

Treasure Valley Catholic Schools

Dances

GUIDING PHILOSOPHY

The purpose of the TVCS dances is to create a safe, social environment for 7th & 8th grade students and to foster friendships across schools as jr. high students prepare to go to high school.

PLANNING

The following are recommendations for planning TVCS Dances:

- Dances are held approximately 6-9 times per year on Fridays from 7:00-9:00 pm.
- Each school hosts one dance per year.
- Dates are decided in the spring or summer prior to the school year and shared with all TVCS Jr. High families through each school.
- One principal takes the responsibility of scheduling the DJ for the year.
- Each school should send at least two chaperones to each dance. At least one chaperone should be a staff member.
- Each school should maintain a file of signed TVCS dance permission forms for the year. This file should travel with a chaperone to the site of each dance.

HOST SCHOOL

The responsibilities of the host school are as follows:

- Share a flier with TVCS schools approximately one month prior to the dance. The flier should include the date, location, time, and theme (if applicable) of the dance, along with directions for students to bring their photo ID, canned food items, and \$5 for admission.
 - Confirm the DJ has been scheduled. Arrange for DJ to arrive 30 minutes prior to the start time of the dance.
 - Coordinate with student council/leadership (if applicable) for dance decorations and refreshments.
 - Ensure at least one administrator is present at the dance (this is almost always the host principal)
 - Ensure there is access to first aid.
 - Coordinate clean up (this is not a requirement of visiting chaperones).
 - Communicate with visiting chaperones the emergency procedures at your school.
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CHAPERONES

All Chaperones should be aware of the following chaperone guidelines:

- Each school should send two chaperones. At least one chaperone should be a staff member.
- Familiarize themselves with the TVCS Dance Guidelines
- Arrive 15 minutes prior to the dance start time and check in with the host school admin.
- One chaperone from each school (ideally a staff member) is responsible for checking in students from their school. Students should only be admitted if:
 - They are a TVCS student with ID
 - (if no ID, a staff member from that school must verbally identify the student)
 - They are in proper dress code (see guidelines)

- They have a signed TVCS dance permission form on site
 - They bring the admissions requirement (canned food & \$5 unless otherwise noted)
- Chaperones should move about the dance and ensure students are following expectations.
- Confiscate cell phones upon first sight and only return to a parent or adult.
- Communicate with your school administrator if students from your school are not following TVCS dance guidelines.
- Ensure students from your school have been picked up.

TVCS DANCE GUIDELINES

(signed and on site for each student in attendance)

- Only current Catholic School students in good standing in accordance with your schools eligibility requirements are invited to attend TVCS dances.
- Students will show a school identification card to get into the dance. If a student does not have an ID, they will provide a note from their school principal on the school letterhead.
- Attire: Girls and boys will attend TVCS dances wearing modest, clean clothing without holes or tears. Clothing must be free of wording and illustrations which might promote drugs, alcohol, or establishments that sell them.
 - Girls skirts or shorts may not be more than three inches above the knee (with or without leggings)
 - No leggings, tights, or yoga pants , without covering with a skirt or pair of shorts.
 - No spaghetti straps, tank tops, or sleeveless shirts.
 - No hats or ball caps
- Cell phones should not be visible at the dance. If a chaperone sees a cell phone, it will be confiscated for the remainder of the dance, and will be given back at the end of the evening.
- "Dirty dancing" or suggestive dancing will not be tolerated.
- Neither students nor parents should be taking pictures during the dance. Pictures are fun and can be taken before you get to the event, but we do not allow pictures during these events. Thank you!
- Any activity or behavior determined to be inappropriate for a school event may be grounds for removal from the dance. The student's principal will also be notified of the incident.
- Students who do not follow these guidelines and are removed from the dance for any reason will:
 - Call parents to pick them up
 - Be referred to the home schools principal
 - Possibly not be allowed to attend future dances
- Follow directions of all adult chaperones at the dance.
- Parents are responsible for ensuring their child is picked up promptly at the end of the dance.

Student

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date