

Fan-tastic

"I feel that a cheerleader needs to be the players' biggest fan in order to be a good cheerleader," commented varsity football cheerleader **Brittany Lautner**.

Cheerleaders are an important part of a good sports team. They keep the team and players up for the big game. **Will Pearson** commented, "As a football player, I felt cheerleaders helped boost our team spirits." Most people think cheerleaders just cheer at the sporting event, but they do more than you think. They hang signs on the locker, and make the team members cookies. They also hold pep assemblies for big events. Pep assemblies can be a lot of fun. For example, there was a memorable one when the cheerleaders gave the football players each a number and if they called your number you were supposed to run and get in the bag the cheerleader was holding. They gave the same number to all the football players and **Jill Cermak** got tackled by all of them. **Jill** reflected, "It wasn't for **Kevin Fabus**, I would have had the whole football team piled on top of me."

During basketball season, the cheerleaders had a "Shoot For the Sky, Miss and Get a Pie" event. Anyone could buy a player, and if the player missed the shot, the thrower got a pie in his or her face. If the player made it, he got to throw it in the buyer's face. **Aaron Schulz** was the only one to get to throw a pie in the buyer's face. **Aaron** said, "I knew it right from the start, I was going to make it."

So the next time you think of a cheerleader as loud and annoying, think of them as a vital part of the team. They do a lot more for the team than just cheer. Give them a lot of credit for the good season this year in football and in basketball.

- James Polash

READY... SET Samantha Phillips, Megan Diffin, and Ashleigh Kaufmann do a cheerleading stunt.



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VARSITY FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS
 Front row: Katie Beck, Sara Turner, Chelsie Long, Brittany Lautner, Jill Cermak, Angie

Simone Back row: Annette Cermak, Coach Dawn Landis, Luann Cermak.