



Auditions for 2023-2024

PCHS Blue Belles Dance Team

Please review the entire packet of information before auditioning.

Any questions can be directed to PCHS' Head Dance Team Coach, Kerri Ranck, at Ranckk@manateeschools.net

Candidates and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the 2023-2024 Parrish Community High School Blue Belles dance team. We are excited to have you auditioning! As a member, you will be able to show your school spirit through performances at football and basketball games, competitions, and other performances. The qualifications to become a member of the dance team include: Maintaining a 2.0 minimum GPA, having and showing an enthusiasm for dance, enjoying being involved in school activities, having a love of performing, having a strong work ethic, and being ready to positively represent PCHS and the dance team!!

***Dancing can be a truly rewarding experience, but it is also a large time commitment and can be costly **(there will be fundraisers available to help)**. This is a competitive team that requires earnest efforts and sincere dedication. We understand students want to experience all of high school but when it is time to work, we expect there to be no distractions with other interferences. This also means that if you choose to participate in another sport or activity, Dance Team practice/performances come first. Be aware of these facts as you prepare to take on the responsibilities of representing Parrish Community High School. ***

If selected to be a PCHS Blue Belles dancer, there are many specific responsibilities and obligations that both parents and dancers must assume to qualify and remain part of the team.

Parent Responsibilities

- Read the entire packet and be certain that you fully understand the rules and regulations of the PCHS dance team and/or have asked the coach to clarify any parts you do not understand
- Make sure each form has been filled out completely and correctly
- Attend the mandatory parent/dancer meeting Monday, April 11th 6:00-7:00 in room 6-133
- Read and respond appropriately in a timely manner to all posts in the Band App.
- Volunteer for fundraisers, events, performances, etc. throughout the year

Dancer Responsibilities

- Read the entire packet and be certain that you fully understand the rules and regulations of the PCHS dance team and/or have asked the coach to clarify any parts you do not understand
- Make sure each form has been filled out completely and correctly
- Attend the mandatory parent/dancer meeting Monday, April 11th 6:00-7:00 in room 6-133
- Attend the mandatory uniform fitting (Tuesday, April 18th 5:00-6:45)- during practice
- Read and respond appropriately in a timely manner to all posts in the Band App.
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA
- Represent PCHS in a **positive** way at all times
- Arrive on time to dance team functions (including practices) with the correct clothing and shoes, along with any other required materials
- Attend all practices and performances unless excused
- Participate in team activities, performances, fundraisers, and other events
- Dancers will attend/perform at summer dance camp (June 2nd -4th), football games from August-November and basketball games from November-January, as well as several possible performances around the community, other school functions, competitions, and the Yes We Can Dance community showcase (no transportation is provided for any of these activities; you must find a ride on your own)
- **The expectation is that a year on dance team is from April until the end of March.**
- The first practice will be Tuesday, April 18th: 5:00 – 6:45 in the dance room

2022-23 Audition Information

Dates	Time	What
Mon. April 3rd	5:00-6:30	Learn Jazz, partial pom and battements
Tues. April 4th	5:00-6:30	Learn Pom, Hip Hop and pirouettes
Wed. April 5th	5:00-6:30	Final Audition- perform in groups

- Auditions will be held in the Parrish Community High gym.
- Audition numbers will be given at the first audition. All dates above are mandatory.
- The coach will assign your final audition group.
- Whomever is **bringing the dancer to the final audition must stay in their car**. This person may choose to stay on campus, as the dancer will be allowed to leave after they audition.
- Upon arrival, you must check in with a student leader in the gym lobby. Then, you will go outside and warm-up/stretch on your own. The student leader will call your group number when it is your turn to go inside to audition (see more information on page 9).

