

Dear Parents,

Since the last 6 years has been such a big success, the students will be taking dance lessons with a professional and fun dance instructor Vera Schmidt, during their 8th grade PE/MUSIC class on Monday's starting the April 1st and continue for 4 classes thereafter. This is an excellent opportunity for our students, teaching them relevant life skills.

Mrs. Schmidt will cover Foxtrot, Waltz, ChaCha and Swing, line dances and freestyle. She also covers basic etiquette, how to ask/ accept a dance, escorting, proper sitting positions, etc. The classes are very well run; Vera is strict and has rules students must follow and the kids have a GREAT time! She keeps it very upbeat and contemporary.

The assumption is that all students will conduct themselves respectfully, with appropriate classroom conduct, especially with a guest instructor. Should a student choose disrespectful/disruptive behavior, they can expect the same results as in a regular class session, including sitting out and/or citations.

The end result will be at the 8th grade dinner dance when the students will be able to show off a few of the dances they learned. Also your son/daughter will be teaching you to do the foxtrot box step at home. We will have a mother/son and father/daughter dance. If you **Google** Vera Schmidt, you can see articles from other schools. We are looking forward to continuing this new tradition here at St. James. Thank you for your continued support of Physical Education at St. James School.

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Mrs. Pettenuzzo