

Be a Part of the BTDT!



The BTHS Dance Team will be conducting auditions

Tuesday, May 14th-Friday, May 17th, 2019

Pre-Tryout Parent Meeting (attendance strongly suggested)

Tuesday May 7th, 6:00 pm in the Ninth Grade Cafeteria

Audition Clinic Dates: May 14th-May 16th 4:00-5:15PM (BT Dance Studio)

Tryout Date: Friday May 17th, 4:00-8:00PM (BT Dance Studio)

The Application Packet Is Due Tuesday May 7th, 2019



Dear Parents and Prospective BTHS Dance Team Members,

Thank you for your interest in the Bartram Trail High School Dance Team! May 14th-May 17th, we will be conducting clinics and tryouts for the 2019-2020 season. If dance is your passion and you're not afraid of working harder than you ever have before...we want to see you there!

The BTHS Dance Team has enjoyed the reputation of being a strong competitive force in the National Dance Competition Circuit. We have won the NDA National Championship in hop-hop four times 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2019! We won the State Championship this year and earned first in the Nation this year out of 30 teams in the medium varsity hip hop category. However, we are perhaps better known throughout the dance world as a team with strong character and commitment to helping others. Our team focus is to develop strong character in our team members, promote school spirit, and serve our community while maintaining a positive attitude. #BeTheLight

Being chosen as a member of this team will be both an honor and a commitment to excellence. Team members will focus on excellence in: academics, team building, leadership, character, community involvement, and DANCE! If chosen, you will represent the entire school as well as yourself and your team. You are expected to show trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, citizenship, and caring to all of those around you.

Academics will be a priority for all Dance Team members. Many of our members are members of National Honor Society, excel in honors courses and are leaders within our school. A successful dancer is able to balance a busy schedule as well as personal priorities. The BTHS Dance Team members must maintain at least a **2.5 GPA Unweighted** and not have any failing grades.

Thank you again for your interest in the BTHS Dance Team. If you have any questions, please email Coach Natalie Belcik at Natalie.Belcik@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Best of Luck!

Coach Belcik

(Please keep this paper for your information)

Audition Information

Audition Prep Clinic: Tuesday May 14th-Thursday May 16th 2019 from 4:00-5:15pm

Formal Audition: Friday May 17th, 2019-the length of the audition depends on the number of participants. You will sign up for an audition time at the audition clinic on Thursday May 16th. You should plan on arriving 30 minutes early and be prepared to stay 30 minutes after the end of your scheduled audition time. For example: If your audition is from 5:15 to 5:25, you should arrive at 4:45 and have a ride waiting to take you home at 5:25. However, your ride should be prepared to wait for you until 5:55. **Location: Clinic- BTHS Dance Studio Formal Audition-BTHS Dance Studio Note: In consideration of all participants, this will be a closed audition**

Participants should wear comfortable and appropriate dance attire. Clothing should be non-constricting, yet not baggy-we need to see you move (most candidates wear a racer-back top with jazz pants or leggings). You may wear tennis shoes or, if you prefer, jazz or hip-hop shoes. For your safety and the safety of others, please do **not** wear jewelry. Hair should be kept out of your face (half up/half down for girls). Make-up should be applied tastefully as if for “evening” (somewhere in-between stage make-up and day make-up). Males may wear warm-up pants or shorts and a T-shirt or athletic style undershirt. Some of the skills candidates may be asked to demonstrate include the following: Kicks to Splits, Double Pirouettes, as well as Hip-Hop tricks such as: Shoulder Stall, Head Pop, Kip-up, and Pop-to-Worm. Candidates may also perform a Head-Hollow, Hollow Back, or Pop Switches for extra points. A short hip-hop dance routine will be taught at the clinic (approx. eight counts of eight). In addition, candidates will learn a sideline stinger that will be taught at the audition. This will demonstrate the ability to: learn quickly and “pump up the crowd”! Candidates will audition skills and the dance routine in groups of two or four. Males will be required to audition the choreography section provided.