Forms

- All required forms must be filled out completely and turned in to the PCHS office on or before April 3rd by 2:30 p.m.
- Insurance/Medical Requirement – Every person auditioning, unless you already paid the \$50 insurance requirement this year, is required to purchase the basic school medical insurance in order to audition for the team (\$25.00 for the remainder of the year). This is a county policy. Please fill out the form (found on PCHS' Website under Athletics- titled, Mandatory Student Accident) and turn money in as part of this audition packet with the form (checks payable to PCHS)
- If you have already paid the insurance this year (already on the team, auditioned for another team, were on a sports team, etc.) then please check the area on the application that states you already have it for this school year. All team members will have to purchase this insurance (\$50) when we return in August.
- *Place ALL forms in an **envelope with Coach Ranck written on it**.

****CANDIDATES MAY NOT AUDITION UNTIL ALL FORMS ARE TURNED IN****

Please turn in forms in the order listed below (in an envelope by 4/3/22):

1. Dance Team Estimated Costs Form (page 4 and 5)
2. Dance Team Application (page 6)
3. PCHS Insurance Form "Mandatory Student Accident"
(found on PCHS website under athletics)
4. \$25 Insurance Fee (check made out to PCHS) please include student ID on the check

Attire

- **Audition Attire:**
 - Dancers must wear any all black dance/workout attire for auditions (if wearing shorts, tights must be worn underneath)
 - Sneakers and/or dance shoes (jazz, ballet, and lyrical shoes are all acceptable/preferred)
 - Hair pulled up neatly and out of face in a bun or ponytail
 - NO jewelry allowed
 - Turn your phone on silent and have it in a bag
 - ****No jeans or street clothes will be accepted****

What to Expect

- Audition Routine will include 3 styles of dance (Jazz, Pom, and Hip Hop)
- Technique Skill Demonstration: See 'Technical Skills' page of audition packet (page 9)
- The routines will be taught by the Blue Belles Captains – a link of the music will be posted on the PCHS website under activities and then dance team
- You will be judged based on:
 - Audition routine (showmanship, technique, memory, overall performance)
 - Execution of technical skills
 - Report Card GPA (Florida athletes are required to maintain a 2.0 GPA)
 - Punctuality and proper audition attire
 - Maintaining a positive attitude throughout auditions and with other candidates
 - Auditions are **CLOSED** to the public- no one other than candidates will be allowed inside the audition space. **All but the dancer must remain in their car.**

Final Audition Scoring & Team Creation

- Scoring is private and will be shared with only the judges at the final audition
- The coaches will have the final decision if an individual is placed on the team or not (coaches will refer to notes about candidates' attitude, punctuality, and effort)
- Decisions are **FINAL** and non-negotiable and will be emailed and posted on our Public Instagram Page – Thursday night 4/5/22 (pchsbluebellesdance)

Team Constitution and Demerit System

If a candidate makes the team and chooses to participate for the 2022-2023 school year, they will be required to sign the team constitution and demerit system, which states requirements for participation, financial obligations, and ethics that uphold the standards of the team. The constitution and demerit system will be sent in an email upon making the team.

Mandatory Summer Camp

We will go to an overnight camp in Orlando June 27, 28, and 29 (you may choose to spend the night the night before (26th) at your own expense, as registration is early on the 27th).

2023-24 Practice Schedule

The remainder of this school year:

April 18th – April 28th we will practice Tuesday, and Thursday from 5:15-6:45

May 2nd - May 25th – we will practice Tuesday and Thursday from 5:15-6:45

When we return to school – August-March, we will practice Tuesday and Thursday 2:30-4:30.

We usually have a few Saturday practices to learn competition choreography and some Mondays for technique.

***Dancers will be notified of additional practice times and changes to the schedule at the Coach's discretion (posted on the Band App). When we have performances, additional practices may be added to the schedule. Parents/Guardians and Team Members will be notified **as soon as possible** prior to such conditions to allow for schedule adjustment. ***

Predicted Performances for the 2023-2024 School Year

- ALL home football games—schedule given when schedule is available (August-November)
- Basketball games – schedule given when schedule is available (November-January)
- Competitions – (usually in December and 1st Saturday of March)
- Yes We Can Dance Showcase – usually in March (all dance teams in Manatee County perform)

