

Panther Pride/JV Drill Team Tryouts 2018

If you feel you would make a good drill team or JV Drill Hopeful, be sure you and your parents carefully read **ALL** the contents of this packet as well as the Drill Team Constitution. It is crucial that you meet all the deadlines for attendance and forms, or you will not be allowed to tryout. These events and times are posted below. If you have any questions about the information contained in this packet please contact the LHS Activity Director or the Drill Team Office.

Panther Pride Important Dates:

March 29th - Parent/Guardian Agreement Form, Tryout Application, and constitution signature page are due to Patricia White LHS Room C120 by 4:00pm
April 9th - Tryout Clinic, LHS Purple Gym 4:15-5:30pm
April 26th -Tryout Clinic, LHS Purple Gym 4:15-6:00pm
April 27th -Panther Pride Line Tryouts Purple Gym 5:00pm
May 4th -Scholarship Application due to Patricia White LHS Room C120 by 4:00pm
May 4th -First payment due to LHS Drill Team Room
May 21st -Second payment due to LHS Drill Team Room
August 8th -Final payment due to LHS Drill Team Room

JV Drill Important Dates:

March 29th -Parent/Guardian Agreement Form, Tryout Application, and constitution signature page are due to Mr. Gomez's office at LMS or to Patricia White LHS Room C120 by 4:00pm
April 9th -Tryout Clinic, LHS Cafeteria 4:15-5:30pm
April 23, 24, 25 -Tryout Clinic, LHS Purple Gym 4:15-5:30pm
April 28th -JV Drill Team Tryouts Purple Gym, approximately 1:00pm
May 4th - Scholarship Applications due to Patricia White LHS Room C120 by 4:00pm
May 4th - First Payment Due
August 8th-Second/Final Payment Due

LHS Activity Director 633-7838

LHS Drill Team Office 630-4160

What are 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 \$600 for JV Drill. However, for Panther Pride 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. The initial uniform fee payment dates are listed on the first page of this handout. Any member failing to complete payments will not be issued uniforms and will not be allowed to remain on the team.

Who may tryout?

Panther Pride tryouts are open to any 9th 10th or 11th grade student's currently enrolled and attending school at LHS.

JV Drill tryouts are open to any 8th 9th or 10th grade student's 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. Grades will be checked for eligibility. A grade waiver will not be given for tryouts. 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

-Hopefuls will be taught a High Kick Combination, a Technique Combination and a Jazz Routine

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

April 9th - Panther Pride and JV Drill

April 23, 24, 25- JV Drill

April 26 -Panther Pride

-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 27th at 5:00pm

JV Drill Tryouts will be Saturday April 28th 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 29th 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 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, a technique combination, and a jazz routine.

-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.

-Olympic style scoring will be used with the five judges. The highest and lowest scores will be dropped and the sum of the remaining three judges will be tallied.

-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/TECHNIQUE 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 2ND 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 2ND 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)

Technique combination for Panther Pride:

Step kick right (1,2)

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

High chaine (1,2), low chaine (3,4), calypso/eagle leap (5,6) to ground and seat roll up

LHS 2018 PANTHER PRIDE / 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

| | Score | Comments: |
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| LEAPS AND TURNS COMBO (must have double pirouette turn for Panther Pride) | | |
| JAZZ DANCE MEMORY | | |
| JAZZ DANCE TECHNIQUE | | |
| JAZZ DANCE –RHYTHM AND COORDINATION | | |
| KICK-MEMORY/TIMING | | |
| KICK- HEIGHT/TECHNIQUE | | |
| SPLITS - RIGHT | | |
| OVERALL IMPRESSION (JAZZ & KICK ABILITY) | | |
| OVERALL SHOWMANSHIP | | |
| OVERALL IMPRESSION | | |
| TOTAL SCORE | | |

**Lufkin High School Panther Pride Drill Team and JV Drill
Tryout Permission Slip**

My daughter, _____ ID _____ has my permission to attend Panther Pride Drill Team tryout clinics on April 9, and April 26, 2018. Tryouts are on Friday, April 27, 2018. JV Drill Tryout Clinics will be April 9 and April 23-25, 2018. Tryout date is April 28, 2018.

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 29, 2018 BY 4:00PM
RETURN TO PATRICIA WHITE OFFICE C-120
Jesus Gomez-LMS

Student Information Sheet
*****Please Complete and Return*****

Please check the correct box 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: _____

Grade Level: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____ (or guardian)

Mother's Work: _____

Father's Full Name: _____ (or guardian)

Father's Work: _____

DUE: March 29, 2018 BY 4:00PM

RETURN TO PATRICIA WHITE OFFICE C-120

LMS OFFICE JESUS GOMEZ

LHS OFFICE USE ONLY

GRADES _____

DISCIPLINE _____

ETHNIC _____