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Cheering in the winter season meant that there are way more games to cheer for. The basketball season was just as long as the football season but there were a lot more games which meant having less practices.

"There were at least two games a week which didn't leave much time to practice. We used our warm-up time before the game as our practices," said **Molly Udom, 10**.

The JV team always played right before the Varsity team so the crowd got larger as the JV game went on. There was always a cheering section that helped fill the gym with chants of winning the game.

"It's nice cheering right before varsity because once we are done cheering we can join the fans and become part of the cheering section which is the best part of the game," said **Misha Arnold, 10**.

The freshman squad was fortunate enough to cheer for both the green and gold freshman teams. The only down side was that they don't get to travel to the away games.

"Cheering on our home court is an advantage but sometimes it would nice to go cheer at another school," said **Angela McGibney, 9**.

In the past all of the squads went to a cheerleading competition during the winter season. This meant that the girls who are on the basketball squad got to go. But, there were too many complications which didn't allow the squads to go.

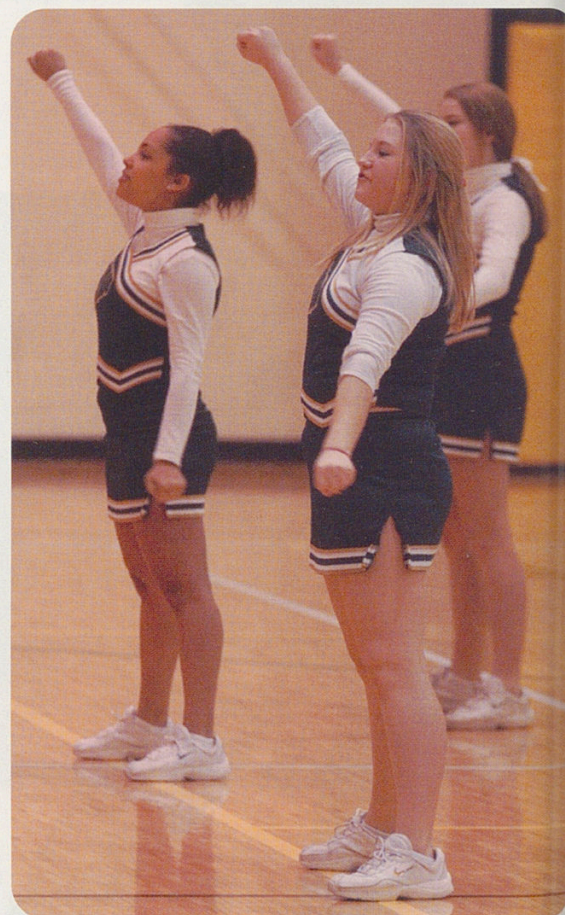
Since they didn't get to go this year, try-outs are earlier for next year, so they can be fully prepared to go to a competition.

Going to competition meant more practice, more tumbling, and a lot of dedication. After try-outs for next year there will be camps in the summer and tumbling classes to help improve all skills.

"Going to competition is a lot of work. I hope next years squad is ready to work hard and will put forth all their effort to od their best," said **Coach Britney Ogden**.



Row 1: Maria Borisvich, Katie Van Heidrich, Tia Waire, Angela McGibney, and Jessica Pelfrey Row 2: Lauren Taylor, and Courtney Johnson.



Cheering hard with smiles on their faces. Katie Van Heidrich, 9, Maria Borisvich, 9, and Lauren Taylor, 9, concentrated on their motions so that they all had their arms in the air at the same time. Practices were more frequent during the basketball season due to the change in the number of members on the squad.