

# Ja'Quettes Dance Team Auditions 2011-2012

The SAHS Ja'Quettes Dance Team will be conducting auditions on  
**Wednesday, April 20th**  
**At 4:00 pm in the dance room at St. Augustine High School**

**Mandatory Clinic Information:** Monday, April 18th, 2011 in SAHS Dance Room from 4:30-7 pm

**Tryout Information:** Wednesday, April 20th 2011 in SAHS Dance Room – Beginning promptly at 4pm.  
The length of the audition depends on the number of participants. You will be assigned an audition time at the audition clinic on Monday, April 18th 2011.

**Mandatory Parent Meeting After Acceptance:** TBA

Requirements for eligibility:

Current GPA of 2.0 or higher

No OSS for 2010-2011 school year

Sports Physical

The attached forms must be completed and turned in to the front office at St. Augustine High School **no later than 4:00 pm, Tuesday, April 12th, 2011** in a sealed envelope labeled with your name on the outside.

- Audition Checklist
- Understanding of Commitment Form – Both student and parent must sign.
- Sports Physical
- GPA Verification – Submit a photocopy of your most recent report card.
- Teacher Reference Forms

You will need to make copies of the Teacher Reference Form. These will be turned into the front office separately by your teachers. Write your name and subject area on the lines provided. Give a copy to three of your current teachers with an envelope labeled: “Lauren Spatola, Dance Team Tryouts”. These must be turned to the front office at St. Augustine High School by Tuesday, April 12th. It is **your** responsibility to politely follow up with your teachers to make sure they have sent these forms.

**READ EVERYTHING CAREFULLY!**

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**St. Augustine High School**  
*Home of the Ja'Quettes*  
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Dear Parents and Prospective SAHS Ja'Quettes Dance Team Members,

Thank you for your interest in the St. Augustine High School Ja'Quettes Dance Team! During the week of April 18th, we will be conducting a clinic and tryouts for the 2011-2012 season. Next year's team goals are to support school spirit and enhance our school and community while maintaining a positive attitude and fun atmosphere. If dance is your passion and you want to be part of a great team with big plans ... we want to see you there!

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: 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.

Academics will be a priority for all Ja'Quettes Dance Team members. Many of our members are members of the National Honor Society, excel in honors courses and are leaders in our school. A successful dancer is able to balance a busy schedule as well as personal priorities. The SAHS Ja'Quettes Dance Team members must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA. Grades will be checked each quarter.

***NOTE: In consideration of all the participants, this will be a closed audition.***

Attire

For the clinic and audition, participants must wear a leotard or fitted tank top with fitted pants. No loose or baggy clothing is permitted. Former members may NOT wear Ja'Quettes dance team apparel. Your stomach must not show while dancing. You may wear jazz/hip hop shoes or dance barefoot. For your safety, please do not wear jewelry. Hair must be pulled back in a high ponytail (no long bangs hanging over eyes and face).

Skills

Some of the skills candidates will be asked to demonstrate include: left, right and straddle splits, leaps, double pirouettes, high kicks and gymnastics (round-offs, walkovers and back handsprings). A short dance routine will be taught at the clinic along with improvisation. This will demonstrate the ability to learn quickly and be creative. Candidates will audition skills and the dance routine in groups of four to five.

Good Luck!

**St. Augustine High School Ja'Quettes Dance Team  
Audition Checklist**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Student's Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (for 2011-2012): \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Due: \$425**  
*All members*

Please choose a payment option below.

\_\_\_ Option 1: Payment in full on May 1, 2011.

\_\_\_ Option 2: Half payments of \_\_\_\_\_ due on May 1 and June 1, 2011.

***NOTE: Accounts must be paid in full by June 1, 2011.  
Members with debt after June 1<sup>st</sup> will be dismissed from the team.***

This packet must include the following COMPLETED forms in a sealed envelope. Please check each circle as you place them in the envelope. Applications are to be turned into the St. Augustine High School front office by **Tuesday, April 12th**.

- Audition Checklist – This form completed.
- Sport Physical Form
- Understanding of Commitment Form – Both student and parent must sign.
- GPA Verification – Submit a photocopy of your most recent report card (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter).

**St. Augustine High School Ja'Quettes Dance Team  
Official Understanding of Commitment Form**

Name of Dancer: \_\_\_\_\_

We understand that dance is a rigorous sport that requires discipline, time and commitment. This commitment includes, but is not limited to the following **MANDATORY** events:

**Initial**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **SUMMER DANCE CAMP (tentative):**  
Monday through Wednesday, July 11th-13th from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm at SAHS.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **SUMMER PRACTICES:**  
Every Monday and Wednesday starting July 4th, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm at SAHS.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **AFTERSCHOOL PRACTICES:**  
Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays through February from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. (Team practice begins when school starts.) You will be given sufficient notice for other mandatory practices. ***You will be responsible for all transportation to and from practices.***
- \_\_\_\_\_ **PERFORMANCES:**  
Perform for all home football and basketball games and pep rallies (including play-off games) as well as skit night rehearsal and performance.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **FUNDRAISING:**  
Participation in ALL fundraising activities the team decides to do, which will cover any additional costs.

**FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INCLUDE:**

**All members will provide their own:**

- Black hip hop shoes
- Black footed tights
- Black turtleneck leotard

\_\_\_\_\_ **All Members Payment**

Uniform fee (x2)	\$150
Warm-ups	\$70
Guest Choreography	\$50
Jacket	\$70
Fitted Team Shirt	\$35
Bag	\$25
Pants	\$25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$425</b>

***I understand the commitment of the Dance Team. By signing below, I agree to commit fully to all of the above.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**St. Augustine High School Ja'Quettes Dance Team  
Teacher Recommendation Form**

*(Please return this confidential information to the front office at SAHS prior to: Tuesday, April 12th)*

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Fellow Instructor,

Please answer the following questionnaire as honestly as possible with the understanding that these forms will be kept strictly confidential. Upon completion, please place in the envelope provided by your student and return to the SAHS front office no later than Tuesday, April 12th. Please do NOT return to the student as this will invalidate the evaluation.

**\*\*For added security, please sign your name across the sealed flap of the envelope.\*\***

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.

Please circle the corresponding number for each characteristic that best describes the above named student.

<b>Characteristic</b>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Usually</i>	<i>Frequently</i>	<i>Always</i>
<b>Responsible</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Respectful</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Punctual</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Regular Attendance</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Hard Working</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>High Morals/Character</b>	1	2	3	4	5

**Please check here \_\_\_\_\_ if you have ANY reservations about recommending this student for the SAHS Ja'Quettes Dance Team. If you do have concerns, please explain in detail on the back or contact me personally at spatoll@stjohns.k12.fl.us.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date