

**Braden River High School BLACK PEARLS Dance Team**  
**TRYOUT INFORMATION & APPLICATION PACKET**  
**TRYOUTS ARE APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**Any questions can be directed to BRHS Black Pearl Director, Marilyn Kelly**  
email [kelly2m@manateeschools.net](mailto:kelly2m@manateeschools.net).

**Please review the entire packet of information before auditioning.**

For those who make the team, a mandatory informational meeting for **dancers and at least 1 parent: Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024** in the BRHS Media Center **@6 PM**.

## **AUDITION LETTER**

Dear Candidates and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the Braden River High School Dance Team. As a member, you can show your Pirate pride through performances, competitions, and community events. The qualifications to become a member are as follows:

- ✓ Maintain a 2.0 minimum GPA
- ✓ Have pep and enthusiasm
- ✓ Enjoy performing & be ready to work hard
- ✓ Ready to assume the responsibility of representing BRHS

Dancing is a rewarding experience, but it is also a large time commitment and can be costly. This is a competitive team that requires earnest efforts and sincere dedication. You may want to experience all of high school but when it's time to work, we expect dancers to be READY! EXPECT TO LIMIT THE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, SPORTS, ETC. Be aware of these facts as you prepare to take on the responsibilities of representing Braden River High School as a BLACK PEARL DANCER.

### **Parent Responsibilities:**

- Read the entire packet and be certain that you fully understand the rules and regulations that govern the Black Pearls and/or have asked the coach (via email above) to clarify any parts you do not understand.
- Make sure that each form has been filled out completely and correctly.
- Attend the mandatory parent/student meeting if your dancer is chosen
- Volunteer for fundraisers, events, etc. throughout the year

### **Dancer Responsibilities:**

- Maintain a 2.0 GPA
- Represent BRHS in a positive way
- Arrive on time to dance team functions (including practices) with the correct clothing and shoes, along with any other required materials

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- Attend all practices and performances unless excused (contact coach with any conflicts)
- Participate in team activities, fundraisers, and other events
- Dancers will be expected to perform at football games and basketball games as well as Pep rallies, Basketball halftimes, "Yes, We Can Dance," "Dancing with the Pirates," and competitions.

## **ATHLETIC Paperwork & Insurance**

- **School Insurance must be purchased and form turned in PRIOR to participation.**
- Current Athletes of BRHS who have tried out for 2023-2024 or participated in a sport this year do not need to purchase additional sports insurance sports. However, it must be repurchased in Aug 2024 prior to first performance.
- Students who are new to BRHS or the athletics program **MUST** purchase \$25 insurance (Checks made out to Braden River High School) or paid online to cover them for the audition process. This will also cover you for camp and summer rehearsals if you make the team.
- Every student who makes the team, they will then need to re-purchase the full \$50 insurance for the 2022-2023 school year in August.

## **BEFORE PARTICIPATION, DANCERS MUST TURN IN:**

### **Completed application PACKET:**

- ✓ **3 Evaluations**
- ✓ **Academic grades**
- ✓ ***Athletic Sports Packet Required*** (Note: ALL ONLINE ATHLETIC CLEARANCE COMPLETED: [ATHLETIC SPORTS PARTICIPATION](#) PACKET REQUIRED (Physical Evaluation, Liability consents, Insurance and references). This packet can be found on the school home page under "Athletics" tab; IT IS QUITE EXTENSIVE.)

### **Audition Dates:**

- Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024: 4:45pm – 5:45 pm BRHS Gym, Turn in paperwork & audition rehearsals, learn routine in the BRHS Gym
- Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024: 4:45pm – 5:45 pm BRHS Gym, BRHS Gym polish routine. Review technique skills/across the floor, Mock Auditions
- Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024: FINAL Auditions: Begin at 4:00pm, BRHS Gym/Dance Room (likely done by 5pm)

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## **WHAT TO WEAR:**

- Dancers must wear form fitting dance/workout attire for the duration of audition week in addition to lightweight sneakers or dance shoes.
- Tights or leggings must be worn with shorts.
- No jeans, chewing gum, jewelry, or street clothes will be accepted.
- Final Audition Attire: Same as rehearsal attire—**BLACK ONLY**. Candidates that wear dance shorts **MUST** wear tights! Candidates may not audition with bare legs.
- **Returning dancers MAY NOT wear old dance team wear to rehearsals or auditions.**
- Shirts **MUST** be worn over sports bras.
- Dancers will be provided with numbers & pins to wear during auditions.

