



1. Samaryous Walker cheers on the sideline at the football game v. Hernando on September 25. Walker has been cheering for 6 years. He says that this year has been stricter due to the pandemic.

2. Alivia Grace Buchanan, Riley Mulrooney and Olivia Hanby cheer at the October 30 football game.

3. The Co-ed team huddles up for a pre-competition prayer before competing at the UCA Regionals.

The team had to postpone competing at Regionals due to Covid protocols that sidelined the team in October.



1. "My favorite memory was making the team for my senior year and seeing all of the new faces of my teammates. I was beyond excited to have a fresh start and have the best season possible before I leave for college," Jonah Pike said.

2. Abbie Grace Long and Gabby Grubbs react to a THS touchdown.

3. Tobias Harris uses the megaphone to lead the crowd in cheering.

4. Shandi Carlisle and Ella Cate London cheer on the sidelines at the September 25 football game.

5. Riley Mulrooney, Olivia Hanby and Shandi Carlisle cheer on the sidelines at the first game of the season at Neshoba Central. The squad was happy to be able to cheer. Due to COVID protocols there was a question of whether the cheerleaders would be allowed to be on the sidelines.





Lead On The Co-ed cheer guys lead the football team on the field. With COVID protocols the team had to find new ways to hype up the limited crowds. "This year has been very different because there are a lot of regulations that the team had to adjust to, such as wearing masks and being aware of staying 6 feet apart when possible," Jonah Pike said.



Travel Squad The cheer squad traveled to Olive Branch to cheer on the football team and their supporters.



Send Off The TUPELO Boys join the Co-ed Cheer team for a special send-off before they head to state competition on December 11. The team placed 2nd in the state in Side-Line cheer.



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The Co-ed Cheer team had to work a little harder to keep up the spirit in the midst of the pandemic. During this turbulent year, THS Cheer wanted some nostalgia to enlighten the mood.

"We are embracing our school colors this year with our throwback gold uniforms. This uniform has a pleated skirt that has made a major comeback at the National High School Cheerleading Championship," said Head Cheer Coach Brandee Wheeler.

This team is finally "being recognized as athletes," said Lilee Rose. These athletes put in so much hard work daily as well as their coaches.

"I don't do it for myself anymore. I do it for the people who all put in so much work and especially my coaches who take the time out of their day to be with us," said Amelia Policicchio.

Cheer has had a significant impact on the young athletes, making them feel more like family than just a team.

"Cheer has become more than just a sport to me. Competing has become more than just a win," said Policicchio.

However, the year was still hard for the team. Their size is very advantageous for them, but "the struggle that we are all facing is adjusting to the new [CDC] guidelines that are constantly coming out," said Brandee Wheeler.

The team also did not go to Orlando to compete in the national competition.

"There were many factors that played into our decision not to compete at Nationals in Orlando, FL, this year. Not only did UCA push back the timing of Nationals to April instead of February, but we are also not allowed any overnight travel outside of the state per TPSD," said Coach Anna Claire Wallace

The team did not let this be a weakness for them.

"Our team is very dedicated on and off the field. We aren't just practicing for the sidelines, but we have a season of our own. We are constantly in the gym working to better ourselves so that we can positively represent our community of excellence at competitions," said Wheeler.



1. "[Cheerleading] has brought in a lot more people, and the whole sport as a whole has expanded and started to thrive. People are starting to recognize us as athletes more," Lilee Rose (12) said.

2. "Being involved with this group has brought me a new love and dedication to the sport. Practicing everyday and even twice a day two times a week with the same group of people has taught me compassion and a whole lot of patience like never before," Amelia Policicchio (12) said.