

Spring Tryout Packet **2024**

St. Augustine High
**Jacket
Pom**



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Jacket Pom

**all included information is subject to change based on hired coaching staff, scheduling, and interest*

This performance group, **Jacket Pom**, has a primary goal of supporting any extracurricular events that request a performing arts group to raise the spirit of their event at SAHS. This team's practiced style of dance will mainly be "Game Day" and "Pom", and they will train as such with St. Augustine High School and the Yellow Jackets as their focus. This team may also perform some other styles (jazz/hip hop) but that will be at the discretion of the coaches.

Overview of Jacket Pom

- Jacket Pom Team sponsored by SJCCA and SJCCA Dance
- Dancers are encouraged to train in dance outside of school and/or SJCCA but it will **not** be required
- Jacket Pom Team will perform at Home and selected in-county Away Varsity SAHS Football games
- Jacket Pom Team will perform at select Boy's & Girl's Home Basketball games
- Students may be asked to supply their own sneakers and uniform pants/shorts (specifics TBD)
- Jacket Pom Team members will pay for required items with some recycled '23-'24 apparel
 - Warm-ups
 - Uniform top
 - Practice apparel
 - Poms
 - Backpack
 - Wrist weights
 - Choreography (as needed)

**There may be additional items to purchase but we will keep these to a minimum or we will fundraise for this money if necessary*

- Dancers will audition before a panel of experienced, unbiased judges
- Jacket Pom Team will be selected based on a break in scores
- Jacket Pom Team will practice in the dance room (F400) 1-2 times per week before school
- Jacket Pom Team will only compete if the coaching staff decides to enter the **Game Day** category under St. Augustine High School

Coaching Staff

Kaila Schippiani

Creative Director

Samantha Berthiaume

Coach

All tryout days will take place in the SAHS Dance Room (F400). The F-Bldg Gate (closest to the tennis courts) will be propped open for drop off and pick up behind the dance room. There will be senior helpers present to direct you!

No friends or family members will be permitted.

April 16th 4:30-6:30 PM Tryout Prep Day

- Hand in your completed Tryout Packet
- Meet the coaches
- Learn the audition combination (gameday and pom-focused)
- Watch a Mock Audition
- Randomly select your performance order for Final Tryout Day
- ATTIRE: any workout clothes, sneakers. Hair up and out of face. Pack water

April 18th 6:00 PM Start Time Final Tryout Day

- Arrive at 6:00pm to sign in, stretch, and meet the judges before final tryouts begin
- The first audition time slot will be 6:30pm and you will perform 2 at a time.
- You may be asked to stay until the end to “dance again”. You will know by the time you exit the audition room if you need to stay or not. If not, you are free to go home.
- Check Instagram and our Jacket Pom website on the evening of April 19th for results!
- ATTIRE: any full-coverage tank top, black shorts, sneakers, light make-up. Hair up and out of face. Pack water and snacks.

April 24th 6:00 PM Informational Team Meeting

- If you made the team, Congratulations! You and your parent(s)/caregiver(s) are encouraged to attend a virtual informational meeting to learn all about our upcoming season.
- You will receive a Zoom link via email (the email addresses that you include on your Tryout Application).

***If you would like audition feedback, we encourage the *dancers* to email jacketpomdanceteam@gmail.com beginning on April 22nd and respectfully ask for your judge’s comments. Do not email asking for feedback until April 22nd. We find it is best to digest the results for at least a day before asking for feedback. Please note, we will not release raw or average scores from tryouts, but we will email the comments that were made by our judges.**

Audition Requirements

- 1) Dancers must be enrolled and planning to attend St. Augustine High School for the 2024-2025 school year. 9th-12th graders are eligible.
- 2) Dancers must hand in a completed application on or before April 16th to be considered for this team.
- 3) Dancers must be available to attend both audition days or submit a completed audition video. *If you will be unable to attend the Tryout Prep Day on April 16th and/or the Final Tryout Day on April 18th, make sure you legibly fill out that portion of the Tryout Application provided.
- 4) Dancers who accept their position on the team must be prepared to pay their uniform down payment (\$300) by May 1st.
- 5) Summer Practices in the dance room (F400) will May 28, 29, and 30 from 2pm-5pm.

We are highly recommending that you attend these summer practices. You will be learning most of your choreography for the season. If you cannot attend (and even if you do), you will be expected to learn and review all choreography that is filmed and shared at the conclusion of these practices. ***Note, if you make the team and are interested in being a captain, you must attend all of these practices.*** More info on that application process will be shared at a later date.

