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All About Mr. Dunn

Mr. Dunn is a fun teacher who teaches music at Queen of All Saints, but before he got to QAS he had many ups, downs, struggles, and breakthroughs in life. Mr. Dunn went to Our Lady of the Presentation for elementary school, where he was in kindergarten through eighth grade. His strong suits were always music and art where his creativity could shine through and make wonderful things happen. After elementary school, he went to Chaminade College Prep High School and became interested in computers. In the first two years of high school, it was hard for him to find friends that were the right fit for him and just to make things worse, he was soon swamped with schoolwork. Things in his junior year changed though, because he got the hang of doing his schoolwork to a point where he no longer felt overwhelmed and found a group of friends that fit him perfectly.

After high school he didn't go to college right away instead, he got a job and stayed in town. Soon after, though, he knew he needed to go to college and do something more, so he went to college at Lindenwood University, which was in the town where he lived and they had a good computer program that he would soon excel in. He didn't go to Lindenwood for all four years of college, however, he had to go to multiple

colleges, because one college didn't have all the courses he needed to take. Mr. Dunn attended college for four years and majored in Business/Management Information Systems.

After college, Mr. Dunn went out looking for a job with his brand new major, but at the time it was hard to find one. Miraculously, though, Mr. Dunn knew someone who worked at Chaminade College Prep High School, and they told him how the school was looking for someone to teach their computer program. Mr. Dunn applied and got the job, but he was a little nervous about teaching because he had never even considered being a teacher. It turns out though, that teaching had found Mr. Dunn for a reason, because he loved it. He liked talking to the kids and interacting with people instead of sitting in a little office staring at a screen. Teaching opened him up and taught him to interact with people in a way he never had before. He taught at Chaminade for nine years and in his eighth year he was awarded Teacher of the Year, an accomplishment that he will never forget.

In his ninth year teaching there, though, they got a new principal who wasn't very fond of him, so the principal took all the classes that Mr. Dunn taught away, and pretty soon he had to quit teaching there. At the time this seemed like a bad thing, but this opened up the doors to teach music at Queen of All Saints, where he is today. Mr. Dunn says that quitting teaching at Chaminade was a good thing because now he teaches music and gets to see the pride and joy on a kid's face when they do something musically that they didn't know they could do. Mr. Dunn has now been at QAS for 11 years and is still teaching music, filling the kid's hearts with joy by teaching them to play instruments and songs that they love and thought they could never play.

Mr. Dunn is an amazing teacher who is an essential part of Queen of All Saints and we should appreciate him every day for giving us our musical talents.