

**PALOS VERDES INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
COTILLION GUIDELINES 2017-2018
Under the Direction of Mr. Bobby Burgess**



PVIS Cotillion, a popular intermediate school activity and tradition on the PV Peninsula, is associated with the PVIS Booster Club, a parent-sponsored organization dedicated to enriching the PVIS student experience. The purpose of Cotillion is to provide your child with instruction in basic dance steps and social graces. Eight dances are held during the school year. Each dance is a semi-formal or themed dance with music, decorations, and refreshments.

We welcome parent volunteers to help decorate and chaperone. If we do not have enough chaperones, we may need to cancel dances for safety reasons. Parent volunteer hours are a plus for children who apply to Assembly in High School. Parents can indicate their volunteer interest on the *Cotillion Application Form* which is available through the PVIS Member Planet online registration packet or at the PVIS website (pvis.pvpusd.net).

We encourage full participation in the PVIS Booster Club and offer a lower application fee to Cotillion students who are Booster Club members (*See King donation level or higher*).

COTILLION DATES & THEMES: Dances are on Fridays, except in December.

| DATE | THEME | NOTES | ATTIRE |
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| Friday, September 22 | Premier Dance Party | | Semi-Formal |
| Friday, October 20 | Trick or Treat Trot | Costume Contest | Costume or Semi-Formal |
| Friday, November 17 | Pilgrim Prance | | Semi-Formal |
| Thursday, December 14 | Snow Ball | Charity Toy Drive | Semi-Formal |
| Friday, January 19 | Dancing in the 60's and 70's | Costume Contest | Costume or Semi-Formal |
| Friday, February 9 | Hearty Party | Swing Contest | Semi-Formal |
| Friday, March 9 | Dancing Around the World | | Semi-Formal |
| Friday, April 20 | The Graduation Prom (Mother/Son & Father/Daughter Dance) | Waltz Contest | Semi-Formal |

COTILLION DANCE SCHEDULE: Dances start and end promptly.

| GRADE LEVEL | START TIME | DISMISSAL TIME | PARENT VOLUNTEERS |
|---------------|------------|----------------|---|
| Sixth Grade | 4:45 pm | 6:30 pm | Volunteers are greatly appreciated for: Set Up: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Tear Down: 10:00 pm – 10:20 pm |
| Seventh Grade | 6:45 pm | 8:15 pm | |
| Eighth Grade | 8:30 pm | 10:00 pm | |

PVIS COTILLION MASTER BOBBY BURGESS

Bobby Burgess has been the Cotillion Master for PVIS, MIS, RIS, and Assembly (high school) for over 25 years. He and his staff have a wonderful time instructing youth in ballroom dancing, manners, and etiquette, in addition to having theme parties, mixers, party games, and refreshments. Cotillion is a great place to make and meet new friends. ***“We want everyone to feel comfortable in a social situation while growing in self-confidence and self-esteem.”***

Mr. Burgess' professional career started as an original Mouseketeer on Walt Disney's "Mickey Mouse Club" and then, for 21 seasons, as the ballroom dance team on the "Lawrence Welk Show." Mr. Burgess invites all to ***“Come and be a part of the fun and excitement!”***



PVIS COTILLION POLICIES, PARTICIPATION CODE AND DRESS CODE

The Cotillion Board has adopted the following policies and participation code. Parents and members are asked to cooperate in order to have Cotillion continue to be a successful and positive experience for all.

STUDENTS: All students are expected to be respectful, use good manners, and listen (not talk) during instruction. No electronics or chewing gum is allowed. Dances start promptly, and students are expected to be on time. Attendance at all dances is expected. If a student is 20 minutes late or leaves more than 20 minutes early, it will count as an absence. We cannot accommodate guest students.

Student Absences When not attending a dance, the student must send a written letter of regret to:

**PVIS COTILLION
P.O. BOX 981
PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CA 90274**

- Letter must be sent before the next dance to remain in good standing. Please indicate grade level in letter.
- Please email Cotillion Chairpersons at PVIScotillion@gmail.com a week in advance, so we have time to balance the boy/girl ratio with Assembly (high school) volunteers.

PARENTS:

- In order for Cotillion to run smoothly, parent participation is encouraged.
- Please ensure your student is following the dress code.
- Parents will be contacted if student is ill, is unmanageable, violates the dress code or displays inappropriate behavior.
- Students will not be permitted to leave a dance unless accompanied by a chaperone or parent. Students must be picked up on time at the end of each dance in front of the MPR, as chaperones cannot oversee students outside. Students are NOT allowed to walk home from Cotillion.
- Out of consideration for the students, parents are not allowed to stay and watch unless they are scheduled to chaperone. All parents are invited to attend the April dance.
- Please take photos at home before dance or park in teacher's lot (not drop off zone) and walk up to photograph groups. We have to process 200 children arriving in cars in a very short time span.

Allergies Refreshments are served at each dance. Please email us if your child has allergies we should be aware of and instruct your child to politely decline refreshments, if needed. We cannot make accommodations for all allergies, but do our best to avoid foods with common allergens.

GIRLS' DRESS CODE:

Semi-Formal attire: Girls must wear modest party dress, short white gloves, dress shoes,

- Dresses - - dress length must be no more than 2" above the knee; no backless, strapless, 1 strap or halter dresses. No visible undergarments or leggings.
- Gloves - - (**New this year**) complimentary short white gloves are provided to first-time members at the first dance. Additional pairs available for purchase for \$5.00.
- Dress shoes - - *No mules, athletic shoes, flip-flops, or heels higher than 3 inches.*

Costume attire: Modest attire appropriate to the theme (legs must be covered to the knee). Pants, denim, and athletic shoes are allowed. Gloves are not needed. No flip-flops. No leggings to be worn as pants.

BOYS' DRESS CODE:

Semi-Formal attire: Boys must wear a suit or sports coat with dress slacks, dress shirt, tie, dark socks, and hard-soled dress shoes. *No athletic shoes.*

Costume attire: Collared or sport shirt with long pants appropriate to the theme. Tie not needed. Denim and athletic shoes are allowed. *No mules or flip-flops. No shorts, no sleeveless shirts.*

PVIS COTILLION COORDINATOR 2017-2018: Carolyn Carpenter at PVIScotillion@gmail.com