



Dear Parents,

Give your seventh grade student the chance to learn swing, tango, salsa and waltz by taking part in our exciting social dance program. For this program, we partner with Chicago's **May I Have This Dance** so that our children can experience the enormously popular Dancing with Class series.

Over the course of this 6 week program, your son/daughter will:

- Build character and self-esteem;
- Practice basic social etiquette such as eye contact and saying thank you;
- Learn how teamwork is required for success;
- Study the origin and cultural significance of a variety of dance forms;
- Develop skills that lead to an active, healthy lifestyle
- Be transformed into Ladies and Gentlemen!

The program will be held from 7-8:30 pm (actual instruction will be 1 hour from 7:15-8:15) on the following dates:

Friday, Jan 20th
Thursday, Jan 26th
Friday, Feb 3rd
Thursday, Feb 9th
Friday, Feb 24th
Friday, March 2nd

It will be held at Marie Murphy Junior High in the Multi-Purpose Room. We plan on having snacks at the end from 8:15-8:30 to make sure the kids enjoy themselves. The cost of the program is \$90. Space is limited; however we do need a minimum number of students in order to conduct the program, so we strongly urge you to enroll your student now. Please register NO LATER than December 16th. For those families sending in their forms by Dec 1st, we will be holding a drawing for a beautiful gift basket, with treats for the whole family!

Looking forward to seeing your kids there!

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Please complete this form and return with your payments in an envelope marked "Social Dance" and return to Millie at Marie Murphy office.

Registration due by: December 16th

____ Yes, I would like to enroll my child in the Dancing with Class program.

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Parent cell phone: _____

____ Attached is my check for \$90, payable to Jill Manchester



Middle School Social Dance: FAQ

WHY SOCIAL DANCE?

Seventh grade is a good time for children to gain the social skills needed to confidently participate in family weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, and school dances. Social dance lessons are considered a rite of passage in some schools, and many parents remember attending similar lessons when they were younger.

WHAT WILL THE CLASSES BE LIKE?

The majority of each lesson will be devoted to learning dances such as swing, salsa, tango, meringue and more. The class may also include a brief period of free dance. Dance etiquette is also taught, such as how to ask for a dance and how to escort your partner to and from the dance floor. Students do not choose their own dance partners most of the time. Instead the instructors pair the ladies and gentlemen in a way that alleviates the awkwardness of finding a dance partner.

The students are expected to behave like proper ladies and gentlemen. Anyone whose behavior reflects a potential for interfering with the success of the program, in the opinion of the class moderator, will be asked to leave the program. Fees are non-refundable for students asked to leave the program.

Parents are invited to attend the final class on March 2nd. We will invite the students to showcase their acquired skills, award some prizes and celebrate our children's success!

We do plan on having snacks and some social time from 8:15-8:30. Pick up will be promptly at 8:30.

HOW DO I ENROLL MY CHILD?

Registration form is being provided with this communication. Completed form and the fee of \$90 are due on December 16th.

WHAT IS APPROPRIATE ATTIRE?

Shoes must be worn at all times; sneakers are not allowed. Gentlemen should wear slacks, dress shirts and a tie; ladies wear a dress or skirt, no strapless or spaghetti straps, please.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Jill Manchester at 847-386-6412 or jmmanchester@comcast.net