

Panther Paws Dance Team 2022-2023

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

Wednesday, April 20th @ 6:00 pm in the Permian Cafeteria.

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

Try-Out Clinic

When: Monday, April 25th through Thursday, April 28th

Time: Monday - Thursday, 4:45-6:30 pm

Where: PHS Dance Studio or PHS Women's Gym

Clinic Attire: Dance tights with spandex shorts (no leggings) and an appropriate tight fitting top. Spandex shorts may be worn without tights if the inseam of the short is 3 inches or longer. 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.

**Clinic and Try-outs will be in-person. There is no virtual option as dancers who make a team must attend all practices in person.*

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

Panther Paws JV and Varsity Try-Outs

When: Friday, April 29th and Saturday, April 30th

Time: We will start at 5:00 pm 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 first group is set to start at 5:15pm 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 with 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 papers at the tryout meeting and the \$15 application fee.

Forms Due at Mandatory Meeting

This year, the try-out application will be online and must be filled out prior to the try-out meeting. Due at the meeting, will be the student's headshot, report card, and any forms given at the meeting. We will also be collecting a \$15 application fee for try-outs which will be used to pay for our judges. 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 (google form) - will check for this at the meeting
- Picture (headshot, please no selfies)
- \$15 Application Fee
- 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 (Pre AP and AP classes do not count toward eligibility). 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 25th or turn in at the end of the try-out meeting**)
- 5 Teacher Evaluations (Due by Wednesday, April 27th)
 - You are required to have five teacher evaluations however, these forms are not due until the Wednesday prior to try-out. If we do not have five evaluations then you will receive a score of "0" for each missing evaluation. This can greatly impact your overall score so please make sure you get these done. Please have teacher's scan the OR code in this packet to access the teacher evaluation.

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 2022-2023 teams on the Panther Paw website on Saturday, April 30th. Simply go to www.permianpantherpaws.com and the lists for each team will be on the website. We do not have a specific time for posting but will send out a message in the try-out band when we have posted.

All new team members will need to report to the **PHS dance studio on Monday, May 2nd at 4:45 pm**. This will be a time for the girls to get to meet one another and spend some time together, in-person. Immediately following the team time,

we will have a new team reception/meeting the same day **(Monday, May 2nd) beginning at 6:00pm in the Permian Cafeteria.** Every dancer and one parent must be in attendance for this in-person 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 2021-2022 school year

All new team members will be required to attend the following practices to begin preparation for the 2022-2023 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. Dancers are expected to make accommodations to attend all practices.

Practices will begin promptly at 4:30pm and end at 6:00pm each day. These practices will be essential in preparing new team members to master their summer contracts and prepare for next year's football season!! Those coming from Junior Highs will need to get here as quickly as possible but should be able to make it by 4:30pm.

Junior Varsity

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

Wednesday, 5/11 (4:30-6:00pm)

Monday, 5/16 (4:30-6:00pm)

Wednesday 5/18 (4:30-6:00pm)

Varsity

Tuesday, 5/3 (4:30-6:00pm)

Monday, 5/9 (4:30-6:00pm)

Tuesday, 5/10 (4:30-6:00pm)

Tuesday, 5/17 (4:30-6:00pm)

Thursday, 5/19 (4:30-6:00pm)

We will have uniform fittings for both teams on Wednesday, May 4th.

Varsity will have their fitting from 4-5:30 pm

JV will have their fitting from 5:30-7:00pm.

This is the only day for the fitting so it is absolutely necessary for everyone to be in attendance.

Important Reminders/Notes:

- Should you be selected as a member of the 2022 - 2023 Panthers Paws Dance Team Varsity or JV, you and one parent **must** be in attendance at the New Team meeting on **Monday, May 2nd at 6:00 pm in the Permian 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 booster meeting and a **mandatory in-person parent/team meeting** to discuss summer fundraisers on **Monday, May 9th at 6:00 pm in the Permian Cafeteria.** Each student and one parent **must** be in attendance for the 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.
- 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 but you will need to have the following dates available:
 - Saturday, May 7th
 - Saturday, May 14th
 - Thursday, May 26th
- 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.