## **What to Expect at AUDITIONS**

1. Audition Routine
  - A routine will be taught and practiced by current Black Pearl Captains during the week of auditions
  - This routine will be a large portion of your assessment at tryouts.
  - There will be a video link given at tryouts to practice at home ON Wednesday
2. Across the Floor Routine
3. Technique Skill Demonstration: (including, but not limiting to the following:
  - a. Kick Combination—tendus, battements, side tilts, fan kicks
  - b. Turns—Pirouette, a la seconde, coupe turns, heel stretch turns
  - c. Stretching Skills—splits, needles, heel stretches, scorpions, back contortions
  - d. Jumps/Leaps—Axels, firebirds, toe touches, c-jumps, grand jete leaps, turning discs, tilt jumps, calypsos
4. A routine will be taught and practiced by current Black Pearl Captains during the week of auditions, this routine will be a large portion of your assessment at tryouts. There will be a video link given at tryouts to practice at home ON Wednesday
5. **NO Spectators: Rehearsals and auditions are CLOSED to the public.**

**CANDIDATES MAY NOT BEGIN THE PHYSICAL AUDITION PROCESS UNTIL ALL FORMS ARE TURNED IN. THESE CAN BE TURNED IN AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE: ATTENTION MRS. KELLY.**

Please turn in forms in the order listed below:

- ✓ Complete Dance Team Application

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- ✓ Dance Team Financial Agreement Form
- ✓ ALL ONLINE ATHLETIC CLEARANCE COMPLETED: [ATHLETIC SPORTS PARTICIPATION PACKET REQUIRED](#) (Physical Evaluation, Liability consents, Insurance and references)

## **Audition requirements:**

### **You will be judged based on the following—**

- ✓ Audition Routine (Showmanship, Projection, Technique, Memory, Overall Performance)
- ✓ Short Kick/Leap Combination
- ✓ Execution of technical dance skills section
- ✓ Turning in all forms by the deadline (first day of auditions)
- ✓ Report Card / GPA / REFERENCES FROM TEACHERS AND COACHES (Florida athletes are required to maintain a 2.0 GPA)
- ✓ Punctuality and proper audition attire at ALL rehearsals and final audition
- ✓ Maintaining a positive attitude that promotes teamwork and respect for other audition candidates.
- ✓ Your audition begins once you enter on the first day of rehearsals, PLEASE be aware, though there is a final audition, dancers will be evaluated throughout the course of the week.

### **Final Audition Scoring & Team Creation:**

- Scoring is private and will be shared with only the judges at the final audition.
- The Director will have the final decision of whether an individual is placed on the team (Coaches will refer to notes about candidates' attitude, punctuality, and effort)
- Throughout the week of auditions to obtain a coach's score that will be added to the
- Individual score from the judges on audition day.)
- Decisions are FINAL and non-negotiable.
- Dancers will be notified the night of Final Auditions VIA online posting of team.
- Veteran Dancers will audition with all rookie candidates.
- **No captains or leadership roles are guaranteed and will be decided by Coach Kelly after consideration through summer rehearsals.**

## **Braden River Black Pearls Dance Team Constitution:**

If an individual makes the team and chooses to follow through with participation for the 2024-25 school year, they will be required to sign the team constitution,

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which states requirements for participation, financial obligations, and ethics that uphold the standards of the team.

Practice Schedule: For the remainder of the 2023-24 school year and summer rehearsals, MANDATORY practices will take place after school beginning at 4:45pm and ending at 6:00pm twice a week in the BRHS Dance Room.

We will continue to practice throughout some of the summer. Practice days to be determined. Dancers will be notified of additional practice times or changes to the schedule at the Coach's discretion.

**Competition season will have additional practices added to the schedule.**

Parents/Guardians and Team Members will be notified usually at least ONE week prior adjustment.

**Dance Camp:** ALL team members will attend a MANDATORY dance camp this summer. Failure to go to camp for ANY reason by any team member will result in dismissal from the team. Please DO NOT tryout for the team if you cannot make this commitment Camp: ***UDA Varsity Dance Camp – Embassy Suites by Hilton USF/Busch Gardens 10-13, 202424***

**Predicted Performances for the 2024-25 School Year:**

- ALL home football games—schedule given when schedule is available.
- Some away games and playoff games
- Junior Dance Camp @ BRHS
- Dance Competitions: most between December - March
- Basketball Games
- Dancing with the Pirates Show
- Yes, We Can Dance Show

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## **Financial Agreement Form**

Fundraisers: ALL TEAM MEMBERS are required to participate in all planned fundraisers. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the team. Fundraisers assist the team fees as a whole and help to offset competition season expenses. Usual fundraisers are:

- Junior Dance Clinic
- Talent Show
- Dancing with the Pirates Show
- We will have an optional fundraiser as well to assist with Summer/Fall financial obligations.

All monies must be paid in full to receive access to camp or any items ordered by the team. However, any funds not generated by fundraisers will be the responsibility of the dancer/parent or guardian to pay.

