

TRADITION IS GOOD, BUT SOMETIMES CHANGE IS BETTER. A lot of school cheerleading squads are changing with the times. Most of them require tumbling, and some even have a second squad who only go to competitions. At our school the cheerleaders do not receive as much credit as they do at other schools. The girls know that they are at games to motivate the players and to keep the crowd involved. But with other schools becoming more competitive it is hard to make sure we always look good.

"Even though our school may not be as up to date with cheerleading, I still enjoy rooting the team on and keeping the crowd involved," said **Brooke Glassman, 12.**

The girls decided it was time to add some new moves to old tradition. Before home games they lined up across the court to entertain the crowd with band chants. Instead of performing band chants that have been performed for years, the girls made up a few new ones. This gave them more variety.

"Having new band chants has made performing before the game a lot more fun because we are actually doing something new," said **Jennie Juran, 12.**

They finally got new pom-poms which has created a neat effect for the introduction of the basketball players. As the starting lineup was called the girls created their numbers with the pom-poms.

Everyone knows that it is always fun to carry on traditions, but change is ok too.

"I enjoyed getting the crowd pumped up and I will definitely miss cheering," said **Daria Branham, 12.**



1. #1! The girls formed a number one with their pom-poms at the start of the game. They made a number for each player starting.

It is ok to be different

But traditions are good

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1. Though the Aves wanted to win it was important to say good luck. The cheerleaders always welcomed the team with a hello cheer. **Ember Kelly, 10, Courtney Abel, 12, Shauna Braucher, 12,** said hello to the opposing team with warm smiles.

2. Tight motions and great facials. **Robin Robinson, 12,** starts the season off great with her awesome facials. Robinson was one of many to keep the fans involved.



3. With their strong motions the girls received loud applause from the audience. It was not always easy to look good with so many girls, but these girls managed to pull it off. They finished the season with a strong ending and a feeling of fulfillment.

