

Boise Cotillion

Nifty 50's

Thursday, January 9th

Hope you had a wonderful holiday season filled with fun and traditions! Looking forward to the fun of 2025! Our Holiday Gala Inaugural Ball was a wonderful event! I was impressed with the reception line introductions, and polite behaviors toward other Cotillion members. I hope you begin seeing some of these learned behaviors transitioning into family gatherings and new social situations. Of course it is important to be polite throughout Cotillion, with respectful treatment to all members, chaperones and guests, however the most important part is to have this extend into everyday life.

*Nametags have been given to each member, please place somewhere so you will remember where it is for each Cotillion. **PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAG** If you have misplaced your name tag, or have a handwritten name tag, please let me know soon and I will have a new one waiting. This will be the last time for replacements or mistakes. A few people did leave their name tags at Cotillion and they will be there for them this time. Anyone who was absent, your nametag will be at Cotillion when you arrive. Thanks so much!*

The ladies and gentlemen have now learned the box step of the waltz, with a turn and the proper hand hold. We also have begun learning the basics of the swing, which will be great fun at the 50's dance. Please take the opportunity to share at home what has been learned, as this is great reinforcement. Turn on some music and have fun dancing with your child.

Some of the social instruction that has been taught includes:

Introductions

Stand tall, look the person in the eye, smile, and give a firm handshake. Ladies and gentlemen of Cotillion enter the ballroom through a short receiving line to practice introductions and leave the party by thanking a host/hostess and expressing what they liked about the evening (when time permits, or it is a casual wave and "thank you").

Escort Position

Boys offer the right arm in an escort position to the girl. The elbow is out to the side with palm of the hand resting easily on the right lower stomach area. Girls, remember the boys are always on the left when offered an arm to escort you, thread through the back of the offered arm.

Dance Etiquette

Following the Grand March, in which the first dance partners are matched, introductions to the dance partner are made. As we change partners, they thank their current partner, and then greet the new partner with a handshake and introduction, as well as easy conversation starters, which we have encouraged. Each Cotillion member is to be treated with the utmost respect.

Refreshments

Girls remove their gloves during refreshments. Boys serve the girl, and then themselves. Boys escort girls to the chair, indicating which chair the girl will use. Girl is seated to the right of the boy. Girl crosses in front of the boy and sits down, feet on the floor, knees together, or legs crossed at the ankles. Gentlemen then sit on the right of the girl sitting up, comfortably, not slouching

*Our upcoming Cotillion on **Thursday, January 9th** is our **Nifty 50's Dance!** The dress is 50's style. Suggestions for 50's look for boys includes: jean or khakis etc. with cuffs rolled up, long sleeve white shirt with sleeves rolled and collar up or white t-shirt with sleeves rolled (no inappropriate logos please) and white socks with Cotillion shoes or other. Don't forget the grease for that jellyroll. Suggestions for 50's look for girls includes: a full skirt, or poodle skirt, white blouse, white socks folded down, and don't forget that scarf in the pony. These are just suggestions! **Ladies please wear your gloves! PLEASE CHECK NOW FOR GLOVES! This is essential for holding hands and is respectful of others. I heard that the store CRAZY NEIGHBOR 1415 Grove carries them, as well as some 50's attire.***

It's going to be fun to "Rock Around the Clock"!

Best Regards,

Denise Hodges , Natalie Gallegos Co- Directors and Support Staff

Time Reminders for Arrival and Pick-up

Grades 4-6 Time: *5:45-7:00 Drop-off: 5:35-5:40 Pick-up : 7:05-7:10

Grades 7-9 Time: *7:25-8:40. Drop-off : 7:15-7:20 Pick-up 8:45-8:50

NO EARLY BIRDS PLEASE ! IF YOU ARE LATE IN PICK UP Children will be directed inside.

**By the start time you need to have your nametag on, be in line and ready for instruction. We will begin promptly. Ending time is dismissal, so it does take a few minutes for them to exit with thank yous. The pickup is tricky. Please be patient, and remind your child to exit and stay with the chaperones or assistants until they see you drive or walk up. Chaperones and assistants will be outside for both arrival and pick-up. Let you children know who is picking them up.*