

## 2018-2019 PVIS COTILLION DRESS CODE, BEHAVIOR CODE AND POLICIES

**GIRLS: SEMI-FORMAL:** Must wear party/dinner dresses, short white gloves, and appropriate dress shoes (heels no more than 3 inches high, must have a back strap). Dress length should be modest (e.g., 2 inches or less above knee). Girls are raising their arms and twirling, thus modest attire is expected and will be enforced. NO strapless, halter, single strap or bare back dresses. NO miniskirts. NO leggings. NO visible undergarments (e.g., straps).

**Gloves** are provided complimentary to first-time members (girls only) at the first dance. Additional pairs are available for purchase for \$5.00.

**THEME DANCES:** Dress appropriately for the theme (legs must be covered down to the knee, no bare backs or midriffs), or wear semi-formal dress. Pants, denim and athletic shoes are OK at theme dance only. No leggings to be worn alone as pants. Gloves are not needed. NO mules or flip flops ever.

**BOYS: SEMI-FORMAL:** Must wear suit or sport coat, dress shirt (tucked in), dress slacks, tie, dark socks, and hard-sole dress shoes. NO athletic shoes or tennis shoes.

**THEME DANCES:** Shirt and pants appropriate for the theme, or sport shirt and long pants, or semi-formal attire. Denim and athletic shoes OK at theme dance only). NO cutoff shorts. NO sleeveless, collarless or torn shirts.

**STUDENTS:** Students are expected to be respectful, use good manners, and listen (not talk) during instruction. NO gum allowed. Dances start promptly. Attendance at all dances is expected. If a student is 20 minutes late or leaves more than 20 minutes early, it counts as an absence. If a student will not attend a dance, please e-mail the Cotillion Co-Chair at [PVISCotillion@gmail.com](mailto:PVISCotillion@gmail.com) one week in advance so we have time to balance the boy/girl ratio with Assembly (high school) volunteers.

**Absences:** After missing a dance, the *student* must send in a *hand written* note of regret to PVIS Cotillion, P.O. Box 981, PVE, CA 90274 before the next dance to remain in good standing. Please indicate grade on the note.

**PARENTS:** To help Cotillion run smoothly, parent participation is encouraged. Please ensure your student is following the dress code. Parents will be contacted if a participant 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. 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 the dance or park in the teacher's lot (**not the drop off zone**) and walk up to photograph groups. We have to process 200 children arriving in cars in a very short time span.

**REFUNDS:** Once a student is accepted into Cotillion (is issued a formal invitation), there are no refunds.

**COTILLION BOARD:** The Cotillion Board reserves the right to dismiss any student who repeatedly disrupts instruction or violates the dress code. Parents will be called if the student's behavior becomes a problem.

### **PVIS COTILLION MASTER BOBBY BURGESS**

Bobby Burgess has been the Cotillion Master for RIS, MIS, PVIS, and Assembly at the High School level for over twenty-five years. He and his staff have a wonderful time instructing middle school 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 twenty-one 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!"**



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