

Panther Pride Weekly

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OYTF General Information

Week Two of Practice!

General Oswego Youth Tackle Football (OYTF) Questions

Jennifer Jones Sinnott – (630) 551-3823 or jennifers@oytf.org

Parents make sure that you sign up for your volunteer time this year. This is a volunteer organization and everyone is expected to pitch in to make things run efficiently on game day. Please see your Parent Representative to sign up.

Practice Information

Practice will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday @ Grande Park for football and cheerleading squads.

Please remember that there will be NO Practice on Friday's starting on August 21st and NO Practice on Monday's starting August 31st.

River Valley League Game Schedule

The game schedule for the 2009 Season is available at www.oytf.org. – It is also posted at the Spirit wear Trailer.

Weekly Newsletters

Newsletters will be available on Thursday's of each week during the season for viewing at www.oytf.org – it will also be posted at the Spirit wear Trailer.

Field Etiquette

I would like to remind everyone to please pick up and dispose of their trash at the practice field and to also park in the parking lots at the practice field. We have an agreement with the park district that we will only park in the designated parking spaces. The police have told us if we park in the grass areas by the water tower or by the curbs in the other lot that vehicles will be ticketed. Please avoid a ticket and park in the designated parking spots. We are very fortunate to be able to use Grande Park for our practice fields and OHS for our game field so please respect this privilege.

OPEN Board Positions

White Football Commissioner & White Parent Representative – contact Jennifer if you are interested.

Picture Day!

All football and cheerleading pictures will be taken outside the Civic Center on Saturday, August 8th. Please remember to bring your picture packets and have them filled out before you arrive for pictures.

OYTF Photo Schedule 8/8/09: Football and Cheer

9:00	Blue Superlight
9:30	Blue Lightweight
10:00	Blue JV
10:30	Blue Varsity
11:00	Family Photos (please see Diana Wolff for a separate envelope)
11:30	Orange Superlight
12:00	Orange Lightweight
12:30	Orange JV
1:00	Orange Varsity
1:30	Break for photographers
2:00	Family Photos (please see Diana Wolff for a separate envelope)
2:30	White Superlight
3:00	White Lightweight
3:30	White JV
4:00	White Varsity

*ALL photos will be held outside at the Civic Center, 5 Ashlawn, Montgomery.

*In case of rain, picture day will be held at Boulder Hill Elementary – 163 Boulder Hill Pass, Montgomery – enter the building on the east side of the school – new entrance. (day/time remain the same)

*The Eighth Grade Photo will be taken during practice at Grande Park on Wed. Aug 12th.

*Questions please see Diana Wolff at practice or call (630)554-9431.

SPIRITWEAR

Michele Stradal – (630) 551-7733

(located in the paved parking lot at the practice field)

New products have arrived & more are coming!!!

(Cheer Bags & Navy Under Armour Game Socks should be here by Friday)

Please stop by the Spirit wear trailer between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily to check out the new products.

If you are interested in helping to sell spirit wear at home games, see your Parent Rep. for sign up sheets.

I am looking for a Blue & White Assistant, if interested, please contact me at the Spirit wear trailer or call the number above,

2009 Season Kick-Off Dinner Dance – Tickets are going FAST!!! Don't Miss Out!!!

This Saturday, August 8, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. - \$25.00 per person

Pearce's @ Fox Bend Golf Course – 3516 Route 34, Oswego, IL 60543

DINNER-DRINKS (Cash Bar for mixed drinks) – DESSERT-RAFFLES-DANCING

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT THE SPIRIT WEAR TRAILER

THIS IS AN EVENT THAT HAS BEEN ENJOYED BY ALL FOR MANY YEARS!

FOOD SHACK NEWS

Elizabeth Gindt – (630) 801-4186 or elizabeth@oytf.org

Please note that there was a misprint in last week's newsletter – the correct email address is listed above.

I am looking for a few volunteers to help clean and get the Food Shack Set up over the next couple of weeks, if you have some time available and are willing to help out, please give me a call: 630-801-4186. Also, it would be great to have some assistance with the weekly food deliveries – if you'd be interested in helping, please contact me.

Tony Salerno is back out at practices in addition to the Montgomery Popcorn Factory....just look for his cart and you can get nachos, hot dogs, soda and more!

Welcome back Tony!!!

I am looking for lead volunteers to help out on White & Blue during game days. You would act as the point person on White game days and Blue game days. Ideally, you would be able to be there the entire game day – home games only. Please speak with your parent rep or me if you have any questions.

FROM THE PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Orange Parent Representative

Sarah Bell – (630) 333-6592 or sarah@oytf.org

As we finish our second week of practices, I want to say a BIG Thank You to all the parents who have signed up to help at the games. We have many positions filled already. Please see me if you have not had a chance to sign up for your volunteer times. I will have the signup sheets with me on the field on practice days and there are still plenty of spots to fill before our first home game. You can usually find me between the LW and JV teams or near SL Cheer. By finishing your 4 required volunteer slots you will ensure your refund and returning player status for your child in the next season. There is an opportunity for one parent to help this Saturday at pictures. If you would be available during the Orange team slots 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. please contact me by

Friday at the end of practice.

If you have any questions or should need anything, please let me know at the field or I can be contacted by phone or via email.

GO PANTHERS!!

CHEERLEADING CHATTER.....

Blue Cheer Commissioner – Diana Wolff – (630) 554- 9431 or wolff6pack@comcast.net

Orange Cheer Commissioner – Lynn Cullick – (630) 551-4811 or lynncullick@aol.com

White Cheer Commissioner – Sharon Snyder – (630) 554-7343 or sharon@oytf.org

Thank you to all for making week two so successful! Just a few reminders;

Please let your daughter's coach know if she will be absent-routines cannot be choreographed or practiced properly without the entire team present. Some minor adjustments may be made to accommodate a missing team member.

Please remember: no chewing gum at practice, hair should be pulled back away from the face and tennis shoes must be worn.

Warm ups will be sent home before the first game. Now is the time to order turtlenecks, pick up a tilly and/or hair bow if needed. The long sleeve, white mock turtleneck bodysuit can be ordered online at www.cheerleadingonline.com The item number is BR300 – the cost is \$14.50 plus shipping. The navy tilly is available at the cheer trailer for \$8.00 each. Hair bows may be purchased at the spiritwear trailer for \$5.00 each. Girls on the Blue and White squads are wearing the blue and white bow and girls on the Orange squads are wearing the orange and white bow. These items (turtleneck, tilly and hair bow) are mandatory and should be packed along with your warm up jacket and pants to bring to each and every game. A clear poncho or rain jacket is also a must in your game day bag. You need not purchase these items again this year if last year's still fit and are in good shape. White tennis shoes and no show white socks are to be worn with your uniform on game day.

A clear rain jacket or poncho may be purchased on line at www.ppprainwear.com the item number for the jacket is A509454JK – the cost is \$9.95 plus shipping.

Please be sure to send your daughter to practice with rain wear jacket and a water bottle.

Orange football will be participating in the Jamboree in Bourbonnais this weekend.

CHEERLEADERS ARE NOT PERFORMING AND WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.

Keep up the great work!!