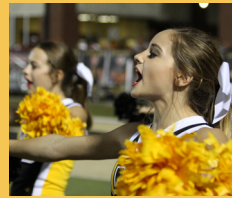


## We got the BEAT

"Contrary to popular belief, cheer is very much a sport," Madison Eguia, 11, said. "The amount of time and effort that goes into completing a decent routine, much less a perfect one, is very extensive. Cheerleading is so much more than 'rah rah go team!' Stereotypical people don't see the hours of practice and work we put into what we do on the sidelines or at competitions." Eguia does her best to keep the football team's spirits up. "We make signs and do plenty of chants and stunts in hopes of leading the team to victory." // Blake Becton photo



### CHEER YOUR HEART OUT

The cheerleaders pump up both the players and the crowd with their constant support and loud cheering. // Kamron Mitchell photo

### WE ARE, OAK GROVE

In the air, Jordan Newell, 10, shows off her school spirit with a collaborative cheer. "I love leading the crowd and hearing the response. Also, I don't have to lift people so that's fun," Newell said. // Halle Morrisette photo

### 1, 2, 3, BREAK

After high tensions from the game, the cheerleaders take a break before going onto the court to perform for halftime. // Grace Sanders photo

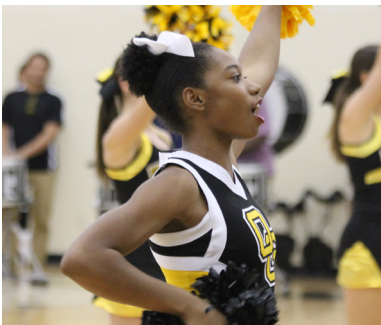


### GO, FIGHT, WIN

Malaysia Thomas, 10, hypes up the freshmen and sophomores for the upcoming game. "I smile really big, yell really loud, and try to get the crowd to interact as much as possible," Thomas said. // Kamron Mitchell photo

### WE ARE THE BEST, O-G-H-S

On the basketball court, the cheerleaders do a crowd-favorite cheer for the last few seconds of the game. // McKenzie Woodard photo



### BLACK & GOLD GO WARRIORS

Riley Atkinson, 9, tells what it's like being a newbie on the cheer team. "It's intimidating at times," Atkinson said. "All the other girls have experience. I love cheering, so that little bit of fear is worth it. There's a lot of pressure put on the freshmen because we have big shoes to fill, but it's a ton of fun." // photo by McKenzie Woodard

### FIGHT SONG

Kalynn Daley, 12, enjoying the enthusiasm from the football team as the band plays a piece of music everyone can participate in. // photo by Emily Grace Edwards

### ALL EYES ON ME

Jatoria Jordan, 11, shows off her dancing skills during halftime. "I like to show what my team is capable of and it feels good to show everybody what we work so hard to do," Jordan said. // photo by McKenzie Woodard



### WE'VE GOT SPIRIT HOW 'BOUT YOU

Katlynn Littlejohn, 10, participates in a responsive chant with the crowd during a pep rally. // Halle Morrisette photo

### AIR BORN

In a run-through, the cheerleaders perform a complicated pyramid before showing their peers the final result. // Kamron Mitchell photo



### STAND TALL

The cheerleaders stand silently on the sidelines for their cue to begin the first cheer of the night. // Halle Morrisette photo



## from the sidelines

Cheerleaders describe their view from the edge of the field

"I love to see the student section fill up before the game starts and hear all the cowbells ring in anticipation."

- MaKinley Taylor, 12

"You can see the excitement on the players' faces up close, the coaches hyping them up, and the whole student body coming together as one."

- Carley Hand, 11

"I love hearing the 'I Believe' chant and seeing the powder fly and how we get to tumble out before the players come out."

- Carly Kendrick, 10

"Seeing the other cheerleaders excited and everyone feeding off of each other's excitement is a feeling that can't be described in words."

- Kailey Seymour, 9

## REMEMBER THAT ONE TIME?

Girls reflect on the past few years as high school cheerleaders



"During practice at the baseball facility, we danced to the players' music when we were actually supposed to be practicing." Carrington Brown, 10



"We were playing against Hattiesburg High at home, and that night we were throwing a bunch of stomps. It was just really fun." Jalrea Perkins, 11



"At the beginning of the season, we had to perform our routine for the first time at both pep rallies, and we hit both times." Jillian Adams, 9

### READY, OK

Hannah Arnold, 10, and Jordan Newell, 10, pose for a picture before beginning another crowd favorite cheer. // Grace Sanders photo

### IN FORMATION

With a few minutes left in the game, the cheerleaders yell for the football team as they come close to another win. // Kamron Mitchell photo