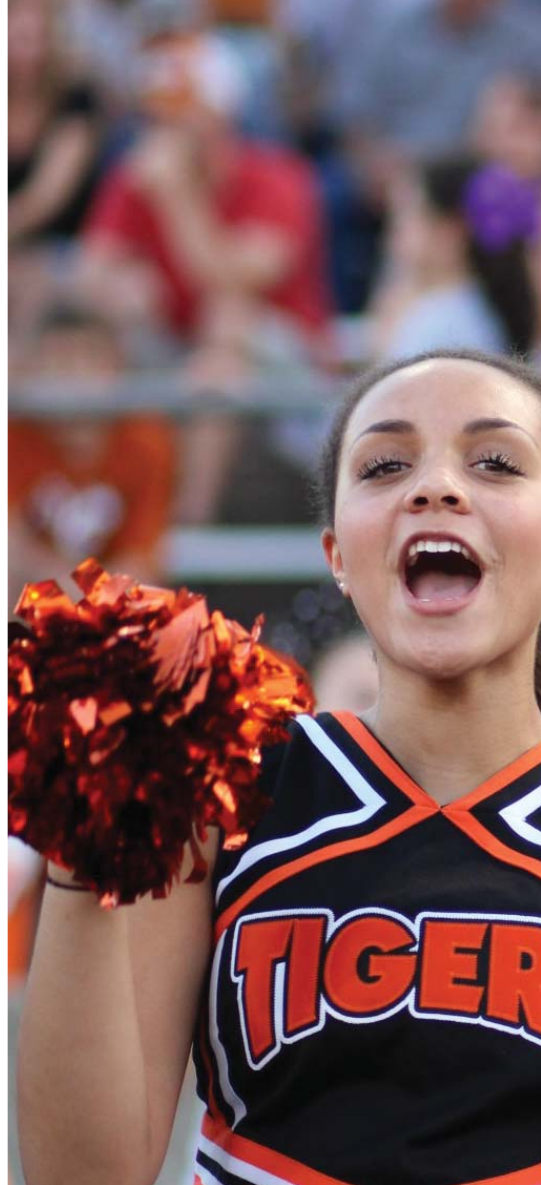
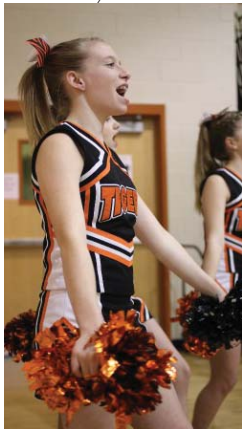


Stunting at the pep rally, eighth graders Madison Wright and Katie Scroggs do a lemon drop. Cheerleaders only had two weeks to prepare for the pep rally. "The best part of the pep rally were the stunts because they were really cool and they got the crowd excited," Wright said.

Photo by Bella Lufschanowski

At a basketball game, eighth grader Madisen Johnson cheers on the eighth grade boys basketball team. The team split up into three squads to cheer at basketball games. "I like cheering at basketball games because they are more exciting than cheering at football games," Johnson said.

Photo by Natalie Aman



Learn the Lingo

Cheerleaders explain what some common cheer terms mean



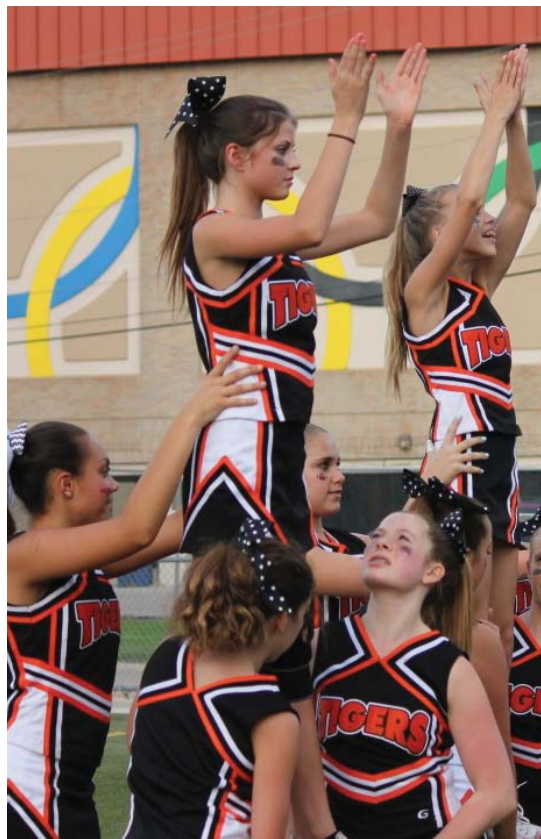
"Spirit means to support the team and get the crowd to cheer with us." Isabella Mata, 8



