



## **The Social Class Middle Grades Curriculum**

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Growing, maturing and ready for their next challenge, 8th graders begin to shift their focus to the exciting years ahead! During our final season together, The Social Class focuses primarily on equipping and preparing your children with the life skills that will set them apart in high school, college, the professional world and their personal lives. My staff and I will capitalize on our time and influence by reinforcing the values you are teaching at home and covering topics that will successfully LAUNCH them into the future!

The lessons we teach in 8th grade include:

- 1.) Interview and Employment Skills: We prepare our students for the interview process, teach them how to write their first resume' and discuss the qualities of a desirable employee.
- 2.) Goal Setting and Academic Preparedness: We teach our students how to effectively set SMART short term and long term academic, personal, physical and spiritual goals for themselves. This is imperative to do before they begin high school. Far too often, students reach 11th grade and wish they had put pen to paper and actually achieved their goals, rather than wander aimlessly through high school. At that point they then find themselves with limited chances to correct their course and make up for lost time with academic and extra-curricular opportunities.
- 3.) First Dance Essentials: We prepare them for every aspect of their first high school dance! We cover everything from "the ask", picking up their date and meeting the parents, pinning on the boutonniere, making a dinner reservation, tipping, being an appreciative date, wrapping up the evening and every detail in between! Walking through these details give our students confidence and set proper expectations for a fun evening!
- 4.) Dating/Relationship Essentials: High School dating isn't what it used to be! We discuss the proper sequence of dating and how to respectfully break up with someone...this session prompts some really good discussion! The new norms of "snapping", "talking", "hanging out" and "ghosting" are a result of our culture and technology diluting some of the imperative fundamentals of healthy friendships and relationships.
- 5.) Tailgating Etiquette: ...a must for any Southerner!
- 6.) We will also host our "Heading to High School" evening which will be the final tool in their tool belt from The Social Class! We will have an outstanding panel of thought leaders in our community that will address the new challenges our children are facing emotionally,

socially and academically.

7.) We will also continue our fun dancing instruction with Swing, Salsa, additional line dances, our annual Square Dance and a fun Spring Dinner Dance!

Cost: \$410

Dates: Dates for 2025 -2026 classes will be:

- Thursday, September 11, 2025
- Thursday, October 16, 2025 (Square Dance)
- Thursday, November 6, 2025  
(Please Note: The Marietta Country Club is scheduled to complete a full ballroom renovation in January 2026 so we will have 2 classes in February and 1 in March.)
- Thursday, February 12, 2026
- Thursday, February 26, 2026
- Thursday, March 12, 2026 (The Social Affair Spring Dinner/Dance)

Time: The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will meet from 8:00pm-9:30pm at the Marietta Country Club.

Attire: Girls: Dress or blouse and skirt, comfortable and easy to dance in dress shoes

Boys: Pants, long sleeve button down shirt (tucked in with a belt), dress shoes; a sport coat and tie will be required for the final dance

Drop-off/Pick-up:

The MCC has requested that TSC participants NOT use the valet drop off circle. For drop-off and pick up, please park your car in a space and feel free to walk your child to the door if you would like. I will have one of my assistants there to show there where to go once inside. **The MCC has also requested that parents refrain from coming inside the club for drop off, pick up or pictures.** We will wrap up our evening at 9:30pm and the children will be dismissed to head outside to meet you for pick up.

Refund Policy: IMPORTANT

If I must cancel class for any reason (inclement weather, illness, etc.), I will do my very best to offer a make-up date. If I am unable to host a make-up class, I will gladly reimburse you \$50 for each class that is cancelled. For reference, in my 13 years of hosting TSC, I have only had to cancel 1 class ever, and this was due to the Spring 2020 Covid-19 outbreak. Please note that I do not offer make-up classes for students that have to miss class due to a conflict. I do, however, review the teaching content and dancing instructions from the previous class at the beginning of each subsequent class. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, or email me.

If circumstances arise and due to a conflict and your child will not be able to participate, The Social Class refund policy is as follows:

- If you withdraw 4 weeks before classes begin and a replacement can be found, you will receive a full refund, less a \$75 administration fee.

- If you withdraw 4 weeks before classes begin and a replacement cannot be found, you will be reimbursed half of your money.
- If you withdraw within 4 weeks of classes beginning, you will not receive a refund.

**Food Allergies:** If pertinent, please make sure and list any food allergies and sensitivities when completing the registration form.

**Please Note:** The Social Class is unable to make exceptions for children to register for a class that is different than the grade they are in. Additionally, we are only equipped to serve students who are socially mature, able to sit quietly and listen and are capable of interacting in an age-appropriate manner with students their own age.