

## Panther Pride/JV Drill Team Tryouts 2021

If you feel that you would make a good Drill Team Hopeful, please read all the information in the tryout packet and Constitution. It is crucial that you meet all the deadlines for attendance and forms, or you will not be allowed to tryout. Forms to be returned include the Student Tryout Application, Tryout Permission Slip, and the Constitution Signature Page. All events and times are posted below. If you have any questions about the information contained in this packet, please contact the LHS Student Activities Principal or the Drill Team Office.

**LHS Student Activities 633-6131, LHS Drill Team Office 630-4160**

**To Join the Lufkin Drill Team Tryout 2021 Remind group text @lufkind to 81010. To join the google classroom, students will login using their school account. Enter Code: lit64pt**

### **Panther Pride Important Tryout Dates:**

March 26 – Tryout Forms due to Mr. Ty Cauthen in LHS Room S115 by 4:00pm

March 26- Report Card number three grades will be checked; discipline referrals will be checked as well. Ineligible candidates will be notified prior to the first clinic.

April 8 - Tryout Clinic, LHS Purple Gym 4:00-5:30pm

April 22 -Tryout Clinic, LHS Purple Gym 4:00-6:30pm

April 23 -Panther Pride Line Tryouts Purple Gym 5:00pm

### **The following tentative dates are for girls that make Panther Pride:**

April 26-Meeting in LHS Drill Team Room 4-5pm

May 3 -Scholarship Application due to Mr. Ty Cauthen at LHS Room S115 by 4:00pm

May 3-\$200 deposit due to Drill Team Room

May 20 -Second payment due to LHS Drill Team Room

\*All required physicals and athletic paperwork must be on file prior to May 26

ALL AUGUST DATES LISTED ARE TENTATIVE AND WILL BE CONFIRMED PRIOR TO THE START OF SUMMER

August 5, 6, 9- PP Line Camp at LHS 8am to 5pm

August 9-Final payment due to LHS Drill Team Room

August 10, 11-Work day 7:30am-10 at LHS

## **JV Drill Important Tryout Dates:**

March 26 -Tryout Forms due to Mr. Whisenant's office at LMS or to Mr. Ty Cauthen at LHS Room S115 by 4:00pm

March 26- Report Card number three grades will be checked; discipline referrals will be checked as well, ineligible candidates will be notified prior to the first clinic.

April 6 -Tryout Clinic, LHS Cafeteria 4:15-5:30pm

April 19, 20, 21-Tryout Clinics, LHS Purple Gym 4:15-5:30pm

April 24 -JV Drill Team Tryouts Purple Gym, approximately 1:00pm

\*All required physicals and athletic paperwork must be on file prior to May 26

## **The following tentative dates are for the girls that make the team:**

April 27-Uniform fitting 4-6pm in LHS Drill Team Room

May 3 - Scholarship Applications due by 4:00pm to Mr. Ty Cauthen LHS Room S115 by 4:00pm or to Mr. Whisenant's office at LMS

May 3 - \$300 deposit due

ALL AUGUST DATES LISTED ARE TENTATIVE AND WILL BE CONFIRMED PRIOR TO THE START OF SUMMER

August 3-Second/Final Payment Due

August 3, 4, 5- JV Line Camp 5:30-8:30pm at LHS

August 10, 11- Work days 10am-12pm at LHS

## **COVID**

If the student is sent home due to covid guidelines:

1. The director must be notified ASAP to make a plan for that individual student based on their covid timeline and following the guidelines.
2. The student must be a member of the google classroom
3. The student is responsible for learning their materials from the google classroom and online submissions.

## **What is Panther Pride and JV Drill?**

Panther Pride is a spirit organization at LHS. Its goal is to support the student body and promote school spirit. Panther Pride members also serve as school ambassadors within our community. Panther Pride is the varsity level drill team at LHS while JV Drill is the junior varsity team.

## **What will I be involved in as a member?**

As a member you will perform at football and basketball games as well as make appearances at volleyball, baseball, and soccer games. Participation is also required in pep rallies, parades, competitions, Christmas Spectacular, and Spring Show. You may also participate in numerous fundraisers, volunteer work, and community service. The above listed items are examples and you may be asked to perform additional duties.

