



June 20th, 2023

Dear Parents,

Happy Summer! For those of you who do not 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. The Baton Rouge Cotillion offers dance parties and sessions which are supervised and 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, etiquette instructor, board volunteers, and parent volunteers. Good manners are based on the consideration of others. Being polite and having 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 on our website.

I hope you are pleased with all of last year's changes that I made 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 the downtown area and into The Renaissance Hotel to improve the carpool process and to increase the safety of our members. 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: amy@torapath.com. Please note that we have made additional changes to the Dance Session times at The Renaissance. We are trying to accommodate those that have sporting commitments or extra curricular activities on Sunday's so that everyone can fulfill their obligations.

- ALL OF OUR DANCE AND ETIQUETTE SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FALL. There are no sessions scheduled after October 29, 2023. 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. Remember that the April 30th Western Round Up counted towards your dance session requirement.
- 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.
- 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 and Instagram at www.instagram.com/brcotillion/ for updates. We also have a LinkedIn page at www.linkedin.com/company/the-baton-rouge-cotillion/. We will post social media reminders or any last minute changes on via our platforms.
- Junior members (7th/8th graders) of the BRC are required to attend 7 (total) dance/etiquette sessions. 7th and 8th graders are required to attend at least six dance sessions and one etiquette session. Members must stay for the entire hour session to get credit. See the enclosed brochure for more information. Most often, attendance from the Sunday session will be posted the following Wednesday. 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 Junior Cotillion parents must chaperone at least one dance session OR a dance party. All Senior Cotillion parents must chaperone at least one dance party. Enclosed you will find a copy of the chaperone responsibilities for the dance sessions. If you choose to chaperone a dance party, further instructions will be given to you upon your arrival at the venue. We welcome all parents any time for help!
- Once you receive this mailer, you may log onto the Baton Rouge Cotillion website to sign up for your chosen chaperone time. We count on you to show up for your scheduled time, so please ask someone to switch with you and text me 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 me via my cell (call or text), 225-252-5828. Have a great summer, and we're looking forward to seeing all of you in August!

Amy DeJean

President
The Baton Rouge Cotillion