September 2026 Cheerleaders, Parents & Guardians:

It's time to cheer on those Hornets. A Season Games will be starting soon. A Season Cheerleaders will consist of 5th – 8th Graders. Enclosed you will find: Cheerleader rules and regulations, game dates, a participation form, a physical form plus a concussion information form. Practice information will be distributed as soon as it is available. Cheerleading information may also be found on the school web page at www.hardemanschool.com under the Ball/Cheer Information tab.

The Cheerleader participation form, physical form and the concussion form must be signed and returned before your kiddo can participate in the first cheer practice. If your child/children are also playing basketball, the physical form and concussion form will NOT need to be done twice.

Uniforms will be distributed before ball and cheer photos on Wed., September 30, 2026 immediately following the School photos that begin at 8 am. Photos will again be taken by Inter-State Studios. All cheerleaders will be photographed, even if not purchasing photos on picture day.

Please treat the uniforms with respect and care as we need them to last for several years! **Uniforms need to be washed on delicate cycle and hung to dry.** Also, refrain from wearing the uniform outside of games and special occasions, as set by us. We would prefer white soled shoes and no-show socks plus black bloomers or shorts under the cheer skirts. Remember, uniform tops and skirts tend to stain and snag, so help us protect our uniforms.

NOTE: We always want to look and do our best. So, when just one cheerleader misses practice, then the whole squad is affected. Therefore, we may need to omit or change cheers and stunts for performances so that everyone is prepared and safe. Also, to eliminate time away from cheering during games, snacks and meals should be eaten before or after games or at half time, if possible Parents/Guardians can have the food ready so cheerleaders can eat and quickly return to cheering. Of course, drinks will be allowed in our cheer area.

Please sign up for the Cheerleading text alerts. This information is on our school website under the "other information" tab and then under the student handbook section on the last page. This is our best way to forward necessary practice and game changes to parents and guardians.

Please be aware of the practice and game times and plan to get your child to and from. Other staff members will not be available to transport students to and from practices and games. Your child is your responsibility. G O H O R N E T S !!

We may be reached at: Mrs. Wilson's cell is 660-815-5116
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Alex Wilson & Sarah Ferguson, Cheer Coaches

HARDEMAN R-10 CHEERLEADERS RULES AND REGULATIONS

It is important that your cheerleading squad operates under a specific set of rules so that you will effectively work as a team. The following is a set of values to follow that expresses the squad's beliefs and goals.

PURPOSE:
It shall be the purpose of this organization to promote and uphold school spirit, to develop school sportsmanship among students, and support athletic programs between schools during all athletic events. We will work in harmony with school administration, teachers, athletic teams and all other school organizations.

ELIGIBILTY REQUIREMENTS:

- A cheerleader must be in good physical health (no weak knees, bad backs, etc.).
- A Cheerleader may only have 1 D and no F's.
- Each cheerleader must turn in the written parental/guardian permission form provided, signed in all places by the due date ASAP.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- The entire cheerleading squad will cheer at all rallies and basketball games. Cheerleaders must stay in their positions during the game. You must ask the sponsor for permission to leave, and only one person may leave at a time.
- Special Training Clinic: All cheerleaders including the mascot are required to attend this clinic (dates and times will be announced). This will be conducted by trained professional cheerleaders, so it is of utmost importance that you attend. The sponsor will excuse only for family emergency or illness. Written notice from parents will be required.
- Community Activities: Each cheerleader will be invited to participate in community activities during the school year.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

- **All cheerleaders are required to attend all practices.** Only the sponsor has the authority to excuse a cheerleader from practice. You must provide a written signed and dated note from your parent or guardian. Please make all routine medical appointment around scheduled practices. Unexcused absences will result in not being allowed to cheer for the remaining basketball season.
- Regular practice: our practice will be set up at the beginning of the year. Only our sponsor is authorized to change this schedule. You will be notified by your teacher if there are any changes.

