

Panther Paws Dance Team 2019-2020

Varsity and Junior Varsity Try-Out and Clinic Information

We are excited about your interest in auditioning for the Panther Paws Varsity and Junior Varsity dance teams! This packet contains all the information you need to know in order to audition for both teams. Please read this paper and all papers included in this packet carefully as there is a lot of important information that will help you in preparing for the try-out process!!

Mandatory Try-Out Meeting

Monday, April 15th @ 6:00 pm in the PHS Cafeteria

(Each candidate and one parent must be in attendance to be eligible to try-out)

Try-Out Clinic

When: Monday, April 22nd through Thursday, April 25th

Time: Monday, 4:00-6:00pm and Tuesday-Thursday, 4:45 - 6:30pm

Where: PHS Dance Studio or PHS Men's PE Gym

Clinic Attire: Dance tights with spandex shorts / tight fitting shorts or jazz pants and an appropriate tight fitting top. Dance shoes of choice (jazz shoes, tiger paws, turning shoes) or bare feet. No socks!! Please make sure that spandex shorts cover your bottom completely and do not ride up.

Candidates must attend each day of clinic unless otherwise approved by the directors **prior to the start of clinic. Failure to attend will result in a candidate being ineligible to try-out.*

Panther Paws JV and Varsity Try-Outs

When: Friday, April 26th and Saturday, April 27th

Time: We will start at 4:45pm on Friday (This will be the check-in time for the first two groups to try-out. Candidates will receive their numbers when they arrive at their designated time. The try-out is set to start at 5:00pm on Friday)

We will start at 8:00am on Saturday (This will be the report time for all groups)

***Attire:** Candidates are to wear all black! Black spandex shorts, a tight fitting all black tank (must have a black sports bra underneath) or a tight fitting all black, cap sleeve t-shirt, and jazz shoes, dance paws or bare feet. NO socks are allowed in try-outs! Shorts need to completely cover your bottom and not ride up when you are dancing. You may wear dance tights with your spandex and should wear tights if your shorts are shorter than a 3 inch in-seam.*

Try-Out Process:

The try-out will take place over a two day period. By doing this, we are able to shorten the process, give our candidates trying out two separate chances to impress the judges and give the judges two different opportunities to evaluate each candidate.

The first part of the try-outs will be on Friday and candidates will perform material learned during clinic at this time. The second part of the try-outs will be on Saturday, in which the candidates will learn two different dance combinations on the spot and then perform those combinations “audition style” in front of the judges. They will also improv for the judges at this time.

During the clinics, each candidate will be learning one dance, a kick sequence and the required technical skill sequences. They will show all of this to the judges on Friday and may be asked to show them again on Saturday. We will further explain this process at the try-out meeting.

We will be offering an on-line video that will teach the required technical skill sequences. This includes the turn and leap sequences they must show to the judges. We will teach the dance at the clinics only but we will allow candidates to video for reference at home. You will receive information on where to find the video once you have turned in your try-out application and the \$15 application fee.

Forms Due at Mandatory Meeting

All Forms in this packet are due at the mandatory try-out meeting so please bring them with you when you come. We will also be collecting a \$15 application fee for try-outs which will be used to pay for our judges. There is no need to turn in forms prior to the meeting. Failure to turn in the following forms at the beginning of the meeting will result in a candidate being ineligible to participate in the try-out clinic or possibly try-out for either team:

- *Application with picture (headshot, please no selfies)*
- *\$15 Application Fee*
- *Participation Agreement*
- *Medical Release*
- *Copy of 5th six-weeks report card*
 - *You must bring a copy of your report card from the 5th six week grading period to the try-out meeting. In order to try-out, you must be eligible which means you must have passed all classes. Report cards can be printed through your den or can be printed off of parent portal.*

The following forms are due on the date specified:

- *Constitution Contract (Due at the start of clinic Monday, April 22nd or turn in after try-out meeting)*
- *5 Teacher Evaluations (Due by Wednesday, April 24th)*
 - *You are required to have five teacher evaluations however, these forms are not due until the Wednesday prior to try-outs (April 24th). If we do not have five evaluations then you will receive a score of "o" for each missing evaluation. This can greatly impact your overall score so please make sure you get these done. Please have teacher's send them to Coach Carter or Coach Kruse-Garza through enter-office mail or you may bring them to us in a sealed envelope. We have included the evaluation sheets within this packet.*