Panther Pride will start the first week of August with Little Drill week followed by Line Camp and Work Week. JV Drill will also start in August with Line Camp and Work Week prior to school starting.

## **What are the hours that membership requires?**

Panther Pride and JV Drill work very hard throughout the year and there is no off-season. It is a multiple season sport with ZERO downtime.

**Panther Pride:** Practices start before school and continue through first period each morning. Practices are also held two days a week after school. Extra practices are scheduled the week before Christmas Spectacular and Spring Show. The team requires a large time commitment and if you work outside of school, your schedule must adhere to ours.

**JV Drill:** Practices are held during second period class time as well as one day after school. Extra practices are scheduled the week before Christmas Spectacular and Spring Show.

**You are responsible for Panther Pride and JV Drill activities before any other school related activities and participation in other related activities requires prior approval.**

### **What are the costs involved?**

Panther Pride and JV Drill members are responsible for purchasing items such as practice clothes, shoes, bags, team shirts and warm ups, poms, camp fees, competition fees, as well as Christmas Spectacular and Spring Show fees. The initial cost may run up to \$1,000 for Panther Pride and \$650 for JV Drill. However, much of this cost can be curtailed through fundraising with the Pride Providers Booster Club. LISD offers a scholarship program for those who qualify. Payments will be divided into two or three installments. Any member failing to complete payments will not be issued uniforms and will not be allowed to remain on the team. Fundraisers are offered and every effort is made to keep costs down.

### **Who may tryout?**

Panther Pride tryouts are open to any 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade students currently enrolled and attending school at LHS.

JV Drill tryouts are open to any 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade students currently enrolled and attending school at LMS or LHS.

### **Are there any additional guidelines for eligible students?**

Students must be passing ALL classes with a 70 or above in order to attend the after school clinics and tryouts. A grade waiver will not be given for tryouts. Report Card number three will determine eligibility. In addition, eligible students may NOT have more than two discipline referrals. After Parent/Guardian Agreement Forms and Applications are turned in, grades and discipline referrals will be checked. Ineligible students will be notified prior to the first tryout clinic.

### **If selected, are members on the team expected to follow any special rules above and beyond the Student Code of Conduct?**

Yes! Panther Pride and JV Drill follow a Code of Conduct and Constitution. The parent and student must agree to and sign the Code of Conduct and Constitution in order to tryout and be on the team.

### Tryout Clinics

-Hopefuls will be divided into groups of 3 or 4 and will be provided with a current senior member or Panther Pride member as their advisor and mentor. These ladies shall critique fairly and help the hopefuls in any way possible. They are not required to work with candidates beyond the afternoon training period.

-The directors, current officers and/or current Panther Pride members will be responsible for teaching the tryout routines and preparing each candidate in kick technique, jazz technique, and showmanship. The director will ultimately be responsible for the supervision of each candidate.

-Dance attire is required for the tryout clinics. Leggings, tank top, and jazz shoes are recommended. No midriffs may show and no boy shorts are allowed. Hair needs to be pulled up into a ponytail. No jewelry and no chewing gum.

-Hopefuls must be well behaved during the clinic and should respond with “yes ma’am” and “no ma’am” to ensure that we know you are understanding the material that is being taught.

-During the tryout clinics, the hopefuls will be working on the following areas:

- high kick

- dance technique

- rhythm

- precision and sharpness

- poise and posture

- personal presentation and showmanship

-JV Hopefuls will be taught a High Kick Combination, a Technique Combination and a Jazz Routine. Panther Pride Hopefuls will be taught a High Kick Combination, a Pom combination, and a Jazz Routine.

Mandatory clinic dates: Please refer to the front page of the handout for times and locations:

JV Drill April 6, 19, 20, 21

Panther Pride April 8, 22

-Hopefuls may be excused from a mandatory clinic if they have an excused absence from school on the same day. There will be no make-up clinic times.