TRANSPORTATION:
Cheerleaders are responsible for securing transportation to and from all games and practices.

UNIFORMS: COST AND CARE:

- The school provides 1 skirt and top (or T-Shirt) and 2 pompons for each cheerleader. Whatever the uniform, you are responsible for keeping them clean and in good repair before each game. All items provided by the school remains school property. All uniforms must be returned in a clean and well-repaired condition one week from the day after the last event. Any uniform that is damaged and deemed unusable by the sponsor must be paid for by the cheerleader and/or parents.
- It is recommended that each cheerleader have white soled shoes, no-show socks, a long-sleeved black shirt and bloomers/shorts.

APPEARANCE:

- Uniforms: Skirts, tops, socks, bloomers or shorts, and shoes will be kept spotlessly clean at all times. Uniforms must be wrinkle free and not in need of mending.
- Jewelry is not recommended while cheering for safety reasons. Small post earrings may be worn. No other jewelry is allowed.
- A natural, wholesome look is desired, so any girl wearing excessive makeup will be required to remove it. Makeup must pass the approval of the sponsor.
- Hairstyle must be neat and out of face. It should be a simple style for cheerleading athletics and not require any combing while performing.
- A cheerleader should look her best physically at all times. Maintaining proper weight will help to keep a cheerleader's performance at their peak.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES:

All cheerleaders will participate in any projects established for the year, as needed.

Athletic Participation

Students wanting to participate in the inter-school basketball and cheerleading programs must first have a physical examination on file in the office. Students who are absent from school more than ½ day (3.5 hours) will not be able to practice or play in a game that day. Absences due to a funeral or other excused and prearranged absences, such as doctor and dental appointments, may be exempt.

2026-2027 Conference Activities

A Season Basketball

****Wednesday-Sept. 30, 2026 – A Season Ball & Cheer Photos (during the school day following School photos)**

Tuesday-October 13, 2026 – Girls' Pre Season Tournament at Blackwater * Times TBA
Thursday-October 15, 2026 – Boys' Pre-Season Tournament at Blackwater * Times TBA
Tuesday-October 27, 2026 – Games at Gilliam Girls at 6 p.m. & Boys at 7 p.m.**
Tuesday-November 3, 2026 – Games at Blackwater ** Girls at 6 p.m. & Boys at 7 p.m.
Thursday-November 5, 2026 – Home with Miami ** Girls at 6 p.m. & Boys at 7 p.m.
Tuesday-November 10, 2026 – Games at Orearville ** Girls at 6 p.m. & Boys at 7 p.m.
Thursday-November 12, 2026 – Games at Miami ** Girls at 6 p.m. & Boys at 7 p.m.
Tuesday-November 17, 2026 – Home with Orearville ** Girls at 6 p.m. & Boys at 7 p.m.
Thursday-November 19, 2026 – Home with Blackwater ** Girls at 6 p.m. & Boys at 7 p.m.
Tuesday-November 24, 2026 – Home with Gilliam ** Girls at 6 p.m. & Boys at 7 p.m.
Thursday-December 3, 2026 – Make-Up Games, if needed
CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT at Blackwater December 8 thru 11, 2026 * Times TBA

B Season Basketball

****B Season Ball & Cheer Photos - TBA**

Tuesday-January 26, 2027 – Games at Orearville ** Girls at 6 p.m. & Boys at 7 p.m.
Thursday-January 28, 2027 – Games at Blackwater ** Girls at 6 p.m. & Boys at 7 p.m.
Tuesday-February 2, 2027 – Games at Malta Bend ** Girls at 6 p.m. & Boys at 7 p.m.
Thursday-February 4, 2027 – Home with Gilliam (one team only) at 6 p.m.
Tuesday-February 9, 2027 – Home with Miami ** Girls at 6 p.m. & Boys at 7 p.m.
Thursday-February 11, 2027 – Make-Up Games, if needed
CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT at Blackwater February 16 thru 19, 2027*Times TBA