

Black Pearls Dance Team

BRADEN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

2021-2022 Audition Packet - keep pages 1-5 for your records

Any questions can be directed to BRHS Black Pearl Head Coach, Marilyn Kelly, to

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****For those who have made the team Informational Meeting:**

Tuesday April 20th, 2021 @ BRHS Media Center @ 6:00pm.

Please review the entire packet of information before auditioning.

Dear Candidates and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the 21-22 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, you must have pep and enthusiasm, want to be involved, enjoy performing, be ready to work hard, and ready to assume the responsibility of representing BRHS!

Dancing can be a truly 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. We understand that you would want to experience all of high school but when the its time to work we expect there to be no distractions with other interferences. Be aware of these facts as you prepare to take on the responsibilities of representing Braden River High School.

Parents and Dancers:

If selected to be a Black Pearl Dancer, there are many specific responsibilities and obligations that you and your child must assume in order 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 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
- 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
 - Attend all practices and performances unless excused
 - Participate in team activities, fundraisers and other events
- o Dancers will perform at football games and basketball games as well as the Talent Show, Yes We Can Dance, Dancing with the Pirates and 2-3 competitions.(If Covid 19 rules allow)

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AUDITIONS: April 16th 2021 4:00 pm BRHS Gym (Audition numbers will be given as soon as all paperwork is turned in)

School Insurance to be paid and form to be turned in PRIOR to participation)*

- Current Athletes of BRHS and Students who have tried out for 2020-2021 sports who has already purchased the \$25 insurance for the remainder of the Insurance year through June 30, 2021 do not need to re-purchase.
- Students who are new to BRHS or the athletics program MUST purchase \$25 insurance (Checks (made out to Braden River High School) or Cash) to cover them for the audition process.
- Every student who makes the team, they will then need to re-purchase the full \$50 insurance for the 2020-2021 school year.**

***BEFORE PARTICIPATION, STUDENT MUST TURN IN:**

1. Completed application PACKET, reference and academic grades
2. Athletic Sports Participation Packet Required THIS PACKET CAN BE

FOUND ON THE SCHOOL HOME PAGE UNDER "ATHLETICS" TAB; IT IS QUITE EXTENSIVE (WARNING 😊)

Audition Dates: Monday April 12th - April 14th & Friday, April 16th, 2021

- Monday-April 12th Paperwork turn-in 4:45-5pm Audition Rehearsals 5-6:00pm
BRHS Gym Turn in ALL paperwork; numbers assigned; learn routine
- Tuesday-April 13th Audition Rehearsals 4:45-6pm BRHS Gym Review routine
Learn technique skills/across the floor
- Wednesday April 14th Audition Rehearsals 4:45-6pm BRHS Gym Polish routine, review skills/across the floor, Mock Auditions
- Friday-April 16th h Final Auditions: Auditions Begin @4:00pm BRHS Gym/Dance Room
Final auditions, team announcements later that evening.

Attire

- ✓ Audition Rehearsal Attire: Dancers must wear any form fitting dance/workout attire for the duration of audition week in addition to lightweight sneakers or dance shoes. If shorts are worn, tights or leggings must accompany.
- ✓ ****No jeans,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 *veterans* **MAY NOT wear old dance team wear (t-shirts, costumes, etc.) to rehearsals or auditions. Shirts MUST be worn over sports bras.**
- ✓ Each dancer will be responsible for bring back their assigned number each audition day. Number will be given out on day one.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

- Audition Routine:
 - Across the Floor Routine
 - Technique Skill Demonstration: (including, but not limiting to the following)
 - Kick Combination—tendus, battements, side tilts, fan kicks
 - Turns—Pirouettes, a la seconde, coupe turns, heel stretch turns
 - Stretching Skills—splits, needles, heel stretches, scorpions, back contortions
 - Jumps/Leaps—Axels, firebirds, toe touches, c-jumps, grand jete leaps, turning discs, tilt jumps, calypsos
 - A routine will be taught and practiced by Coach Katie and Coach Danny assisting instructors 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 Thursday 😊
- **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:

1. Dance Team Application
2. Dance Team Financial Agreement Form
3. ALL COMPLETED PAPERWORK FROM “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
 - A (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.