NOTE: Failure to turn in forms on time will result in a 1 point deduction off a candidate's final overall score. (per form)

Announcement of Teams

We will announce the 2019-2020 teams on the Panther Paw website the evening of Saturday, April 27th after 8:00pm . Simply go to www.permianpantherpaws.com and the lists for each team will be on the website. All new team members will need to report to the PHS dance studio on Monday, April 29th at 4:45pm. This will be a time for the girls to get to meet one another and spend some time together. Immediately following the team time we will have a new team reception/meeting the same day (Monday, April 29th) beginning at 6:00pm in the PHS Cafeteria. Every dancer and one parent

must be in attendance for this meeting. Failure to attend the meeting or team time will result in that dancer forfeiting her spot on the team. During this meeting we will be going over the constitution in detail as well as informing you of other important information. Each team member must pay a \$300 deposit so that we can begin ordering uniforms for the year. This must be paid at the meeting or your dancer will be moved to an alternate status and no uniforms will be ordered at our uniform fitting.

New Team Expectation for remainder of 2018-2019 school year

All new team members will be required to attend the following practices to begin preparation for the 2019-2020 school year. Practices are mandatory unless otherwise approved by the directors prior to the beginning of the try-out clinic. Failure to approve absences prior to try-outs will result in an unexcused absence and constitution rules will apply.

Practices will begin promptly at 4:30pm and end at either 6:00pm or 6:15pm each day. These practices will be essential in preparing new team members to master their summer contracts!! Those coming from Junior Highs will need to get here as quickly as possible.

Junior Varsity

Tuesday, 4/30 (4:30-6:15pm)

Tuesday, 5/7 (4:30-6:15pm)

Thursday, 5/9 (4:30-6:15pm)

Tuesday, 5/14 (4:30-6:15pm)

Varsity

Wednesday, 5/1 (4:30-6:00pm)

Monday, 5/6 (5:00-8:00pm) -
Special workshop

Wednesday, 5/8 (4:30-6:00pm)

Monday, 5/13 (4:30-6:15pm)

Wednesday 5/15 (4:30-6:00pm)

Thursday 5/16 (4:30-6:15pm)

We will have uniform fittings for both teams on Monday, May 6th. Varsity will start as soon as school gets out and JV will start at 5:15pm.

Important Reminders/Notes:

- Should you be selected as a member of the 2019 - 2020 Panthers Paws Dance Team Varsity or JV, you and one parent must be in attendance at the New Team meeting on Monday, April 29th at 6:00pm in the PHS

Cafeteria. We will be covering a lot of essential material during this meeting as well as going over order forms and collecting your \$300 deposit. So it is very important to be present! Failure to attend could result in removal from the team (unless otherwise discussed with the director).

- There will also be a parent/booster meeting and a **mandatory parent/team meeting** to discuss summer fundraisers on **Monday, May 13th at 6:00pm in the PHS Cafeteria.** Each student and one parent must be in attendance for the parent/team meeting. We will also be discussing the amounts each dancer is expected to fundraise or pay throughout the year to attend competition and any other trips. We strongly encourage every parent to be a member of booster club so that you have the tools and knowledge to be successful in your fundraising for competition. We will discuss this in more detail at the new team meeting.
- **Monday, May 6th** - Uniform fitting (Varsity will be 3:30 - 5:15pm and JV will be 5:15-6:30). Both teams will be getting fitted for uniforms at this time so it is necessary for everyone to be in attendance. Once you have been measured and have tried on uniforms, you will be free to leave.
- **Poster and Calendar Pictures** - We will need to take team pictures before we leave for summer so that we can get posters and calendars ready over the summer break. We will discuss date and time options at the new team meeting.
- **Summer Requirements** - Individuals that make either Varsity or JV will be receiving a summer contract that must be met before returning for summer camp. There will be opportunities for you to take dance classes over the summer that will help you in being successful. These are not mandatory but it is highly encouraged that you attend so you are improving continuously and do not lose skills over the summer break. It is mandatory that you meet your summer contracts by the time we come back for the first day of camp. We will further discuss summer contracts at the new team meeting.