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Dear Parents,

Happy Summer! As you know The Baton Rouge Cotillion, Inc. was founded in 1975 to provide opportunities for students in Grades 7-12 to learn basic ballroom dancing and social etiquette, while at the same time cultivating greater self-confidence in handling social situations. In addition to the dance parties, supervised dance/etiquette sessions are held which allow members to become better acquainted with their fellow students from schools throughout the Baton Rouge area. Please remind them that they will be required to participate and to cooperate with the dance instructor, and that good manners are based on the consideration of others. Polite and proper behavior is expected of all members at all times and will be strictly enforced at all BRC functions. Please remember, although 7th and 8th grade members are encouraged to bring a guest to the dance parties, no guests are allowed at the dance sessions. Be on the lookout for a digital copy of this correspondence.

I hope you are excited about all of the changes I have made this year improving The Baton Rouge Cotillion experience some including: revamping the website for an easier user experience, relocating the Junior Dance Sessions from Bocage Racquet Club to The Renaissance Hotel allowing us more room to move around during the sessions, moving our Senior Dance Parties out of downtown and into The Renaissance Hotel to improve the carpool process and to increase the safety of our members. We have also decreased the amount of dance requirements and started them after school begins in the Fall for a better chance of attendance. We have also reformatted the Sunday dance sessions to include 7th and 8th grade members allowing for a better opportunity to meet more friends. We will now be offering refreshments at all of our dances and are creating an easier check in process for our kiddos when attending events. I'm excited about our party coordinator's choice on fun themes and new t-shirt designs. It's time to get excited for a year full of new ideas, fresh themes, and even greater improvements with you and our kiddos in mind! Our board is actively looking to make more and more improvements going forward as well, if you have any suggestions I'd love to hear from you. Please email me at [president@thebatonrougecotillion.org](mailto:president@thebatonrougecotillion.org).

- ALL OF OUR DANCE AND ETIQUETTE SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FALL. There are no sessions scheduled after October 16, 2022. If your child is involved in middle school sports, please make every effort to attend all of the sessions in August so that your child will fulfill the membership requirements. There are no bonus sessions this year so be mindful when choosing which sessions to attend. Remember that the April 3rd western round up counted towards your dance session requirement.
- [www.thebatonrougecotillion.org](http://www.thebatonrougecotillion.org), is your resource for all things BRC related. Find the calendar, dress code, board member contact information, attendance records, etc. You can access this by logging in with the email and password you used when registering your child THIS year. A list of all current 7th & 8th grade members and their schools can be found on the website as well.
- To ensure that you receive all information and invitations, it is important that your contact information is current. Log on to the website and update ANY changes to your address, phone or email, and school. All information can be updated under the LOGIN/ACCOUNT DASHBOARD section of the website.
- Additionally, "like" our page at [www.facebook.com/BRCotillion](https://www.facebook.com/BRCotillion) and Instagram at [www.instagram.com/brcotillion/](https://www.instagram.com/brcotillion/) for updates. We also have a LinkedIn page at [www.linkedin.com/company/the-baton-rouge-cotillion/](https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-baton-rouge-cotillion/)
- Junior members (7th/8th graders) of the BRC are required to attend 6 (total) dance/etiquette sessions. 7th and 8th graders are required to attend on at least one of the dates that includes etiquette instruction. Members must stay for the entire two hour session to get credit. See the enclosed brochure for more information. Attendance records can be found on the website under the MEMBER tab. Check the website periodically to ensure your child is meeting the minimum requirements.
- All parents must chaperone at least one dance session OR a dance party. Enclosed you will find a copy of the chaperone responsibilities for the dance sessions. If you choose to chaperone a dance party, instructions will be given to you upon your arrival at the venue.
- You will receive a sign-up genius email in a few weeks to schedule your chosen chaperone time. We count on you to show up for your scheduled time, so please ask someone to switch with you if you realize that you can't make it for your chosen time.
- Invitations will be mailed for the dance parties. All BRC members are allowed to bring ONE guest to each dance party (not dance sessions). Carpool instructions for each dance party will be mailed with the party invitations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amy DeJean at [president@thebatonrougecotillion.org](mailto:president@thebatonrougecotillion.org). Have a great summer, and we're looking forward to seeing all of you in August!

Amy DeJean

President  
The Baton Rouge Cotillion