Tryout Packet Registration Instructions: In order to be academically eligible to tryout, a student must hold a 2.5 GPA **unweighted** and have no failing grades. **All candidates are required to have a current physical (dated prior to dance tryouts) on file with the school office PRIOR to participation in the tryout clinic.** All athletic forms **required** by the school are completed online. There will be a brand new system active hopefully by May 1st. Please be checking the BT Athletic Website for updates. More information about online registration will be given at the pre-tryout meeting on May 7th. You can print the physical form from the athletic website. ALL physicals must be on that form. There will be an athletic physical day **Monday, April 22nd** from 5-7pm here at Bartram for \$20. If you do your physical with BT, it will automatically be placed in your file for athletics.

Dance Team does not participate in pay to play, so please DO NOT pay the “pay to play” fee.

The following forms must be printed, completed and submitted to Coach Belcik no later than, Tuesday May 7th, 2019!

1. Understanding of Commitment Form- Both student and parent must sign
2. Teacher Reference Forms (Please **read instructions** on the top of the form CAREFULLY). Give one copy to each of your teachers (it is best to give it to all of your teachers as we drop the lowest and highest score and average the rest) These must be returned to Coach Belcik by Tuesday, May 7th. It is your responsibility to politely follow up with your teachers to make sure they have sent these forms.
3. GPA Verification-Attach a photocopy of your most recent official Report Card (**Not from HAC**)
4. BTDT By-Laws-Signed by-laws located on the BTHS Dance website
<http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/dance/>

Understanding of Commitment Form

Dance is a FUN and rewarding experience in a young person's life and the memories are sure to last a lifetime! Parents and potential dance team members please read the following form and sign below.

We understand that dance is a rigorous sport that requires discipline, time, and commitment. This commitment includes, but is not limited to the following MANDATORY events:

SUMMER PRACTICES: See attached "Important Dates" page for dates and times

SUMMER DANCE CAMPS: Attendance at Dance Camp, Football Season Camp, Choreography Clinic, and Bear Cub Camp promotion and clinic is Mandatory, no exceptions.

MANDATORY PRACTICES: Mandatory before and after school practices during football season (specific days and times TBA). You will be given sufficient notice (one week) for other added mandatory practices. During competition season (November to March) you will be expected to practice before and/or after school daily in addition to specified weekend practices.

PERFORMANCES: Performing for all home football games and pep rallies (including playoff games) as well as selected basketball games, parades, and community/charity events.

COMPETITIONS: Possible participation in local, state, and national competitions held from November 2019-April 2020.

DANCE TEAM CLASS: All dance team members must be able to fit this class in their academic schedule. No exceptions.

FUNDRAISING: Participation in ALL fundraising activities the team decides to do. These may include, but are not limited to the following: Bear Cub Camp, Winter Workshop, Ad Sales, Sponsorship Recruitment, Talent Show, TPC Ticket sales, Recital, and hosting a Regional Competition.

SERVICE PROJECTS: We feel it is important to share our time, talent, and concern with those in need. We participate in a variety of selected service projects such as Special Olympics, Field of Dreams, and other organizations including hosting campaigns such as our "Be The Light," campaign.

ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB: All families are encouraged to join and support the Athletic Boosters Organization as they provide our football tops, poms, and National Championship rings

RECITAL: All members will choreograph and perform a routine in the "Spring Dance Recital" held May 2020

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INCLUDE:

First Payment due at first Team/Parent Meeting, Tuesday, May 21st, 6:00PM in N126, next door to the BTHS Dance Studio. Summer Dance Camp Fee \$480 (Approximate) This includes food, lodging, and dance instruction at NDA Dance Camp.

Second Payment due the first day of Football Season Camp, Monday August 6th. \$300 personal check made out to BTHS. This covers all practice wear/camp wear, and choreographer fees. (Poms and Football uniforms are property of BTHS and do not require a payment)

Third Payment for NEW MEMBERS only. \$200.00 due at Team/Parent Meeting an hour before BTHS's open house in the Ninth grade cafeteria.

