

St. John of Damascus Church School

Summer 2011

Dear Parents,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It's "**Back to School Time**" once again at St. John of Damascus Church School! Classes begin on September 11th for grades Preschool 2 through Grade 10.

We also offer a Preschool 1 class for children who will be three years old by September 1, 2011. This class is a "Parent Cooperative" – all parents of Preschool 1 students help out on a rotating basis. There will be a brief parent meeting on Sept. 25th (during Church School) to explain how this class operates, set up the volunteer schedule, and distribute the curriculum. The first class will be held on Oct. 2nd.

Classes begin immediately after Holy Communion. Children will be dismissed from their pews into the Communion line, and then will proceed directly to their classrooms. Adults will be ushered into the Communion line after all children and Church School staff have gone, so that we may start our program as quickly and smoothly as possible. School will be in session until noon each Sunday, at which time children will be sent into the hall area where you can meet them.

In order for children to benefit from our program, regular attendance at the Divine Liturgy and in class is essential. The continuity provided by weekly attendance makes it possible for students to understand, appreciate and embrace our Orthodox faith. Students who have attained at least 50% attendance during the school year will be awarded a certificate of completion and will be eligible for other awards at graduation on May 20, 2012.

We offer an excellent program through which it is possible for your children to come to know the faith, and to know God Himself. This program cannot be carried out without your support, however. We rely on you to reinforce and enhance what your children learn in class. If you need any help with expressing your faith to your children, please contact Fr. John or me, and we would be more than happy to assist you.

Even if it has been awhile since you have brought your children to Church School, it's never too late to come back!! We look forward to welcoming you!

In Christ,

Nancy

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There will be no class on the following Sundays:

Dec. 25 - Christmas, Jan. 1 – New Year's Day, Feb. 19 – School vacation, April 8 - Palm Sunday, April 15 – Easter.

Join us at the Back-To-School Barbecue ➡

Let's celebrate the start of a new

Church School Year with a

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BARBECUE

Sponsored by the Church School Parent Guild



Sunday, September 11, 2011

Directly after Divine Liturgy and Church School

Donation:

\$10 - Adult / \$5 - Children 5 - 16

For reservations, please contact:

Carol Hazerjian at 508-660-0072 or chazerjian@verizon.net

Bertina Kurker at 781-721-1647 or email the Church Office

Volunteers needed! Please call Carol Hazerjian if you can help.

All are welcome!