

THIS IS SPARTAN TERRITORY

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WE'RE A PRETTY STRONG TEAM, WE HAVE WON A LOT IN THE PAST
DAISEY KREIKMEIER
(10)

BIG & LITTLE DUOS



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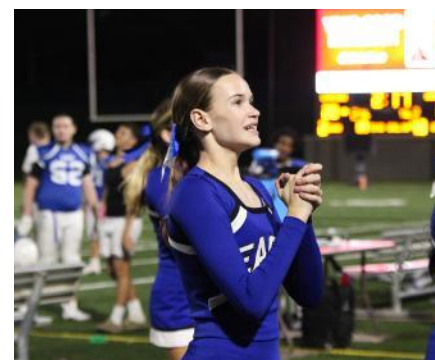


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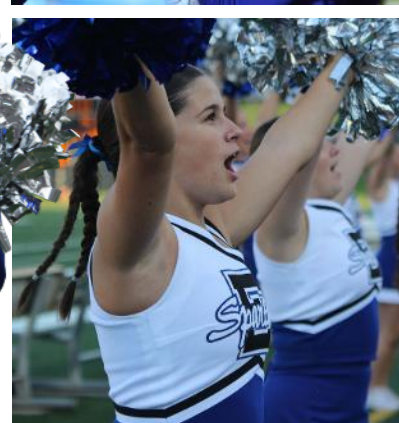
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GUESS WHO'S BACK



Blue and white!

Representing the new colors as a Spartan, **Avery Phillips** (9) yells loud and proud out to the crowd. As a freshman, Phillips had a whirlwind of new information flying at her, but cheer became her built-in second family, and a new group she could count on. "I love the crowd and being with my friends. The coaches are good to talk with," said Phillips. *Photo Bella Brown*



Spartans, let's fight! JV cheerleader **Isabelle Schubert** (11) hypes up the crowd from the football sidelines, cheering loud and proud for the Spartans. Schubert is a multi-sport athlete, and outside of the sidelines she's on the ice playing hockey. "I love being able to do so many different things, like cheer at football games. Then, playing hockey and cheer at basketball and volleyball," said Schubert. *Photo Bella Brown*

Fight fight fight! Pompoms shake and the crowd waves while **Abigail Collett** (9) spreads spirit on the sidelines. Collett has found best friends and gained lots of confidence from this season with the help of her coaches and upperclassmen on other squads. "Even though we are the younger squad, everyone's really inclusive with us," said Collett. *Photo Bella Brown*



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Their voices rang out in perfect unison towards the crowd, cheering on their fellow classmates. The cheer chants rose above the thrill of the game. Junior varsity, reserve, and freshman cheer teams were thrilled to have another spectacular year. This season was made easier with a larger population of cheerleaders compared to previous years. Last year, due to lack of freshman cheerleaders trying out, East's cheer program was unable to fill a freshman roster. "There's enough for all four teams this year, so that's new and it's really cool," said **Leisel Bird** (9). The team made a return this year with the help of their new freshmen head coach and East alum, **Brynlee Sharpe**. "Having a freshman team this year has been a blessing in disguise," said Sharpe. "It's made our all-squad team bigger and that has led to making bigger dances and more variety in our dances and lines." With the increased tryout rate of freshman cheerleaders, they helped relieve the struggles from the previous season. Unknown to many, last year the reserve cheer team had to work double time to support the freshman and reserve teams of other sports. "It was very difficult (last year) because reserve had to do both freshman and reserve games," said **Daisey Kriekmeier** (10). "So for basketball, it meant we were doing four games in a row instead of two." Four games in a row was a lot to handle, and constant dedication was required. Fortunately, that task was able to be divided up between the

two teams this year. East's Cheer Program came together with all levels, from freshman to varsity, to host fundraisers to raise money for their supplies. From selling yard signs to hosting tailgates, they were hard at work to raise money. Many Spartan cheerleaders volunteered to spend their day motivating the runners at the Good Life Halfsy run while receiving donations. Between their busy cheer schedule and fundraisers, they still made time to help out the community. "We hosted a pajama party for parents to drop off their kids so they can shop for Christmas gifts," said **Evie Olivera** (11). This type of community service is part of what made East Cheer so special. Their ability to establish relationships and grow together made participating in cheer worthwhile. Along with the new freshmen, Lincoln East Cheer welcomed three new coaches. All three freshmen, reserve, and JV coaches were cheerleaders in high school. Their bond allowed them to grow the cheer program using their previous experiences. Coach Sharpe and the reserve coach, **Bri Hoyle**, even cheered together at East during the same time. They were both on the East cheer competition team that attended various competitions during their high school careers. Unlike many other activities at East, the cheer competition team allowed any cheerleader to try out across all levels. With this influence, East's Cheer program allowed all the teams to become more connected overall.

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