## **Tryout Information**

Panther Pride Tryouts will be Friday, April 23 at 5:00pm.

JV Drill Tryouts will be Saturday, April 24 following Panther Pride Officer Tryouts at approximately 1:00pm.

**NO Parents or Friends are allowed in the building during tryouts!**

- Hopefuls shall have Parent/Guardian Agreement form, tryout application, and constitution signature page completed and turned in by March 26 at 4:00pm. NO late applications will be accepted. Hopefuls will have passed the grade and discipline referral check.
- Hopefuls will have attended all mandatory tryout clinics.
- Hopefuls will wear all black dance attire such as black jazz pants or leggings, black leotard or black tank top, black jazz shoes, black socks, and hair in a ponytail. Hopefuls will also wear a white hair bow.
- Hopefuls will wear a number for judging purposes to ensure impartiality. Numbers will be provided for each hopeful.
- Hopefuls will tryout in groups of three or four. They will perform a kick combination, and a jazz routine. JV Hopefuls will also perform a technique combination while Panther Pride Hopefuls will also perform a pom combination.
- Hopefuls must be present for tryouts, no video submissions will be allowed.
- The judges shall be selected in advance and approved by an administrator.
- The director will have the authority to make decisions upon ties and inadequate breaks in number scores.
- Tryouts are closed to the public. The directors and an administrator will be present during tryouts.
- Judges may feel the need to have callbacks in which they will request to see certain hopefuls again.
- There is no set number of hopefuls who can make the team, however it is dependent on scores and the breaks in scores.
- Results will be posted on the LISD website by tryout number. The judge's decisions are final and are not grounds for the formal grievance process.
- Current members of JV Drill, in good standing, that do not make Panther Pride may return to JV Drill provided they are not a senior. Candidates that are not current JV Drill members, that do not make Panther Pride, but receive a high enough score MAY be offered a spot on JV Drill. Judges' Scores carry 100% of the points! Please see attached score sheet.

## **PANTHER PRIDE/JV DRILL TEAM TRYOUT KICK COMBINATION**

2 8-COUNTS OF PRACTICE KICKS (STEP L, KICK R, WALK, WALK, STEP R, KICK L, WALK, WALK)

2 8-COUNTS OF STRAIGHT KICKS, CLOSING ON 7 OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> 8-COUNT

1 8-COUNT OF R AROUND THE WORLD, CLOSE ON 7 (R LEG KICKS TO L DIAGONAL, CENTER AND THEN R DIAGONAL)

1 8-COUNT OF L AROUND THE WORLD, CLOSE ON 7 (SAME WITH LEFT LEG)

1 8-COUNT OF FANS ON R, NO TRAVELING, CLOSE ON 7

1 8-COUNT OF FANS ON L, NO TRAVELING, CLOSE ON 7

2 8-COUNTS OF GRADUATED KICKS, CLOSING ON 7 OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> 8 COUNT

1 RIGHT ARMS CLOSE 1,2 SPLIT PREPARE 3,4 SPLIT 5,6 HOLD 7,8.....

DIRECTOR WILL INSTRUCT YOU TO GET UP -  
RECOVER 5,6,7,8

THEN YOU GO TO...

Z SIT 1,2

KNEE 3,4

STAND 5,6

HOLD 7,8

\*FAN KICKS - VARSITY WILL BE JUMP FANS AND JR. VARSITY WILL BE PRACTICE FANS

### Technique combination for JV Drill:

Step kick right (1,2)

Prep (3,4), single pirouette turn (5,6), jump out and clean (7,8)

Chaine turn right (1,2)

Chasse (3,4) step jete to ground (5,6,7,8) recover to front (1)

**LHS JV DRILL TEAM AUDITION SCORE SHEET**

**CANDIDATE #** \_\_\_\_\_ **JUDGE #** \_\_\_\_\_ **JUDGE INITIALS** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCORING:** 5= EXCELLENT 4=ABOVE AVG. 3=AVERAGE 2=BELOW AVG. 1= POOR 0=NO ATTEMPT

