

# BARTRAM TRAIL DANCE TEAM



The BTHS Dance Team will be conducting Auditions April 28<sup>th</sup>-April 30<sup>th</sup>

Mandatory Pre-Tryout Parent Meeting

**Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00pm in the BTHS Dance Studio**

*\*Located in the back of the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy by the tennis courts\**

Audition Material: Candidates will receive an email containing videos of choreography that should be learned prior to the mandatory tryout clinic. Tryout clinic is April 28<sup>th</sup> & April 29<sup>th</sup> in the BTHS Dance Studio from 4:00-5:30pm.

Tryout Date: Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm-possibly 6:00pm (BTHS Dance Studio)

**The Application Packet, Required Forms & Athletic Clearance are due Monday April 27th**



Dear Parents and Prospective BTHS Dance Team Members,

Thank you for your interest in the Bartram Trail High School Dance Team! April 28<sup>th</sup>-April 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be conducting clinics and tryouts for the 2026-2027 season.

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! Our team focus is to develop strong character in our team members, excel and grow as a team, promote school spirit, and serve our community while maintaining a positive attitude.

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.

The BTHS Dance Team members must maintain at least a 2.0 unweighted GPA, 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 Allie Bishop at [BartramTrailDance@gmail.com](mailto:BartramTrailDance@gmail.com).

Best of Luck!  
Coach Allie Bishop

## AUDITION INFORMATION

- **AUDITION CLINIC: APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> & APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> IN THE BTHS DANCE STUDIO FROM 4:00-5:30PM**
- **FORMAL AUDITION: THURSDAY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>**

The length of the audition depends on the number of participants. Time slots will be randomly drawn at clinics on April 29<sup>th</sup>. On the day of the audition, candidates should plan on arriving 30 minutes early and be prepared to stay 30 minutes after the end of your scheduled audition time.

- **Clinic Material-** Learned in tryout clinic (BTHS Dance Studio)
  - **Note:** Routines will be emailed to participants on April 25<sup>th</sup>. It is suggested that you come to the clinic with knowledge of the choreography.
- **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 leggings). Please wear tennis shoes or sneakers. For your safety and the safety of others, please do not wear jewelry. Hair should be kept out of your face. Make-up should be applied tastefully as if for "evening" (somewhere in-between stage make-up and day make-up). Males may wear joggers or shorts and a shirt of their comfort.

All candidates should be prepared to demonstrate choreography taught at the clinic, kicks to splits, hip hop tricks, additional mastered technical skills.

### TRYOUT PACKET AND REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

In order to be academically eligible to tryout, a student must be registered at BTHS before tryouts, hold a 2.0 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](mailto: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 Allie no later than APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>! You may scan and email them to [BartramTrailDance@gmail.com](mailto:BartramTrailDance@gmail.com)**

- **Understanding of Commitment Form** – Signed by both student and parent
- **GPA Verification** - Attach a photocopy of your most recent official Report Card with your current GPA
- **Parent Contract** - Located on the BTHS Dance website
- **Teacher Recommendations** - FOLLOW DIRECTIONS EXACTLY
- **Physical and Athletic Clearance** - Completed with instructions on BTHS website

Dear Prospective Team Member,

A confidential teacher recommendation form must be completed by 3 of your core academic teachers. Please make 3 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 teachers a copy of this form as well as an envelope with the following mailing address:  
Allie Bishop, BTHS Dance Coach  
7399 Longleaf Pine Parkway  
Saint Johns, Florida 32259
  - a. Note: If you currently attend Bartram, simply address the envelope: "Allie Bishop, 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 Allie Bishop at BTHS prior to Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>

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,

*Allie Bishop*

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**

Monday May 4th from 4pm-5:30pm @ 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**

Monday May 4th at 5:30pm @ the BTHS Dance Studio. Both the dancer and at least one parent must attend.

### **Dance Camps**

DTU Home Camp June 2<sup>nd</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Football Season Camp**

August 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

### **Media Day**

August 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

### **Bear Cub Community Dance Camp**

There will be promotion days BTD T Members attend (usually during orientation at the elementary and middle schools who feed into Bartram) The date of the camp and football performance will be announced at the first parent meeting.

### **Choreography Camp**

August 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

### **BTD T Practice Schedule**

TBD

### **Competitions**

We will participate in 3 Regional Competitions this season. Dates will be provided before the start of the school year.