"A pyramid is all the cheerleaders coming together to create one big stunt." Micah Warner, 8



"Charging the crowd means to go toward the crowd to get them excited." Catarina Chavanne, 8



Cheering in the Rain

Cheerleaders push through the rain to lead the football team to victory.

At the last football game of the season, it was cold and wet. Half way through the game against Lamar Middle School, it began to rain very hard. While the conditions weren't ideal, cheer coach Michelle Hanson had her girls stay out to cheer on the football players. Eighth grader Tiffany Vandenberg ended up having fun at the game even though it was cold and wet.

"The rain was pouring down really hard and it was cold, but Coach Hanson still made us cheer because the football players were still playing," Vandenberg said.

Despite the rainy conditions, the cheerleaders led the team to victory. Eighth grader Kaitlin Rush found the conditions difficult to cheer in but was glad to see that the

cheerleaders continued.

"The rain was coming at a diagonal angle into our eyes but if you didn't think about it you weren't cold, and I didn't want the game to end."

Eighth grader Caroline Ritter was glad that one of the games was rainy because all the other football games were sunny and hot.

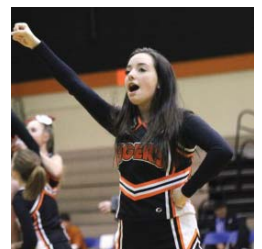
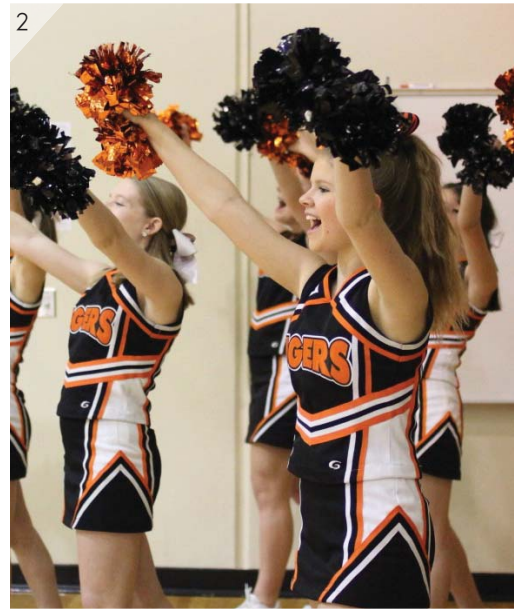
"I think it's good that we cheered at the last football game because we got lots of memories from it and we helped the team win." Ritter said. "We still laugh about it all the time."

After the football season ended, cheerleaders continued to cheer at girls' and boys' basketball games and practiced a competition routine.

Cheering on the sidelines at a football game, eighth grader, Kaeleigh Chambers gets the crowd pumped up. *Photo by Bella Lufschanowski*



1. **Doing** a cheer, eighth grader Landry Jenkins yells "Fire It Up" to get the crowd louder. *Photo by Bella Lufschanowski*
2. **Cheering** on the Tigers, eighth grader Allie Grooms raises spirit for the boys basketball eighth grade A team. *Photo by Bella Lufschanowski*



In a high stand, eighth graders Devon Cowell and Micah Warner warm up their stunts with the rest of the team. They were doing the cheer "Clap Your Hands." "My favorite part about being a flyer is getting to do all the tricks and trying something new," Cowell said. *Photo by Natalie Aman*

Tumbling at cheer practice, eighth grader Caroline Ritter does a back handspring. Cheerleaders would be competing against other intermediate level teams later in the year. "I am very excited for competition so we can show how awesome our team is," Ritter said. *Photo by L. Shirack*

Performing at a half time show, eighth grader Victoria Ellensohn cheers on the eighth grade basketball team. Cheerleaders cheered at both girls' and boys' basketball games. "I like to cheer on the teams with my friends," Ellensohn said. *Photo by Natalie Aman*