

**DANCE TEAM 2025-2026 SEASONAL NOTES**  
**COACH: JENNIFER TAYLOR**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**THURSDAY, MAY, 8: OPENING PARENT MEETING 6-7, DANCE STUDIO**

**THURSDAY, MAY 29: CAPTAIN'S CLINIC 10-12, DANCE STUDIO/RISING SENIORS**

**MONDAY, JUNE 2-THURSDAY, JUNE 5: TRYOUTS 10-12, DANCE STUDIO**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 6: UNIFORM FITTING FOR ALL 10:00-12:00, DANCE STUDIO**

**MONDAY, JUNE 9-THURSDAY, JUNE 12: YOUTH CAMP 1-4, CCHS GYM**

***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED/SERVICE HOURS EARNED***

**AUGUST 12-13: HOME SPIRIT CAMP, TIME TBA**

**AUGUST 14-15: HOME CHOREOGRAPHY CAMP, TIMES TBA**

**WEEK OF AUGUST 18: REGULAR SEASON PRACTICES BEGIN 3:00-4:30, DANCE STUDIO (MONDAYS/THURSDAYS)**

**EXTRA COMP PRACTICES: AWAY FOOTBALL GAME DAYS FROM 3-5, DANCE STUDIO**

**DISNEY UDA NATIONAL COMPETITION: JAN 30-FEB 1**

**TRYOUT SUMMARY:**

The CCHS dance team consists of anywhere from 20-30 dancers each year ranging in age from freshman to seniors. The tryout process includes 3 practice days and 1 day of judging for final scoring. All participants are required and expected to be in attendance to be eligible for the upcoming team. If there are extenuating circumstances, it can be worked out to do a virtual/video tryout, however, it is not recommended. All candidates are judged fairly and equally according to the rubric of requirements and scoring by the coach and the choreographer. The final list will be posted at the conclusion of the last day of tryouts online at [charlottecatholic.org](http://charlottecatholic.org) under athletics on the dance team page. The team list will also include your captains for the season. Your captain representatives are 2-3 seniors depending on the season. All decisions are final and will not be changed. I will not take meetings without the presence of our athletic director and/or administration if necessary, however, I will speak with any of the candidates individually in a positive manner about improvements if contact is made to me by school phone or email. This also includes any discussions about the captains chosen.

**SEASON EXPECTATIONS:**

Once the team is made, each team member is required to attend all team events including practices, games, pep rallies, team dinners, banquets etc. If you are sick, injured or need to be excused from anything, you are to contact your coach and captains with as much advance notice as possible so a plan can be made. We will also assign team parents. This is usually the job of our captain's parents, however, if they are unavailable or uninterested, I will then look to the rest of the senior class, junior class, sophomore class, freshman class etc for help. These duties are minor and simply include keeping the families in the loop with all significant dance team information. Team parents are to relay any new information to the coach first before sending out communication to our families. All final decisions about anything team related is made by the coach only.

## **GAME DAY EXPECTATIONS:**

All practices, games and team dinners are mandatory. If practices are missed the week of a performance and material cannot be made up appropriately, then the dancer will be asked to sit out from that performance, however, they will be required to be in uniform to execute any other team duties that evening. You should arrive on time and expect to stay the duration for any events. This is key in establishing choreography correctly and maintaining the dance team as your priority. Lastly, all dance team items such as uniform pieces, shoes, accessories, fees etc are required for purchase to be a part of the team. These items are worn throughout the season so that all team members look the same and represent CCHS in a professional manner.

## **OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

Each athlete at CCHS is expected to pay our annual Athletic Association fee. A current sports physical will also need to be on file with the school online through Dragonflymax before tryouts begin or you will be unable to participate. Returning members already registered to Dragonflymax, should keep their records current throughout the year. New students and incoming freshmen will be set up on this site through our athletic training office. No hard copies of medical forms will be accepted. Please email Todd Wisocki for details on those links for uploading the required documents until your Dragonflymax account exists in the system. (tawisocki@charlottecatholic.com)

## **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:**

Regardless of the outcome of tryouts, all team members, captains and coaches should be respected throughout the remainder of the season. All issues and/or situations will be dealt with on a case by case basis, however, removal from the team is an option if circumstances do not improve. This includes missing multiple events without notification, an overall negative attitude, or blatant disrespect to your captains and/or coach. Lastly, remember, all social media accounts and behavior on those accounts should reflect you in a positive manner as you are a representative of the CCHS community. Any misconduct will be reviewed by the coach and administration and possible expulsion from the team could occur if the material found is deemed inappropriate and does not follow our school policy and mission statement as outlined in our school handbook. \*Be aware of what you post and the intention behind it.

## **CAPTAIN'S ROLE:**

The captains and coach will work closely together to ensure a successful season. With that being said, all practice plans, meetings, music, choreography etc is subject to approval by the coach. There should be no gatherings of the team on CCHS campus without the knowledge of the coach and the coach or a parent representative must be in attendance. All events for the dance team should be scheduled by the coach only. Captains should relay all concerns to the coach, especially the need to add extra practices, rehearsals, meetings etc. or to deal with any disrespectful issues between your team members. Bottom line, your coach is your first outlet for all team needs. Your captains should serve as your leaders, always role modeling good behavior and high team standards.

\*\*Arrive early, communicate with your coach, be prepared, help your teammates be successful, and lead by example.

## **COMPETITION:**

We will have a goal this season to participate in the UDA national championship in Walt Disney World. We will attend a home spirit and choreography camp to qualify and learn the dance we intend to compete with. Since we will be approaching this for the first time in many years, it will be optional this season. I will need to know at tryouts what your decision is for the year. All decisions at tryouts are final. Your decision about competing will not affect your ability to make this team. Our home camp week will apply to all team members so attendance is mandatory. The first two days will be a home spirit camp to qualify for nationals and the remainder of the days that week will be reserved for choreography with a UDA professional choreographer. If you are not on the competition team, you will still attend both camps to learn the routine needed for competition as an alternate position. This will enable us to account for any absences, injuries and to use on game days. Mondays and Thursdays throughout the year will be reserved for game day practices while extra practices for competition will take place after school on away Friday night game days. You will be called up if needed as an alternate, but are not required to attend Friday practices. All practices during the season are mandatory and non-negotiable without prior notification to the coach and captains.

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT:**

Parents are an important entity in making this team successful. Because of our growing numbers, I will need your assistance in communicating with each other. I will be your direct line of contact for any needs we may have and I am here to also receive your feedback along the way when things can be improved upon. One of our favorite traditions as a team is our weekly team dinners before game time. At the beginning of the season, I will create a signup genius and it is expected that all families participate at least once. This should serve as a fun way to bond with each other. At the time of signup, I will allocate how many and what grade level each week in hopes to cut down on confusion.

Since we are taking on this big competition opportunity, I will also plan to have a committee of parents that represent each grade level to help with organizing our calendar of events and due dates for all expenses that will exist to participate in this competition. Once the team is formed after tryouts, I will reach out to create this committee that will meet on a monthly basis for check-ins to see what is needed. This will truly be a group effort so if this is too much of a commitment for your dancer and/or family please take that into consideration before tryouts begin when you make your decision either way. I need truly dedicated members who are available, willing and excited for this new CCHS dance team venture.