

# Panther Pride Weekly

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## OYTF General Information

*6<sup>th</sup> Week of Games – Good Luck Panthers!*

## General Oswego Youth Tackle Football (OYTF) Questions

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

I would like to remind everyone to please pick up and dispose of their trash at the practice/game field and to supervise their children at the practice/game field to prevent damage/injury to the areas we have been given permission to use. We are very fortunate to be able to use Grande Park for our practice fields and Oswego High School (OHS) for our game field so please respect this privilege.

Don't forget to volunteer.....your help is needed – see your Parent Representative for more details.

## Attention Pet Owners

Animals aren't allowed on Oswego Community Unit School District #308 property, so please leave your four legged friends at home.

## Do you have a Medical Background?

We are looking for you if you have a medical background. It's always nice to know who is on the sidelines during practice and games if the need arises for some assistance. Please email your information (name, contact information, team color, level and area of expertise) to Becky Schulte at [becky@oytf.org](mailto:becky@oytf.org)

## Game Schedule – Week 5

This week's schedule is below - Coaches will advise participants on when they should report to the field to prepare for the game. The times below are the game times starting with the superlight (SL) level.

Oswego Blue @ Orland Hills - Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m. – Kelly Field – 16553 Haven Avenue, Orland Hills, IL 60487.

New Lenox Knights @ Oswego Orange - Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m. - Oswego High School (OHS) – 4250 Route 71, Oswego, IL 60543.

## **Practice Information**

Practice will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday – Thursday @ Grande Park for football and cheerleading squads next week – please make sure that you are there on time to pick up your child from practice. Please note that we are ending practice at 7:00 p.m. since it is getting darker earlier. NO Practice on Monday's and Friday's.

## **Red Flag Reminder**

If the RED flag is posted by the equipment trailer and also in the paved parking lot, please remain at the field with your child. Weather changes quickly and we need to be able to clear the field if the situation arises.

## **OPEN Board Positions**

Food Coordinator for the 2010 Season – contact Elizabeth @ [elizabeth@oytf.org](mailto:elizabeth@oytf.org) or by phone at (630) 801-4186 if interested.

## **SPIRITWEAR**

Michele Stradal – (630) 551-7733

(open 5 to 7 p.m. – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, located in the paved parking lot at the practice field)

NEW: Cheer & Football DECALS are HERE!!!

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS FOR HOME VS. HOME GAMES: See your Parent Rep for spots available.

Looking for an ASSISTANT ON BLUE AND ON WHITE. Call me if you are interested.

**BUFFALO WILD WINGS NIGHTS!!!**

Boneless Buffalo Wild Wings were a huge success at our last Oswego vs. Oswego games. Thank you all for enjoying the wings provided by BWW.

OYTF and Buffalo Wild Wings have partnered to schedule some BWW day/nights for OYTF families. The schedule is below. BWW will give OYTF 15% of your check back to OYTF for our fundraising purposes. In addition to the scheduled dates, BWW has also agreed to continue this fundraising for OYTF ALL YEAR LONG! ANYTIME you dine in or carry out BWW's just write OYTF and your respective color on your receipt and give to your server or the cashier. BWW will accumulate the receipts and give 15% back to OYTF. How easy is this?

Tuesdays are our "wing" night. Traditional wings are \$.45 each in any quantity of four or more. BWW has 14 sauces to choose from starting with sweet BBQ and all the way to blazing.

Monday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> - White Superlight & Junior Varsity

Tuesday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> - White Lightweight & Varsity

Monday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> - Orange Superlight & Junior Varsity

Tuesday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> - Orange Lightweight & Varsity

Monday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> - Blue Superlight & Junior Varsity  
Tuesday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup> - Blue Lightweight & Varsity

### **FROM THE ORANGE FOOTBALL COMMISSIONER**

Mark Cavins – (630) 554-4789 or ofc@oytf.org

Hey Orange Parents.....tents can't be set up on the field prior to 9:00 a.m. on game day since the field needs to be prepared with the required safety measurers taken along the sidelines.

### **FROM THE BLUE PARENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Andri Noesges – (630) 880-6973 or bpr@oytf.org

THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers these past few weeks for keeping me organized and helping with the OYTF organization. I especially want to thank those parents that have gone above and beyond their volunteer requirements. We couldn't have a successful program without all of your help!!

