



TEAM SHELTON

MPCS Mascot - Shelton the Eagle

Mascot Team Tryouts, Expectations, and Lettering Requirements

Shelton, the MPC Eagle mascot, promotes the school in a positive way and encourages school spirit! He is the face of advancing the school and provides a sense of belonging for the MPCS family. The mascot brings pride and unity to alumni, students, and MPCS community members with charisma and cheer.

Shelton Team members will receive a MPC athletic LETTER for full participation on the team.

Mascot Purpose:

- To promote and uphold loyal school spirit throughout the year.
- To encourage good sportsmanship among students.
- To provide a warm welcome to visiting schools and fans.
- To represent the school as a positive role model and leader.
- To represent the school at sanctioned sporting events, school activities, admissions events, advancement events, school events, etc.
- To engage the students and fans at school events

Mascot Tryout Requirements: Date to occur each fall for the following school year

- **Interview Question(s) – 25% of Tryout**
- **SIMPLE cheer routine - 25% of Tryout** (you will be taught a very simple cheer and you will perform it in the costume)
- **One Minute Skit of your choice with or without music - 50% of Tryout** (Each participant will have 1 minute to show their personality, crowd involvement, dance/cheerleading skills. When creating your routine, try to show your personality as Shelton. Be fun and full of spirit. Keep your routine clean, appropriate, and fun. Please make sure any music you use is clean and appropriate. You can bring your own props, or cheer coaches have props each participant is able to use as well: signs (Go, Fight, Win, Red, Blue, White, Perry), megaphone, and poms.
- **Confirm uniform fit.** There are certain size requirements necessary due to costume restrictions. Students must be 5'4 – 6'2 in height and able to fit the mascot head, shoes, etc. Students should arrive in athletic attire and will use the costume for tryout.
- **Evaluated on** creativity, tactful mimicking, identity, use of props, crowd involvement skills, school spirit, improvisation, body language as method of communication

Expectations:

- Commit to program for the entire school year
- Must attend training clinic after school with cheerleaders to learn a few easy moves - date TBD once Team Shelton is announced and we can see what availability everyone has to meet
- Must attend one cheer practice a month
- Must be able to commit to a minimum number of appearances per semester, as outlined below (e.g. athletic games, school hours events, admission events). Students will be able to choose from available dates via a SignUp Genius.
- Must serve as both Shelton and a mascot handler a minimum number of times
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student at Mount Paran Christian School and must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Must be accountable, timely, and responsible with consistent attendance and communication. If you are unable to make your time commitment for any reason, you need to first try to find a replacement before contacting the supervisor for help. Students who consistently do not fulfill their obligations may be removed from the program and will not earn the letter.
- Enjoy interacting in a positive and appropriate manner with large crowds, especially small children
- May be required to learn a cheer, chant, and/or simple cheer dance to be able to work with the cheer squad when necessary

Player pack:

- There is a \$40 player pack per child to be Shelton and includes a "Team Shelton" t-shirt and sweatshirt. The mascot costume is on loan for the job (it must be "checked out" for each appearance and then returned immediately after - no student will be allowed to take it home). The mascot costume is dry cleaned professionally once a year and gets a lysol and air-ing out treatment after every use. Shorts, t-shirt, and socks are required to be worn underneath the costume. Great care must be taken with this custom-made costume.

Handlers only:

- A Team Shelton handler will also be assigned at each event where Shelton appears.
- Additionally, outside handlers not affiliated with Team Shelton may receive service hours for their time but will not letter on the team.

Lettering:

*In order to receive an official varsity athletics letter, students must meet the following requirements, in addition to fulfilling the expectations outlined above. ***Lettering is optional - and you can still be Shelton and not wish to letter.***

- The student must complete the entire school year, fulfilling all assigned responsibilities, and must serve as both Shelton and a handler a certain number of times as outlined below.
- The student must participate in team meeting opportunities to learn about collegiate and professional sports mascots from former alumni and friends who mascotted in college or as part of their career (there are college mascot scholarships!).
- A review of individual student performance shall occur before Spring Break to determine if a mascot is eligible for letters, awards, and recognition.
- The student mascot must be in good standing, while meeting participation requirements at events as outlined below.
- The student must maintain their anonymous persona and adhere to the code of mascot conduct while in costume.
- Team Shelton students must adhere to the school and athletics handbook standards. A student who is on probation, suspended, removed, or quit will not receive a letter.
- The student must sign up and work the following number of appearances:
 - **Athletic Events:** Work as Shelton (and sometimes handler) a minimum of 2 varsity football games, 2 varsity basketball games, and 3 additional athletic events (e.g. another sporting event, with approval; homecoming parade; pep rally; tailgate); minimum 2-hour time commitment each event
 - **Admission/Advancement/Other Events:** Work a minimum of 2 admission or advancement events (e.g. Open House, Campus Preview, Culture Fest, Family Christmas); minimum 30-minute time commitment each event
 - **Community Events:** In place of one of the required slots above, students may opt to work 1 community event during the year (e.g. Oregon Park Opening Day, special photo shoot/events), if approved by the Mascot Supervisor.

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