Candidate #: _____

Judge #: _____

Jacket Pom TRYOUT SCORESHEET

Audition Apparel

Wearing sneakers and audition-ready attire _____/5 points

Skills Demonstration

Battements _____/5 points

Pirouettes _____/5 points

Toe Touches _____/5 points

Leaps _____/5 points

Expression for Skills _____/5 points

Rolls _____/5 points

Style and Execution _____/20 points

Arm Placement & Strength _____/10 points

Timing & Musicality _____/10 points

Memory of Choreography _____/10 points

Confidence and Expression _____/10 points

Overall Appeal _____/10 points

TOTAL: _____/100 points

ADDITIONAL Comments

FAQs

1. **Do you have to be a member of SJCCA to be on this team?** No, you do not. We are inviting all current and future SAHS students to try out for this team.
2. **Will this team perform at SAHS sporting events?** Yes.
3. **Will this team perform in SJCCA Dance shows?** That is the hope, yes.
4. **Will this team be funded by SJCCA?** Fees for this team will be paid by the dancers selected after tryouts. Any additional costs may be obtained through fundraising efforts. Any additional booster questions can be forwarded to the SJCCA Director.
5. **Will this team attend a summer camp?** No. There are summer practices where most choreography will be taught and recorded.
6. **Will this team compete?** This team *may* compete in the Game Day category at competitions if the coaching staff decides the skillset, and maturity of the team is at a competitive level.
7. **Will dancers on this team be eligible for a SAHS Varsity Letter?** Maybe. This is at the coach's discretion depending on attendance and participation in **both** football and basketball season.
8. **Do returning "Jacket Pom" members have priority at tryouts?** No.
9. **How will captains be selected?** After a team is made, captain applications will be handed out after the Informational Meeting. Any candidates for captain must be present at the summer practices. NOTE: holding a previous leadership role does not guarantee that you will be selected for a leadership role again.
10. **Can a student do Jacket Pom and be on The *Collective*?** Yes.
11. **How many dancers will be selected for the 2024-2025 Jacket Pom team?** There is no set number we are looking for. A team will be selected by a natural break in scores from judge's score sheets.
12. **What type of dancer are you looking for?** We are looking for confident, well-rounded dancers with energy and strong technique. Remember, this team will play an essential role in creating a positive Game Day environment at SAHS!

Please keep this packet for your records and only hand in the application and recommendation portion of this packet before or on April 16th

Tryout Application

Dancer's Name: _____ Current School: _____

Dancer's Grade for 2024-2025 School Year: _____

Dancer's Email Address: _____

Dancer's Cell Phone #: _____

If selected for this team, would you be interested in competing? PLEASE NOTE: this may include added costs. (Circle One) YES NO

*Unable to attend our Tryout Prep Day on 4/16? Write your email address here to receive instructional videos and specific instructions: _____

*Unable to attend our Tryout Day on 4/18? Email jacketpomdanceteam@gmail.com no later than April 16th explaining your conflict to receive directions on how to submit a video audition.

Dancer's Grades for Q3 of the 2023-2024 School Year (if you have less than the courses listed, put "N/A")

Course #1: _____ **Q3 Grade:** _____%

Course #2: _____ **Q3 Grade:** _____%

Course #3: _____ **Q3 Grade:** _____%

Course #4: _____ **Q3 Grade:** _____%

Course #5: _____ **Q3 Grade:** _____%

Course #6: _____ **Q3 Grade:** _____%

Course #7: _____ **Q3 Grade:** _____%

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Contact Information for Meeting on April 24th, 2024:

(Only 1 parent/guardian's info is **required** for the informational meeting)

List any and all email addresses you would like to receive the link to the informational meeting. Please separate multiple addresses with a semicolon.

Dancer Recommendations

All candidates for the 2024-2025 Jacket Pom Team must have 2 current teachers fill out the following recommendation to include in your tryout packet. Coaches of this team cannot be recommenders.

Recommender #1 Name: _____

Can you briefly discuss this dancer's role as your student? The most helpful information to gather would be this student's maturity, attitude, work ethic, and character. Please include any specific examples you may have. If you have additional comments to make about this candidate, please email jacketpomdanceteam@gmail.com. Thank you!

Recommender #2 Name: _____

Can you briefly discuss this dancer's role as your student? The most helpful information to gather would be this student's maturity, attitude, work ethic, and character. Please include any specific examples you may have. If you have additional comments to make about this candidate, please email jacketpomdanceteam@gmail.com. Thank you!