	<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
<b>KICK - MEMORY/TIMING</b>		
<b>KICK - HEIGHT/TECHNIQUE</b>		
<b>SPLITS - RIGHT</b>		
<b>TECHNIQUE COMBO</b>		
<b>JAZZ DANCE MEMORY</b>		
<b>JAZZ DANCE TECHNIQUE</b>		
<b>JAZZ DANCE - RHYTHM AND COORDINATION</b>		
<b>OVERALL IMPRESSION (KICK AND JAZZ ABILITY)</b>		
<b>OVERALL SHOWMANSHIP</b>		
<b>OVERALL IMPRESSION</b>		
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>		

**LHS 2021 PANTHER PRIDE DRILL TEAM AUDITION SCORE SHEET**

**CANDIDATE #** \_\_\_\_\_ **JUDGE #** \_\_\_\_\_ **JUDGE INITIALS** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCORING:** 5= *EXCELLENT* 4=*ABOVE AVG.* 3=*AVERAGE* 2=*BELOW AVG.* 1=*POOR* 0=*NO ATTEMPT*

	<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
<b>KICK - MEMORY/TIMING</b>		
<b>KICK - HEIGHT/TECHNIQUE</b>		
<b>SPLITS - RIGHT</b>		
<b>POM COMBINATION MEMORY</b>		
<b>POM COMBINATION TECHNIQUE</b>		
<b>JAZZ DANCE MEMORY</b>		
<b>JAZZ DANCE TECHNIQUE</b>		
<b>JAZZ DANCE - RHYTHM AND COORDINATION</b>		
<b>OVERALL IMPRESSION (KICK &amp; JAZZ ABILITY)</b>		
<b>OVERALL SHOWMANSHIP AND IMPRESSION</b>		
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>		

## **Lufkin High School Drill Team Tryout Permission Slip**

My daughter, \_\_\_\_\_ ID \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to attend Panther Pride Drill Team tryout clinics on April 8, and April 22, 2021. Tryouts are on Friday, April 23, 2021. JV Drill Tryout Clinics will be April 6 and April 19, 20, 21 2021. Tryout date is April 24, 2021.

I hereby authorize the director/trainer and or administrators to act in my behalf to provide emergency medical treatment and to make all decisions regarding transport and treatment for my child in the event I cannot be contacted. I further release the director and LISD of all liabilities insofar as standard procedures are followed in dealing with my child.

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relative/friend to contact in case of emergency:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Known allergies/sensitivities: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications taken on a regular basis: \_\_\_\_\_

Known health problems: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DUE March 26, 2021 BY 4:00PM**

**RETURN TO Mr. Cauthen's OFFICE S115 at LHS**

**Danny Whisenant-LMS Front Office**

# Student Tryout Application

**Please circle the correct team for which you are trying out:**

• **Panther Pride Applicant**

• **JV Drill Applicant**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and fully understand the rules, regulations, and penalties set forth in this tryout packet and the Panther Pride/JV Drill Constitution. I understand that failure to abide by these rules and regulations will result in failure to tryout or dismissal from the team. I agree to support and abide by this Constitution as a student and as a parent/guardian of a LISD Panther Pride/JV Drill member.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (or guardian)

Mother's Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (or guardian)

Father's Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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LMS FRONT OFFICE Danny Whisenant

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GRADES \_\_\_\_\_

DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

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## Code of Conduct/Constitution Signature Page

As a Panther Pride/JV Drill Team member, I shall conduct myself in such a manner as to be a credit to the organization and school at all times. I will know and abide by the Constitution and Code of Conduct set forth in this handout. I will uphold the traditions and I will do everything in my power to promote drill team as a respectable and hardworking organization, as well as its members, activities and interests.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Panther Pride/JV Drill Code of Conduct and Constitution. I have discussed the rules and regulations of the Panther Pride/JV Drill organization with my daughter or legal dependent. I understand and agree to assist her in meeting all the requirements in association with the organization, as well as realize the disciplinary actions that may be taken upon my child or legal dependent should she fail to meet these requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DUE: March 26, 2021 BY 4:00PM**

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LMS FRONT OFFICE Danny Whisenant