

Be a Part of BTDT



The BTHS Dance Team will be conducting Auditions May 24th-27th

Pre-Tryout Mandatory Parent Meeting

Tuesday May 17th, 6:00 pm in the Ninth Grade Cafeteria at BTHS

Audition Material: Candidates will learn the material through the tryout clinic May 24-26 in the BT Dance Studio from 4:00-5:45

Tryout Date: Friday May 27th 4:45PM-possibly 9:00PM (BT Dance Studio)

The Application Packet Required Forms and Athletic Clearance are due Tuesday May 17th, 2022



Dear Parents and Prospective BTHS Dance Team Members,

Thank you for your interest in the Bartram Trail High School Dance Team! May 24th-27th, we will be conducting clinics and tryouts for the 2022-2023 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 placed 13th in the Nation this year at NDA HS Nationals. We are 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 the following: 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. Successful dancers are 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**, have no more than 15 unexcused absences, 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 bartramdance2004@gmail.com

Best of Luck!

Coach Natalie Belcik

(Please keep this paper for your information)

Audition Information

Audition Prep Clinic: Candidates will learn all material May 24th-26th in the BTHS Dance Studio from 4:00-5:45

Formal Audition: Friday May 27th, 2022 from 4:45PM-9:00 PM-the length of the audition depends on the number of participants. Time slots will be randomly drawn at clinics on May 26th. 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 4:45 to 5:05, you should arrive at 4:15 and have a ride waiting to take you home at 5:05. However, your ride should be prepared to wait for you until 5:35. **Clinic Material-** Learned in clinics **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, 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 shirt. Some of the skills candidates may be asked to demonstrate include the following: Game Day Sparkling, Kicks to Splits, Double Pirouettes, as well as Hip-Hop tricks such as: Shoulder Stall, Head Pop, and Kip-up. Candidates may also perform a Head-Hollow, Hollow Back, or Pop Switches for extra points. A short pom routine (4 8 counts repeated) and a short hip-hop dance routine will be taught. (approx. eight counts of eight). Candidates will audition skills and the dance routine in groups of two to 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 be registered at BTHS before tryouts, hold a 2.5 GPA **unweighted**, have no more than 15 unexcused absences, and have no failing grades. All candidates are required to have a current physical (dated prior to dance tryouts) on file through our Athletic Clearance Website PRIOR to participation in the tryout clinic. You can print the physical form from the athletic website. ALL physicals must be on that form. All athletic forms **required** by the school are completed online. Please visit <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/athletics/forms/> to register your athlete. If you have any question about athletic clearance, please contact Shelly Vann at shelly.vann@stjohns.k12.fl.us. *Dance Team does not participate in pay to play, so please DO NOT pay the “pay to play” fee.*

The following BTD forms must be completed and submitted to Coach Belcik no later than, May 17th, 2022! You may scan and email them to bartramdance2004@gmail.com

1. Understanding of Commitment Form- Both student and parent must sign
2. GPA Verification-Attach a photocopy of your most recent official Report Card with your current GPA
4. BTD By-Laws-Signed by-laws located on the BTHS Dance website <http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/dance>
5. Parent Contact-signed. Located under the BTHS Dance Website <http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/dance>
6. Teacher Recommendation Forms-FOLLOW DIRECTIONS EXACTLY

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 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 after school 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 2022-April 2022.

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, 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 April or May 2023

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INCLUDE:

First Payment due at first Team/Parent Meeting, Wednesday, June 1st, 6:00PM in the 9th grade cafe, next door to the BTHS Dance Studio. Summer Dance Camp Fee \$475 (Approximate) This includes lodging, lunch and dinner each day and camp instruction from NDA. This is where we earn a bid to Nationals. Other payments will be made for breakfast at camp.

Second Payment due during Football Season Camp, Tuesday August 2nd. \$350 personal checks. Made out to BTHS. This covers all practice wear/camp wear, choreographer and music fee, and 3 day choreography camp. (Poms and Football uniforms are property of BTHS and do not require a payment)

Third Payment for NEW MEMBERS only. Approximately \$300.00 due September 1st for jacket and bags.

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, make-up, 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 \$950 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 utmost professional manner, and I understand that the decisions of the judges are FINAL! (Note: All dates, payments, and times are subject to change)

(Parent Signature, Date)

Dear Prospective Team Member,

A confidential teacher recommendation form must be completed by ALL of your current teachers. Make 7 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.
- 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 17th, 2022

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 31st from 1:00-2:15 (unless an upcoming 8th grader makes the team. Then we will adjust the time to after middle school lets out.) and June 1st from 3:00-5:15 at the BTHS Dance Studio.

Concussion Baseline test will be with Coach Shelly Vann after the team is announced. A time will be determined

First Team/Parent meeting is Wednesday June 1st at 6:00pm. Dancers and parents must attend.

Dancers will be required to attend one class per week (while in town) over the summer hosted by our choreographers at iMove-UMove

Dance Camps:

NDA Camp- (4 day Camp) July 23-26th at the Renaissance Resort in WGV Saint Augustine, Florida. This is an overnight camp.

Football Season Camp: August 2nd 8-5 at BTHS Dance Studio. Pack lunch and snacks. It will be a long, but super fun day.

Bear Cub Community Dance Camp: There will be promotion days BTDT Members attend (usually during orientation at the elementary and middle schools who feed into Bartram.) Camp is on Saturday, August 20th and the pre-game performance at the home football game is on Friday August 26th. (This is a great fundraiser for us.)

Choreography Camp: Will be a weekend of LONG hours October 15th-17th

MISC:

Recital Dress Rehearsal a weekday in May

Recital: a Saturday and Sunday in May

BTDT Practice Schedule 2022-2023

Monday- Friday 7th Period Dance Class 3:05-3:50

Tuesday-4:00-5:15

Thursday-4:00-5:15

Wednesday from 3:00-4:15 will be added after choreography camp

January-March-NO TRAVELING during these months for weekend practices and competitions. After Nationals, team members are permitted to travel 😊