Blue had great games this weekend. Congratulations to all the teams. Each game was played hard and well fought. Congrats to superlight and lightweight for their hard earned victories!

I will not be at this weekend's game. Player and volunteer sign in book will be with Dan Miller, Football Commissioner. Please have your players signed in before half time of the game prior to their own game. SLW please have them signed in before weigh in about 30 minutes before the start of their game. While I usually am flexible and helpful in locating parents for signatures, Dan will be busy coaching and won't have time to locate parents not yet signed in. Please be respectful of time and volunteering and get your player signed in right away. Good luck to all teams. Let's get another full day of wins!!!

Volunteer spots are still open for the following for Saturday's away game: sideline water for the players SLW needs 1, LW needs 2, JV need 1, and Varsity needs 2. If you are able to help with this, please let me know asap. **Please remember that for safety reasons young people under the age of 18 cannot be on the sidelines.**

There is a schedule error from the ORIGINAL River Valley posted game. Game 7 Blue vs. Ottawa at OHS is not on Saturday, September 26 at 2pm. **GAME 7 IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AT 11:00am.**

Please see me at the practice fields next week to review your volunteer slots and time and to ensure that you're still available for your volunteering on Sunday, Sept 27 vs. Ottawa. The schedule posted on our website is the correct game schedule for the season. River Valley's original schedule was revised.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO VIDEOTAPE THE BLUE GAMES. IF YOU CAN HELP DO THIS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP.**

*Best of Luck Michael and Jeni!!*

*Go Blue!!!*

**FROM THE WHITE PARENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Becky Schulte – (630) 870-9922 or [becky@oytf.org](mailto:becky@oytf.org)

To all my parents a big thank you to all of you that sign up for volunteer positions and work the games. Seeing this is a volunteer organization all efforts are greatly appreciated. Speaking of volunteers I am looking to fill some slots for our next home game especially on the Junior Varsity and Varsity levels. If you have not gotten your 4 volunteer slots in, now would be a great time!

Parents please remember to have your child signed in at the half time of the previous game to ensure their playtime in the game. I am starting to learn more and more parents but with over 100 football players it is easier for me to have you either find me at away games or come to the food shack during home games. I just want to make sure that your child does not have to sit out of their game. At all games I am usually walking around with a 57 SCHULTE jersey on for easy reference to who I am.

Please remember to sign into the volunteer book which is also with me or at the food shack if you are scheduled for a volunteer slot for that game. I don't want to over look anyone when it comes to the end of the season. Also if you are scheduled to work a slot if you could please let me know if you are not going to be able to with plenty of time so I can find a replacement.

As a reminder to our Code of Conduct I do want to mention to please abstain from having any alcohol or tobacco products on the sidelines at the practice fields and games. Thanks again to all my parents you all help make this happen for our kids! GO WHITE!

**CHEERLEADING CHATTER.....**

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

Orange Cheer Commissioner – Lisa Kowalczyk – (630) 551-3998 or [lisa@oytf.org](mailto:lisa@oytf.org)

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

Congratulations to this week's Spirit Stick Winners!

Blue Superlights

Orange Varsity

White Junior Varsity

The girls did a fantastic job this weekend- keep up the good work!

A HUGE Panther Thank You to all of our coaches and junior coaches- you are doing a wonderful job with the girls! We really appreciate all you do for OYTF!

**A few reminders:**

Cheerleading ends at 7:15. Please make sure your daughter is picked up promptly, especially if she rides home with a football coach. DO NOT let your daughter wait in the playground for her ride.

**Uniforms:** We have noticed a number of uniforms that are already stained. Please wash the uniform regularly in cold on the gentle cycle and hang to dry. DO NOT dry clean and DO NOT dry in the dryer. Please see one of the cheer commissioners if you cannot get a stain out and we can offer suggestions.

Many of the girls have worn face paint to the games- it is your responsibility to make sure this does not stain the uniforms. (Replacement cost is \$150.00).

Waistbands- these sometimes get twisted when the girls change. Please try to put them back in their original shape right away and feel free to ask us for help.

**Game Day:** Please make sure you sign in your daughter before the start of her game so she can perform, thank you.

**Practices:** Please remember to let your daughter's coaches know if she will not be at practice or a game. It's so important that the coaches get a head's up so they can adjust their practices and half time cheer/routines if necessary.

Good Luck this weekend girls! Go Panthers!