

Shadow Program at Saint Rita School

Once a completed application has been submitted to Saint Rita Catholic School, families may schedule a day for their rising first through eighth grade child to spend at Saint Rita, shadowing their possible future class. This will give them a glimpse of life as a Saint Rita student, and give us a chance to get to know them!

Scheduling: To schedule a shadow visit after you have submitted your application, please contact our Assistant Principal, Malia Busekrus at (703) 548-1888 ext. 24 or mbusekrus@saintrita-school.org. Schedule your visit as soon as you have completed your application for best availability, as there are a limited number of spots available each day.

Days: Shadow days are Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in November.

The Shadow Day: Please plan to drop off your child(ren) between 7:50 and 8 am on the shadow day. Once you pull into our school parking lot, you can park in any spot on the periphery and walk your children to our priests and administrators who are meeting carline. They will escort you into the office, where you can sign your child(ren) in and we will connect them with their teachers. Please come to pick them up between 2 and 2:15 pm. You can park in the spots between the Church and the Parish Center, and then walk to our main entrance on Russell Road (Door 1) to buzz our office. We will meet you and return your child(ren) to you!

Attire: Our students wear a formal uniform, so please dress them in a similar fashion. Khaki-style pants for boys with a button down shirt and belt would be great, while girls could wear a knee-length skirt and top or dress (or khaki-style pants are permitted for young ladies too!). Please make sure they have warm jackets, hats, and mittens, as we play outside twice a day in all kinds of weather! If you are scheduling a 5th-8th grade visit on a Tuesday or a K-4 visit on a Thursday, your child will get to participate in P.E.! He or she may wear school-appropriate activewear and sneakers to participate comfortably with the class!

Please Bring: They will need a morning snack, a lunch, and a water bottle.

Assessment: At some point in the day, our resource team will conduct a short assessment of their current reading and math ability so we can learn more about their current abilities and areas for growth. This is not meant to be stressful or high-stakes, just a current snapshot of how they are doing academically.