- Community Performances- if available

Estimated Blue Belles Dance Team Costs 2023-24

All money (1st table below) due May 17, 2023

**** numbers indicate a team of 12 -if more, costs will decrease, if less, costs will increase
sponsor fundraiser ends May 11th – payments will be made bi-weekly**

Varsity Order (I will order these items – fitting third practice)

Rookie and/or Veteran		Fundraising	Rookie		Fundraising
Uniform Top	\$100.45	Y	Bow	\$22.95	Y
Uniform Pants	\$57.95	Y	Sports bra	\$25.16	Y
**DTU Camp (Rookie & Veteran)	\$357	Y			
TOTAL (Rookie)	\$515.40	=11 sponsors	TOTAL (Veteran)	\$395.90	=9 sponsors

Bananabug Order (will give more details upon making the team) – must purchase on own

Rookie		Order from website	Veteran 2020-21	
Sponsor Tee	\$19.95	Order by June 1	Sponsor Tee	\$19.95
Jersey	\$19.95	Order by June 1		
Grey long sleeve	\$18.50	Order by June 1		
Cinch Bag	\$14.95	Order by June 1		
Comp. Bag	\$45.99	Order by June 1		
Total	\$119.34		Total	\$19.95

Amazon Order (will give more details upon making the team) – must purchase on own

Rookie		Order from website	Veteran 2021-22	
Ewedoos Leggings (navy)	\$24.99	Order by June 1	Dark Grey Sports Bra	\$9.99
Capezio Tights (skin color) – 2 for practice	\$17.00	Order by June 1	Capezio Tights (skin color) – 2 for practice	\$17.00
Capezio EJ2 Jazz Shoes (Caramel)	\$41.09	Order ASAP	Cadmus workout crop (round neck black, grey blue)	\$25.59
Cadmus workout crop (round neck black, grey blue)	\$25.59	Order ASAP		
Capezio DS11 Fierce Dansneaker (white)	\$76.97	Order ASAP		
Total (includes 2 tights)	\$185.64		Total (includes 2 tights)	\$52.58

Grand Total: some by May 17 (table 1) and some by June 1 (tables 2 and 3)

Rookie		Veteran	
To PCHS	\$515.40	To PCHS	\$395.90
Out of Pocket	\$371.08	Out of Pocket	\$128.88

Estimated Blue Belles Dance Team Costs 2023-24 throughout the year

*Estimate **based on 22-23 costs

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Rookie and Veteran	Cost	Date	Date \$ due	Fundraising
Warm-up (rookie only)	\$219.25		August 15	Y
**Competition Costumes (3 dances)	\$150		due as we create the dances	Will most likely order on own
**Choreography Fee (2 dances)	\$200		September 6	Y
**DTU Competition	\$60	December	October 4	Y
**MA Competition (3 dances)	\$73.75	March	February 7	Y
Total	\$703.00 483.75	Rookie Veteran		19 sponsors 14 sponsors

IMPORTANT NOTE: Most items (minus the sponsor shirt and competition costumes) will not need to be purchased every year unless the dancer has an issue with an item. After the first year on the team, you should not need to pay these costs; therefore, making it much less expensive.

I, the undersigned, understand the financial responsibility of my son/daughter being a Blue Belles dance team member. My son/daughter can earn money through fundraisers to assist with the costs. I understand that should my son/daughter not earn the money through fundraisers, it will then need to be paid for by me, the parent/legal guardian. *Prices are subject to change.* I also understand that should my son/daughter quit the team after ordering items, registering for camp/competitions etc., those items will need to be paid for. She/he will not receive items that say anything about Blue Belles Dance Team, dance team, or anything personalized. A deadline for money will be given for each item purchased. I further understand this is an extracurricular activity, and attendance to all practices, games, performances, fundraisers, and special functions are a requirement of the dance team member.

