



## Class Schedule, Winter 2009

### CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

#### **CUCCIOLI (3-6 years old)**

January 13 - March 3 (8 weeks), Tuesdays from 3-4 pm at the Peace Lutheran Church, 205 Tennessee Valley Road, Mill Valley, Cost: \$200, Teacher: Sara Arrigoni Almaguer

The classes will be in sessions of 8 weeks and they will run the whole year. Classes are held by highly-educated and dedicated teachers who are already working with kids in that age range. The curriculum will focus on language and the ability to interact with others in Italian. Activities include art, story time, music and games. We will have a detailed curriculum for each session so that the parents can practice with kids at home. The long-term goal of the classes is to bring the kids to fluent bilingualism. Bilingual students have more success in school due to the innate understanding of varied patterns and organization of language which helps them decode the various disciplines they will encounter in school. Visit our registration page for forms.

#### **PICCOLI (7-10 years old)**

January 13 - March 3 (8 weeks), Tuesdays from 4-6 pm at the Peace Lutheran Church, Lounge 1, 205 Tennessee Valley Road, Mill Valley, Cost: \$200, Teacher: Sara Bianchi Chamberlin

Participants will learn about all aspects of Italian life, history and culture. They will be stimulated to speak Italian during the two-hour sessions and will also learn about Italian music, dance, art, cuisine, and sports. The studenti will leave with a better understanding of la bella lingua and Italian life. The textbook used is Learn Italian (the fast and fun way) by Marcel Danesi published by Barron's. It is filled with fun puzzles, helpful vocabulary cards, quick quizzes, funny full-color illustrations and marvelous maps which make it a perfect activity kit to learn Italian quickly and easily! Classes are held by highly-educated and dedicated teachers who are already working with children and young adults. The curriculum will focus on language and the ability to interact with others in Italian. Visit our registration page for forms.

#### **RAGAZZINI (11 - 14 years old)**

January 13- March 3 (8 weeks), Tuesdays from 4-6 pm at the Peace Lutheran Church, Lounge 2, 205 Tennessee Valley Road, Mill Valley, Cost: \$200, Teacher: Sara Bianchi Chamberlin

Participants will learn about all aspects of Italian life, history and culture. They will be stimulated to speak Italian during the two-hour sessions and will also learn about Italian music, dance, art, cuisine, and sports. The studenti will leave with a better understanding of la bella lingua and Italian life. The textbook used is Learn Italian (the fast and fun way) by Marcel Danesi published by Barron's. It is filled with fun puzzles, helpful vocabulary cards, quick quizzes, funny full-color illustrations and marvelous maps which make it a perfect activity kit to learn Italian quickly and easily! Classes are held by highly-educated and dedicated teachers who are already working with children and young adults. The curriculum will focus on language and the ability to interact with others in Italian. Visit our registration page for forms.

#### **RAGAZZI (15-18 years old)**

Private tutoring available and also small groups sessions upon request. Please contact us for more information.

### CLASSES FOR ADULTS

#### **Beginning Italian**

January 15 - March 12 (No class February 15), Thursdays from 12:30 - 2:30, Redwood High School (Carlisle Portable) **OR:**  
January 15 - March 12 (No class February 15), Thursdays from 6:15 - 8:15, Redwood High School, Room 156, Cost: \$125  
Teacher: Sara Bianchi Chamberlin

This class is designed for students with little or no knowledge of the basics of Italian grammar who want to learn the language. You

will be able to cover basic grammar rules in the textbook Ultimate Italian, up to unit 10, and to review what you learned through tests and additional exercises. In this class you will focus on the use of the grammar in conversation and you will be encouraged to apply the rules you learned in lively interactions with the teacher and the other students. Moreover you will be able to improve your Italian skills reading dialogues, writing little essays, doing exercises to train your mind and ear and speaking ... speaking ... speaking! You will be also continuously exposed to Italian culture and all aspects of Italian life. At this stage, you will work on the pronunciation as well and you will be introduced for the first time to basic listening comprehension. To be able to accomplish all this, you will listen to CDs, watch videos, movies and Italian TV programs. Registration: [marinlearn.com](http://marinlearn.com)

### **Italian for the Traveler**

January 15 - March 12 (No class February 15), Thursdays from 10:30 - 12:30, Redwood High School (Carlisle Portable), **OR:**  
January 15 - March 12 (No class February 15), Thursdays from 4 - 6 pm, Redwood High School, Room 156, Cost: \$125

**Teacher: Sara Bianchi Chamberlin**

Planning a trip to Italy? The goal of this class is to enable you to be independent while abroad. You'll learn to handle hotel arrangements, order in restaurants, ask the locals for information, and learn many tips that will help make your journey more enjoyable. "Buongiorno Italia" by Joseph Cremona will be used as a text.

In this class you will focus on the use and practice of phrases and Italian expressions which will help you to better converse in Italy. Moreover you will be able to improve your Italian language skills by speaking...speaking...speaking! You will be also continuously exposed to Italian culture and experiences. At this stage, you will work on the pronunciation as well and you will be introduced to basic listening comprehension. To be able to accomplish all this, you will listen to CDs, watch videos, movies and Italian TV programs. Registration: [marinlearn.com](http://marinlearn.com)

### **Intermediate Italian**

January 15 - March 12 (No class February 15), Thursdays from 6-8 pm, Peace Lutheran Church, Lounge I  
205 Tennessee Valley Road, Mill Valley, Cost: \$200, Italian pot-luck included, Teacher: Sara Bianchi Chamberlin

This class is designed for students with little knowledge of the basics of Italian grammar who want to continue learning more of the language on a secondary level. You will be able to go one step forward and cover more complex grammar in the textbook Ultimate Italian while reviewing what you learned at the beginning level. In this class you will focus on the use of the grammar in conversation and you will be encouraged to apply the rules you learned in lively interactions with the teacher and the other students. Moreover you will be able to improve your Italian skills reading dialogues, writing little essays, doing exercises to train your mind and ear and speaking...speaking...speaking!

You will be also continuously exposed to Italian culture and all aspects of Italian life. At this stage, you will work on the pronunciation as well and you will be introduced for the first time to basic listening comprehension. To be able to accomplish all this, you will listen to CDs, watch videos, movies and Italian TV programs. Visit our registration page for forms.

### **Advanced Italian**

January 5 - February 23, Mondays from 5:30-7:30 pm, Peace Lutheran Church, Lounge I  
205 Tennessee Valley Road, Mill Valley, Cost: \$200, Italian pot-luck included, Teacher: Sara Bianchi Chamberlin

In this class you will focus on the use of the grammar in conversation and you will be encouraged to apply the rules you learned into lively interactions with the teacher and the other students. Moreover you will be able to improve your Italian skills reading dialogues, writing little essays, doing exercises to train your mind and ear and speaking...speaking...speaking!

You will be also be continuously exposed to Italian cultures and experience. At this stage, you will work on the pronunciation and intonation as well and you will be introduced to exercises of listening comprehension. To be able to accomplish all this, you will listen to CDs, listen to songs, watch videos, movies, plays and Italian TV programs. Visit our registration page for forms.

## **PRIVATE TUTORING**

We offer private tutoring for individuals and small groups. Private tutoring using skype is also available. Please contact us for details.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Feel free to get in touch with Sara at 415-309-3545 or email at [info@italiamore.com](mailto:info@italiamore.com) where she will be happy to answer your questions.