



## Catholic United Sideline Cheer - Fall 2021 Registration Information/Program Details

**Mission Statement:** The GRACEAC cheer program exists to provide a safe and competitive program for 5th - 8th grade student athletes that are eligible to participate in GRACEAC programs. This is an athletic opportunity to participate on a team and work with peers toward a common goal within the context of our Catholic school tradition. The cheer program exists to support and build enthusiasm for sideline cheer.

5th - 8th grade sideline cheer is a GRACEAC Catholic United (CU) program, meaning it is comprised of Catholic school athletes participating in an outside (secular) league. Catholic United sideline cheer supports the Catholic United football program, cheering on our football teams taking on other schools such as Northview, Coopersville, EGR, Kenowa Hills, East Kentwood, Sparta, etc.

- 1) Sport Coordinator: Lisa Spaulding - spaulding67@gmail.com
- 2) Head Coach: Lisa Spaulding
- 3) Team Formation: one team of 5th - 8th grade girls
- 4) Practice schedule (typically): Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at St. Isidore
- 5) Game schedule (typically): Game schedule (typically): Alternate weeks cheering for 7th & 8th grade home football games on Wednesday nights, and 5th/6th grade home football games on Saturdays; home games at either West Catholic or the CAT
- 6) Key Dates (subject to change): First practice - August 9, First game - September 8 or 11, Last game - October 20 or 23
- 7) All students participating MUST register through GRACEAC TeamSnap. Teamsnap will include your teams compiled rosters, practice and game schedule, volunteer availability, group chat, and team communication. Registration can be completed at the following link:  
<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/267755>
- 8) All participants must have an updated physical, participation consent, and concussion acknowledgement form on file at school.
- 9) Coaching staff: Selected by the GRACEAC Commissioner with input from the cheer coordinator. Coaches are vetted through the Diocese of Grand Rapids and have an acceptable level of coaching knowledge and related experience. Coaches must also be certified by MDHHS for concussion safety. Player safety is always the coaches first priority.
- 10) GRACEAC will issue a uniform to each player, which must be returned at the end of the season. Players are responsible for providing their own shorts (any color), water bottle, and running shoes.
- 11) The GRACEAC sideline cheer program is funded through the member schools on a per player basis and, in some cases, by sponsorships, at no cost for registration to families. Each school supports their student athletes though booster clubs, fundraisers, etc. Support your school's athletic fundraising organization.
- 12) If interested in helping coach, please complete an application at the following link:  
<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/250008>