

**St. Dunstan
CCD Newsletter**

Dear Parents:

WELCOME BACK!

The beginning of a new school year brings a lot of changes, especially for parents. You have to make adjustments to suit your children's school routines and the schedules of their athletic and extracurricular activities. Sometimes, making these changes can be frustrating because your convenience has to be set aside or adjusted to meet the needs and preferences of your children. But you make these changes willingly because you love your children. You want to support their interests and the special skills they have. You deeply care about your children's overall health and growth and well-being. The main part of your child's overall health and growth and well-being is, of course, a wonderful and faithful relationship with Jesus.

I am pleased that your child is one of our students this year in our Parish religious education program. Together with your child's catechist, I want to support your child's special interests, skills, and overall health and growth and well-being. Toward that end, we make these two very serious promises to you: we promise to support you, the primary educators of your child; and we promise to take seriously our role as catechists. Together, we can help your child learn more about Jesus and grow closer to him.

We hope that everyone had a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer. We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our new CCD families who have enrolled in our Parish religious education program. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff that continues to provide our students with a rich understanding of our faith.

Let me take this opportunity to introduce you to our 2005/2006 St. Dunstan CCD Staff:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Catechist</u>	<u>Aide(s)</u>
1 st	Lisa DeSantolo	Giuliana Scafani, Lisa Venezia, Beverly Buhs
2 nd	Barbara Penner	Margaret Wyman, Alicia Quilici
3 rd	Joey DeBattista	Jennifer DeBattista
4 th	Lori Coustier	Mara Millis
5 th	Terry Gurtiza	N/A
6 th	Louisa Maniquis	Gisel Tanjuakio

Office Staff: Anna Scafani, Tina Mondani, Rebecca Nicolay, Roselyn Pallas, Bernadette Mantler and Rosy Zucchiatti

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CCD Schedule and Hours

A CCD schedule for Grades 1-6 was handed out to all students today in their classrooms. Please keep it readily available to refer to throughout the year. If you need an additional copy, please stop by the CCD Office. For students in our Confirmation Program, separate schedules will be mailed home shortly. These classes are scheduled to start in October.

Absence/Tardy

Students are expected to have a consistent attendance record in order to receive credit for the year. This policy will be strictly monitored, especially in those classes whose students are preparing to receive sacraments. Parents should notify the CCD Office in advance by telephone (650) 697-7451 if a student is unable to attend CCD. Students who are tardy will be required to check-in at the CCD Office *before* going to class.

Arrival/Dismissal

Students should not arrive any earlier than 10 minutes prior to the start of CCD. Students in 1st Grade will **ONLY** be dismissed when a parent/guardian comes directly to the classroom to pick them up. Parents are expected to be prompt in picking up their child(ren). There will be a fee charged to parents who are consistently late in picking up their child(ren). If, for any reason, you are delayed in picking up your child, please call the CCD Office to notify us of the problem.

If your child(ren) need to be dismissed from their class early, please write a note to the catechist explaining the reason and time the student needs to be dismissed. Please come directly to the CCD Office to pick-up your child.

Traffic

Please follow the directions of our traffic coordinators. For the safety of our children, please enter the parking lot from **BROADWAY** and exit to **MAGNOLIA**. Please stay to the left side when entering if your plan to park and park your vehicle in a designated space. If you are dropping you child(ren) off, please follow the direction of the cones and pull up as far as possible. No children should cross the traffic line without an adult! At all times, please keep your eyes open for children and cars. Traffic is always heavy on Tuesday afternoons.

Holy Childhood Association

This summer the Office of Religious Education received a wonderful thank-you from Father Manuel of the Mission Office of the Archdiocese. He extended his heartfelt thanks to the many children and parents of the St. Dunstan CCD Program for their generosity during the year. The proceeds from our Mission Bingo Drive and Lenten Appeal cards will help purchase many meals, clothing and health supplies for the underprivileged children of the world. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Those coins *really* do add up!

Father Manuel is looking forward to visiting with our children in October to help us kick-off this year's Mission Bingo drive.

Parish News and Events

The parish fall festival was held last weekend. Thank you to those CCD parents who volunteered to help make the festival a huge success.

CCD Office Hours

The CCD Office hours are:

Monday	-	8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	-	8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday/Thursday	-	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by and see me or call me at the CCD Office (650) 697-7451.

*O'God, as we begin the new year of CCD,
we thank you for all the fun we had during our time off
and we ask you to be with us in the days ahead.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us to fill us with
enthusiasm for learning and to calm our fears.
Bless our friends, old and new, and especially our
catechists and aides. May our hearts and
minds continue to grow in your love. Amen.*