Dance team is a valuable and rewarding experience for any young person. This experience is hoped to be an enriching and worthwhile one for your son/daughter.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

I, the undersigned, understand the financial responsibility of being a Blue Belles dance team member. I will do my best to earn as much as possible through fundraisers. I further understand this is an extracurricular activity, and attendance to all practices, games, performances, fundraisers, and special functions are a requirement of the elected dance team member.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Blue Belles Dance Team Application (2023-24)

Student Name: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ Age: _____ Current Grade: _____

Graduation Year: _____ 1st Semester GPA: _____ 3rd Quarter GPA: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Student Phone: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian A: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian B: _____

Parent Phone A: _____ Parent Phone B: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent email (A and/or B): _____

Any dance training (circle one)? YES / NO If so, how long? _____

Dance Training Style(s): _____

Other activities involved in: _____

Mandatory Student Accident Form and Payment: Please check one

_____ I've paid this year **OR** _____ I've included the form and payment in this packet

Why do you want to be a PCHS Blue Belles Dancer? _____

As the parent/legal guardian of the above-named student, I give permission for my son/daughter to audition for the Parrish Community H.S. Dance Team. My signature on this form indicates that I understand there are rules and requirements of the Dance Team through a Constitution/Demerit System that will be given out if my child makes the team. I agree to support them. I hereby give my consent for my son/daughter to practice and participate in all dance team events. I feel my son/daughter is physically fit and able to participate.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

As a potential PCHS Blue Belles Dance Team member, I understand that I will be given the constitution and demerit system and agree to follow the rules and requirements at all times.

Student Signature

Date

Parrish Community High School Blue Belles Dance Team
Teacher Evaluation #1

Dance Team Candidate: _____

Teacher: _____

The above student is auditioning for the dance team. It is required for them to obtain teacher evaluations. Please rate the student on a scale of 0-5 (5 being the highest) on the following elements.

TEACHERS: Please **DO NOT** give this form to the student. Instead, please email this form to Coach Ranck at Ranckk@manateeschools.net with the student's name in the subject line.

Element	0	1	2	3	4	5
Attendance						
Punctuality						
Respect of Authority						
Class Conduct						
Respect of Peers						
Effort/Quality of Work						
Honesty and Integrity						

Total Points: _____

Why do you think this student would be a strong addition to the PCHS Dance Team?



Parrish Community High School Blue Belles Dance Team
Teacher Evaluation #2

Dance Team Candidate: _____

Teacher: _____

The above student is auditioning for the dance team. It is required for them to obtain teacher evaluations. Please rate the student on a scale of 0-5 (5 being the highest) on the following elements.

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Element	0	1	2	3	4	5
Attendance						
Punctuality						
Respect of Authority						
Class Conduct						
Respect of Peers						
Effort/Quality of Work						
Honesty and Integrity						

Total Points: _____

Why do you think this student would be a strong addition to the PCHS Dance Team?



Technical Skills

You will be asked to perform these skills at auditions either within the routine, or in the technical skills portion of auditions.

Included in the dance routine

- Battement (Kick) diagonal
- Single or double pirouette
- Firebird Jump



Perform after the dance routine

- Chainé turns
- Battement (front kick)
- Single, double, or triple pirouette
- fouetté turn or Turns in Second (if you are able)
- Other skills if you have them:
 - (head springs, kip-ups, round off, cartwheels, etc.)

**If these things are new to you, don't let them scare you! In order to dance, you must start somewhere. We will go over the first 3 of these skills. 😊

Directions for the Final Audition:

- 1- You will warm-up outside on your own (wearing street shoes).
- 2- You will enter the lobby area of the gym while one group is auditioning (on deck).
- 3- As you enter the lobby, you will take off your street shoes (at the door) and put on your auditioning shoes.
- 4- You will line up in numerical order in the gym facing the judges
- 5- You will perform the routine with music.
- 6- You will then demonstrate chainé turns, battement to the front, pirouette of your choice, a fouetté or turns in second (if you are able) and any other skills (if you are able).
- 7- You will then exit to the lobby to retrieve your street shoes and then go home.
- 8- Later Thursday night: You will receive an email with an attached letter stating if you made the team or did not make the team. Please be sure your email address is legible in this application. The 23-24 Blue Belles Dance Team will also be posted on our Public Instagram Page (pchsbluebellesdance).