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FINAL AUDITION SCORING & TEAM CREATION:

- o Scoring is private and will be shared with only the judges at the final audition.
- o The Head Coach will have the final decision of whether or not 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.)
- o Final decisions are FINAL and non-negotiable.
- o Dancers will be notified the night of Final Auditions VIA online posting of team.
- o Veteran Dancers will audition with all rookie candidates. No captains, leadership roles are guaranteed and will be decided by Coach Kelly and Coach Danny prior to Dance Camp 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 2019-2020 school year, they will be required to sign the team constitution, which states requirements for participation, financial obligations, and ethics that uphold the standards of the team.

Insurance:

School insurance is required because new team members will begin rehearsals during this current 2020-21 school year as well as throughout the summer. It is also necessary for tryouts on campus.

Practice Schedule:

MANDATORY practices will take place after school beginning at 4:45pm and ending at 6:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the BRHS Dance Room. Dates & times will be announced.

o We will continue to practice throughout the summer.

*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 weeks 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: DTU - Dance Team Union

Dates: July - TBD Where: MANATEE HIGH SCHOOL, Bradenton, FL

Predicted Performances for the 2020-2021 School Year:

- ❖ IF THERE IS AN OPEN SHOW FOR PARENTS AT CAMP - IT WILL BE ANNOUNCED :)
- ❖ 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 2021 - March 2022
 Could possibly include UDA, DTU or NDA regionals, MA, UDA/ NDA or DTU nationals,
- ❖ Basketball Games ❖ BRHS Talent Show
- ❖ Dancing with the Pirates Show ❖ Yes We Can Dance Show

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FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FORM

o **Fundraisers:** ALL TEAM MEMBERS are required to participate in all planned fundraisers to the expected degree. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the team. Optional fundraisers will be considered as well to assist with financial obligations.

o All monies must be paid in full to receive access to camp or any items ordered by the team.

o **Please DO NOT let financial requirements keep you from trying out** for the BRHS Black Pearls; all funds can be raised through our fundraisers. However, any funds not generated by fundraisers will be the responsibility of the dancer/parent or guardian to pay.

o 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):

o **First Payments: A payment schedule will be given at the first team meeting on Tuesday, April 20th, 2021. At this meeting a NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT of \$350 will be due to secure your dancer's spot for UDA Dance Camp.**

o Balances will be broken into 2 payments; Due May 7th & May 14th 2020.

Fees Required for Summer/Fall APPROXIMATED due no later than May 15th

FEES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

DTU Summer Dance Camp , Dance Team Bag*, Team Warm Up Jacket and Pants*, Team Hip Hop Shoes, Camp/Practice Gear (for remainder of 20-21), Performance Wear (Uniform)* top – pants – skirt – sheer under top, Personalized Hair Bow, Spirit Top, Some Competition Fees and Costumes, Coaching and Choreography

*Starred items may be owned by former team members.

Total: \$1050.00 ROOKIE/ PAYMENTS: 350.00 4/20/21– 350.00 5/4/21 – 350.00 5/11/21

\$750.00 RETURNING VETERAN/ PAYMENTS: 350.00 4/20/21– 200.00 5/4/21 – 200 5/11/21

**Additional Costs: These costs include: Black AND Tan Jazz Shoes, Black shorts as well as other personal dancer needs including tights, undergarments—sports bras, makeup, shoes, accessories – etc

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**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 most 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 (next year): _____

Graduation Year: GPA(most current): _____

Address: _____

City: Zip Code: _____

Student Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent Phone : _____ Parent Phone : _____

Student Email: _____

Parent email: _____

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

Dance Style & Location Training: _____

Other activities and interests: _____

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

As the parent/legal guardian of the above named student, I give my permission forhim/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 Signature: _____ 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 Signature: _____ Date: _____

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EVALUATIONS

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

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

Name of Student: _____

I have known this student for _____ years.

What is your affiliation with this student? _____

Please rate the student on a scale of 1-5 (5 being the highest score)

1. Punctuality/Attendance	1	2	3	4	5
2. Respect for authority	1	2	3	4	5
3. Effort/quality of work	1	2	3	4	5
4. Respect for peers	1	2	3	4	5
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?

(circle one) Yes No

Comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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