Dance Team Competition Fee: \$100 due within the first week of November.

Dance Competition Outfit- Each member will purchase the items for the Competition Uniform that they will keep. The budget does not exceed \$250 unless agreed upon by ALL parents. Costume will include shoes, clothing, and accessories.

Note Concerning Additional Expenses: Last year, each team member raised 100% of their additional expenses!! This may include, but is not limited to, hotel and registration fees for competitions. Our fundraising goal is \$750 per team member. Members will be given ample opportunity to achieve this goal. Any additional expenses that are not raised by the team member will be absorbed by that team member. (Note: Costumes not identified as football season uniforms are the property of the team member and therefore will be paid by the team member.)

(Student Signature, Date)

(Parent Signature, Date)

I acknowledge that the BTDT auditions will be held in the upmost professional manner and I understand that the decisions of the judges are FINAL!

(Note: All dates, payments, and times are subject to change)

Dear Prospective Team Member,

A confidential teacher recommendation form must be completed by ALL of your current teachers. Make a minimum of 5 copies of the following form and **follow the directions carefully.**

- 1) Write your name and your teacher's name/subject area on the lines provided above.
- 2) Give each one of your CURRENT teacher's a copy of this form as well as an envelope with the following mailing address:
Natalie Belcik, BTHS Dance Coach
7399 Longleaf Pine Parkway
Saint Johns, FL 32259
 - a. Note: If you currently attend Bartram, simply address the envelope: "Natalie Belcik, Dance Coach" and write your name in the upper left hand corner of the envelope.
- 3) Prior to auditions, politely follow up with your teachers to make sure that your recommendation has been sent.

Please return this confidential information to Coach Natalie Belcik at BTHS prior to Tuesday May 7th, 2019

Student's Name: _____

Teacher's Name/Subject Area: _____

Dear Educator,

Please feel free to answer the following questionnaire as frankly as possible with the understanding that these forms will be kept strictly confidential. These forms will be shredded at the conclusion of the audition process.

Please do not return to the student as this invalidates the evaluation.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Natalie Belcik

Coach, BTHS Dance Team

****ATTN**** For added security, please sign your name across the sealed flap of the envelope.

Please circle the corresponding number for each characteristic that best describes the above named student.

	RARELY	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	ALMOST ALWAYS	ALWAYS
RESPONSIBLE	1	2	3	4	5
RESPECTFUL	1	2	3	4	5
PUNCTUAL	1	2	3	4	5
REGULAR ATTENDANCE	1	2	3	4	5
HARD WORKING	1	2	3	4	5
HIGH MORALS/CHARACTER	1	2	3	4	5

Please check here ____ if you have ANY reservations about recommending this student. (If you do have reservations, please explain on back.)

Teacher Signature: _____

Important Dates

All applicants **MUST** be able to commit to the following dates in order to try-out for the BTHS Dance Team, and *must* be a registered student at Bartram Trail High School!!

First Team Practice:

May 20th and 21st from 3:00-4:15 at the BTHS Dance Studio

First Team/Parent meeting is Tuesday, May 21st at 6:00pm in the classroom next to the BTHS Dance Studio N126

Dance Camps:

NDA Camp- (4 day Camp) July 16th-19th at Bonaventure Resort and Spa in Weston, Florida

Football Season Camp: August 5th-8th from 9-12 at BTHS Dance Studio

Bear Cub Community Dance Camp: There will be promotion days (usually during orientation at the elementary and middle schools.) Camp is on Saturday, August 17th, 2019 and the pre-game performance at the home football game is on Friday, August 23rd, 2019. (This is a great fundraiser for us.)

Choreography Camp: Will be a weekend of LONG hours, September 30th-October 1st

MISC:

Recital Dress Rehearsal: Date in May TBD

Recital: Dates in May TBD

