

## Nease Pantherettes 2022-2023 Audition Information

**Audition Information:** Auditions will be held on Saturday April 30, 2022 at Nease High School in the Performing Arts Center (PAC). Auditions will start at 7:30am and depending on number auditioning, will run to approximately 3:00pm. Dancers will only come to auditions in small groups for approx. 45 minutes at a time. Times will be given the week before auditions once all applications are collected. Please clear your schedule for the whole day to be sure.

**Who Can Audition:** Any student who is enrolled at Nease for the 2022-2023 school year may audition. Student must have a physical that is dated after April 30, 2021 in order to audition. Student must have a least a 2.0 GPA to audition.

**Optional Audition Prep Clinics:** There will be 6 optional audition prep clinics. Prep clinics will be held on campus at Nease High School after school. All clinics will be in the gymnasium. Clinics will focus on certain skills that dancers are expected to know for auditions and to be on the team. Clinics are \$5 a clinic, or you may pay \$20 up front to attend all 6. Payment is cash only at clinics. If paying the \$20 for all 6, make sure to have the \$20 at the first clinic.

Clinic information is listed below

1. Wed, March 23 ; 3:30-4:30pm (Turns)
2. Thurs, March 24 ; 4:30-5:30pm (Leaps and Jumps)
3. Tues, March 29 ; 4:30-5:30pm (Hip-Hop, style and tricks)
4. Wed, March 30 ; 3:30-4:30pm (Pom, style and some turns, leaps, and jumps)
5. Tues, April 5 ; 4:30-5:30pm (Kicks and Jumps)
6. Wed, April 6 ; 3:30-4:30pm (Turns and Leaps)

**Mandatory Audition Choreography Clinic:** Anyone auditioning will be required to attend 1 mandatory audition choreography clinic. Dancers will be assigned a day to attend to limit numbers. At these clinics dancers will learn all material for the audition.

1. Monday April 25 4:30 – 6:00pm Nease Cafeteria
2. Tuesday April 26 4:30 – 6:00pm Nease Cafeteria

**Audition Routines:** Dancers will perform 3 different routines and four 8-counts of freestyle as part of the audition process. The 3 routines will be as follows: technique pass (30seconds), sideline (30 seconds), audition routine (45seconds). Dancers will perform these routines with their audition group of 3-4 people. They will perform each routine once on the day of audition. Dancers will do four 8-counts of freestyle individually in front of their audition group and judges. Dancers will get the freestyle song in advance so they can prepare something specific if they wish. Small mats are available for use during free style.

**What to Wear:** The day of auditions dancers must wear black bottoms (make sure any bottoms hits at least mid thigh), and a fitted black top (no tube tops or crop tops). Dancers may wear tennis shoes or jazz shoes to audition. Dancers may not be barefoot (half-soles are allowed). No dancing in socks the day of auditions! Dancers should wear their hair in a nice neat manner and consider wearing make-up similar to how they would for an on-stage performance.

For all clinics – Dancers may wear any dance class attire (bottoms must hit mid-thigh). No barefoot or socks. May wear tennis shoes, jazz shoes, ballet shoes, or half soles.

*\*No dangling jewelry is allowed during clinics or auditions! \**

**What to Work on Now:** As you wait for prep clinics, some skills you can work on are as follows; second turns, calypso turns, turning discs, firebird, right leaps, second leaps, headsprings, aerials, kip-ups and pirouette (double or triple).

Dear Parents and Dancers,

Welcome panthers and future panthers interested in trying out for our 2022-2023 NHS Dance Team! I look forward to working with talented and positive students who wish to work as a team and represent our school.

With this in mind, as ambassadors of our school, dancers are EXPECTED to follow all school rules and behave appropriately, maturely and responsibly at all times. As a leader among their peers, dancers will be held to a higher standard. There are responsibilities and obligations that must be met, as a member of the Dance Team.

Academics should be a priority for all NHS Dancers. A dancer should be able to balance schoolwork and a busy dance schedule, as well as personal responsibilities. Dancers must maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher. Being a scholar-athlete is the best way to make the most out of high school. I'm proud to say for 2022 – 2023 the team average GPA was 3.3

Leadership abilities and a positive character are important qualities that each dancer must possess. The administration and faculty expect dancers to set a positive example of behavior and character not only in school but also in the community. Whether in uniform or not, an NHS dancer must exhibit the six (6) pillars of character at all times and meet all requirements as dictated by Nease Athletic Department. *Inappropriate behavior will be grounds for dismissal from the team.*

Parents are periodically asked to assist in volunteering for activities or events (volunteering at fundraisers, preparing food, etc.) and are expected to be supportive. Parents are responsible for providing transportation to all camps, practices, fundraising events and other activities. Parents are required to provide appropriate fees and paperwork by the announced deadline. If for any reason a parent requests that a dancer be removed from the team, re-admittance will not be allowed and all paid items are not refundable. Parents will respect the decisions made by the Coach about all dance performances and formations. A parent's refusal to support this policy could reflect in a negative manner on his/her dancer. If parents have any questions or concerns, please follow the appropriate chain of command: Coach – Athletic Director – Principal.

