

# PVIS Cotillion 2018 - 2019



## Attention Parents of Incoming PVIS 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

### Have you been hearing about Cotillion but don't know what it is?

Cotillion, a decades-old tradition in Palos Verdes intermediate schools, is an excellent opportunity for your children to learn many basic dance steps and to have instruction on manners and etiquette.

Each of the eight themed evenings is treated as a dressy dance with decorations, refreshments, and music. The dances are directed by a nationally known instructor, Mr. Bobby Burgess and his team. In addition to the instruction and manners portion of the evening, there are dance and costume contests, raffles, and games. The dates and themes are still to be determined for next year, but the dance parties are usually held one Friday evening a month from September to April. Each grade level meets at a different time (6<sup>th</sup> grade is from 4:45 to 6:30pm).

The Cotillions at the intermediate schools prepare the students to participate in the Palos Verdes Assembly at the high school level. Assembly is a four-year program that includes community service with dance and etiquette instruction in formal dances, dinners, and teas, culminating in a senior presentation ball. Students may achieve President's Volunteer Service Awards which are based on their service hours. Enrollment in Assembly is predicated on participation in Cotillion.

We can only accept 200 students per grade, so please apply early. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis based on the application postmark. While it is no longer necessary to apply with a partner, we do accept applications so as to maintain a balanced girl to boy ratio to facilitate partnering during dance and etiquette instruction.

2018-2019 Cotillion applications are available on the PVIS Home Page under Cotillion and will be available in the on-line PVIS registration packet. (*Note to parents of students attending Ridgecrest and Miraleste: Cotillion is available at those schools as well, taught by the same dance instructors.*) To join PVIS Cotillion, children must be PVIS students and partners must be in the same grade.

For further information or if you are interested in becoming part of the all-volunteer PVIS Cotillion Board, please contact Dawn Murdock, co-Chair, at [dawnDmurdock@gmail.com](mailto:dawnDmurdock@gmail.com) or [pviscotillion@gmail.com](mailto:pviscotillion@gmail.com).