

Pantherettes Halftime Dance Team Auditions

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Thank you for your interest in auditioning for the Pantherettes Halftime Dance Team! Please read all of the information in this packet carefully so you will be prepared for the audition process. At the clinics, you will learn one routine and the technique required for tryouts. **Final auditions will be held on Saturday, May 12th in the Dance Room.** It is important that you attend all clinic days. However, if you have any scheduling conflicts, please let one of the coaches know as soon as possible so we can plan for other arrangements. You will learn the result of your audition and receive feedback on Monday, May 15th during a face-to-face meeting with the coaches.

SCHEDULE:

Pre-Audition Meeting (Community Room):

Tuesday, May 1st (6-7 PM)

****Informational meeting for individuals interested in trying out for the halftime and/or competitive dance team for the 2018-2019 school year. This meeting is not mandatory but it is highly encouraged that both dancers and parents attend.****

Audition Clinics (OHS Fieldhouse):

Monday, May 7th (4:30-6:30 PM)

Wednesday, May 9th (4:30-6:30 PM)

Friday, May 11th (4:30-6:30 PM)

Final Audition (OHS Dance Room):

Saturday, May 12th (9 AM start)

Audition times will be assigned during audition clinics

Audition Results Meeting (OHS Dance Room):

Monday, May 14th (3:30 PM start)

Time slots will be assigned during audition clinics

WHAT TO WEAR:

- For Clinics: Clothes you can move in!
 - Jazz pants/leggings, capris, shorts
 - Solid colored tanks, short-sleeved fitted shirts, leotards – no writing
 - Jazz shoes or gym shoes
 - No bare midriffs, no baggy clothes, no sweats, no bare feet or stocking feet

- For Final Audition:
 - Same as above but solid BLACK clothing only; hair should be pulled back and off of your face

BEFORE TRYOUTS:

- 1) Register on the 8to18: (<https://oswego.8to18.com/>),
 - Tryout candidates who have previously registered on the 8to18 website for OHS click on "log me in." If you have previously registered but do not remember your password please follow the steps to recover your password - **do not create a new account!** If you create a new account your information will not transfer from your previous account.
 - Tryout candidates who have never logged on to the 8to18 website for OHS - click on "create an account."
 - You are registering for "Halftime Dance."
 - ****Please note: the activity user fee will not be paid until after you have made the team.**
- 2) Read through the Pantherettes Halftime Dance Team Standards & Expectations Contract.
- 3) Complete an IHSA Participation Examination (Physical). If you have participated in a sport this year, your current school probably has one on file. **A copy of your current physical MUST be turned in to the athletic office prior to the first clinic date. You will not be able to dance at tryouts until a physical is on file in the OHS athletic office.**

*Items #2 & #3 can be found on the dance team's 8to18 website under resources:
<http://il.8to18.com/oswego/activities/dance-team/g>*

Commitment:

If you are chosen to be a member of the 2018 Pantherettes Halftime Dance Team you will be expected to attend the following:

- Summer practices will typically be held Wednesday mornings from 9-11:30 AM (beginning June 6th). There may be some day and time changes based on competitive choreography sessions. Full summer schedule will be distributed at tryout results meetings on 5/14.
- Mandatory youth summer camp June 25-28 at Thompson Jr. High (9-11 AM)
- Mandatory team home choreography camp at Thompson Jr. High from June 11-14 (9 AM - 12:30 PM) *****ALL FOOTBALL GAME CHOREOGRAPHY WILL BE LEARNED THIS WEEK*****
- Practices during the school year will be Tuesdays & Thursdays after school
 - JV practices 2:45-4:45 PM
 - Varsity practices 3:45-5:45 PM
 - ****Additional practice days will be added homecoming week (week of 10/8)**
- Pantherfest – performance & face painting (8/17 3:30-8:30 PM)
- Football home game performances (8/24, 9/7, 9/21, 10/12)
- Additional performances as needed (pep rallies, school/community functions)

If you are chosen to be a member of the Halftime Dance Team you should expect that you will have the following **approximate costs** during the halftime season (includes \$50 fee for summer camp):

- Activity User Fee: \$65
- New Members: \$250-\$300
- Returning Members: \$150-200