Dancers will be expected to attend ALL scheduled home games, camps, practices, and activities. During the the school year practices will be mandatory regardless of day, location or time. Please take this into consideration before the auditions. (*School year practices are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Weekend morning practices will be held in the winter and spring prior to competition*) If there is any doubt or problem with committing, please don't hesitate to email your concerns.

Dancers are encouraged to maintain an active attendance in studio dance classes. A majority of practice time is spent on choreography and dancers will benefit greatly from having the extra technique practice provided at their studio. Coach is willing to work with studio dance schedules (within reason) to help dancers.

Thank you for your interest in the NHS Dance Team Program. If you have questions that cannot wait till auditions, please feel free to email me at amy.case@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy B. Case". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "B".

Amy Case

# Financial Information

These fees are ESTIMATED. Returning dancers apparel cost will likely be lower, as some apparel items from this year can be used again. Exact fees and payment schedule will be presented at the first Parent Meeting. Financial payment plans are available. And of course, the goal is to fundraise more to lower costs.

## Dance Team Cost:

Apparel Package:	\$260 - \$400 (returners are lower cost)
Extras (spirit gifts, team meals, outings, etc):	\$125
Banquet (Dancer + One Parent):	\$75
Golden Panther Booster Club "Pay to Play":	\$75
Choreography/Music Fee	\$20-\$30
Summer Practice Costs	\$50
<b>Dance Team Total:</b>	<b>\$605 - \$755</b>

## Optional Summer Camp Cost:

National Dance Association, NDA Camp:	\$200 - \$300 (depending on dancer total)
<b>Dance Team Total (with Camp):</b>	<b>\$800 – \$1005</b>

## ESTIMATED Competition:

**Registration with hotel: \$75- \$200** (per competition)

**Costuming: \$50 - \$180** (per costume)

\*Price will vary on number of dances girls compete (gameday, jazz)\*

\*Fundraising will lower cost dependent on how successful fundraiser is\*

**National Dance Association Camp (NDA Camp) is optional.**

**Dates for the NDA Camp are July 14-July 16, 2022. Camp will during the day at Toco Creek High School. Dancers are highly encouraged to attend camp as it is a great time to work on technique, learn routines, and bond as a team. However, it is summer and Coach understands families have plans for summer!**

### **Competition:**

**Not every girl that makes the team will be guaranteed a spot in any competition routine. It will be based on performance and skill. If you know for sure you do not want to compete for any reason, please do not let that stop you from trying out for the team.**

If you have any questions,  
Please email Coach Case at [amy.case@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:amy.case@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

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## Audition Packet Check-List

1. **Complete online application by April 15, 2022 4:00pm.** You can access the online application via the Nease Dance website ([neaseathletics.com](http://neaseathletics.com)), Facebook (Nease Dance Team), Instagram ([nhs.danceteam](https://www.instagram.com/nhs.danceteam)), or you may click here or scan the QR Code:

[Online Application](#)



2. **Send out teacher recommendations by April 1, 2021.** *(Due by April 15, but recommend sending out with 2 weeks for teachers to complete)* You must have 4 teacher recommendations. 2 must be from school teachers (may be current teachers or from last year). 1 must be from a current school administrator/dean/guidance counselor. The last recommendation may be either school teacher or staff, or a dance teacher from a studio. Teacher recommendations are also online, please copy and paste links or QR code to send to your teachers.

[Teacher Recommendation](#)



3. **Complete agreement and liability form.** Please have a guardian complete the liability form. Link to form and QR code is below.

[Guardian - Liability Form](#)



4. **Athletic Clearance.** If you are not already registered for Athletic Clearance for the 2021 -2022 school year - please complete Athletic Clearance - See webpage for instructions: [neaseathletics.com/athletic\\_clearance/](http://neaseathletics.com/athletic_clearance/) (Need to be cleared for 2021-2022 to participate in tryouts since they fall within this school year, once team is announced dancers who make the team will complete for 2022-2023 year. If you have already completed the process for this school year for any sport, then you are all set for tryouts!)
5. **Print a current colored photo.** Print a colored 4"x6" picture and turn in to Coach Case by April 15.
6. **Print current report card.** Please print a copy of dancer's most recent report card (for SJCS D this will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report card). Turn in to Coach Case by April 15.

**TO TURN IN PHOTO AND REPORT CARD** – Drop off in Portable 24, leave at front desk for Coach Case, bring to optional clinics, or mail to school (Attn: Amy Case Nease High School 10550 Ray Road Ponte Vedra, FL 32081). Make sure both are in envelope with dancer name on it.