Team members will be responsible for the following financial obligations in order to participate (Amendments will be made to costs if needed at the coach's discretion—parents/guardians will be consulted prior to ANY changes being made):

- First Payments: At the 1<sup>st</sup> team meeting on **Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 in the BRHS Media Center @ 6:00pm** a NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT of \$400 will be due to secure your dancer's spot for UDA Dance Camp.
- Balances will be broken into 2 payments:
  - Due April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Due May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Fees due no later than May 7<sup>th</sup> 2024
  - FEES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
    - UDA Summer Dance Camp (June 10 -13, 2024) includes meals \$530.00
    - Dance Team Bag approx. \$75
    - Team Warm Up Jacket approx. \$110
    - Team Sideline Shoes approx. \$80
    - 3 sets of Camp/Practice Gear (for remainder of 24-25) approx. \$100
    - Performance Wear (Uniform\*) approx. \$140
    - Spirit Top (to wear on gameday) approx. \$35
    - Team Sweatshirt \$40
    - Raincoat approx. \$30
    - Coaching and Choreography approx. \$400

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- \*Starred items may be owned by former team members and they would not be required to purchase.
- \$1440.00 **ROOKIE**
- **PAYMENTS:**
  - April 30, 2024: \$520.00
  - May 7, 2024: \$520.00
- **RETURNING VET/ PAYMENTS:** TOTAL DUE: 1200.00
  - April 30, 2024: \$400.00
  - May 7, 2024: \$400.00
- *Additional Costs:*
  - *CASH NEEDED FOR EARRINGS 12\$ AND PERSONALIZED BOW 12\$ for Rookies (and any veterans who lost these items)*
  - **Purchase on your own:** Black AND Tan Jazz Shoes, Black shorts as well as other personal dancer needs including tights, undergarments—sports bras, makeup, shoes, accessories – etc. These are not covered competition fees or costumes; we hope to use fundraisers to cover those.

**KEEP PAGES 1-6 FOR YOUR RECORDS. ONLY TURN IN THE BOTTOM AND PAGE 6.**

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Student Name:

Based on team size and need, such fees above MAY CHANGE on the Coach's discretion. All parents/guardians/dancers will be notified of such changes before committing to the team.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the financial responsibilities of my child being a BRHS Black Pearl Dance Team Member.

I understand some expenses can be paid through participating in fundraising efforts. However, I understand that I am responsible for any unpaid amount.

Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## APPLICATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (24/25 School Year): \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA(most current): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Any dance training (circle one)?      YES      NO

If so, how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Dance Style & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Training: \_\_\_\_\_

Other activities & interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be a BRHS Black Pearl Dancer? \_\_\_\_\_

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*As the parent/legal guardian of the above named student, I give my permission for him/her to audition for the BRHS Black Pearl Dance Team, under the direction of Mrs. Marilyn Kelly (Coach). Your signature on this form indicates you understand the rules and requirements of the BRHS Dance Team audition process, and agree to support them.*

Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As a potential BRHS Black Pearl, I have read, understand, and agree to follow the rules and requirements should I make the team.

Student Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Evaluation 1

Dancers: Please fill in your name and have at least two (2) teachers and one (1) coach fill out the form below.

Teacher/Coach: Please complete and return to Mrs. Kelly (Marilyn Kelly BRHS)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher or Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have known this student for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

What is your affiliation with this student? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the student on a scale of 1 – 5, with 5 being the highest score.

Punctuality/Attendance	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for Authority	1	2	3	4	5
Effort/Quality of Work	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for peers	1	2	3	4	5
Honesty and integrity	1	2	3	4	5

Would this student make a suitable addition to the Braden River High Black Pearls Dance Team? (Choose one.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

Comments:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Evaluation 2

Dancers: Please fill in your name and have at least two (2) teachers and one (1) coach fill out the form below.

Teacher/Coach: Please complete and return to Mrs. Kelly (Marilyn Kelly BRHS)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher or Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have known this student for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

What is your affiliation with this student? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the student on a scale of 1 – 5, with 5 being the highest score.

Punctuality/Attendance	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for Authority	1	2	3	4	5
Effort/Quality of Work	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for peers	1	2	3	4	5
Honesty and integrity	1	2	3	4	5

Would this student make a suitable addition to the Braden River High Black Pearls Dance Team? (Choose one.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

Comments:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Evaluation 3

Dancers: Please fill in your name and have at least two (2) teachers and one (1) coach fill out the form below.

Teacher/Coach: Please complete and return to Mrs. Kelly (Marilyn Kelly BRHS)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher or Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have known this student for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

What is your affiliation with this student? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the student on a scale of 1 – 5, with 5 being the highest score.

Punctuality/Attendance	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for Authority	1	2	3	4	5
Effort/Quality of Work	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for peers	1	2	3	4	5
Honesty and integrity	1	2	3	4	5

Would this student make a suitable addition to the Braden River High Black Pearls Dance Team? (Choose one.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No

Comments:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_