

Student Visit Information

Valley Catholic Middle School student visitations start on Wednesday, February 15, 2018

How Will I Spend My Day?

Student visitors should arrive at Valley Catholic School's main office at 8:00 a.m. and stay through 3:15 p.m. Student visitors will be escorted throughout the day by a student of the same gender. Student visitors will attend classes and lunch with their host. If you have not taken the Valley Catholic Middle School math placement and English exam, you will likely be asked to take the exams on your visit day.

What Should I Bring?

Student visitors must have submitted the following items prior to spending a day at Valley Catholic Middle School. If these have not yet been turned into the office, please bring them the morning of the visit.

- Complete application for Admissions 2018-2019
- \$65 Application Fee
- Student Visit Emergency Contact and Release Form



Starting Your Visit

This is a picture of the front entrance to Valley Catholic Middle School. (We share part of the building with Valley Catholic Elementary School.)

There is a key pad on the left hand wall with a call button. Please use this to request access into the building. As part of campus safety practices, students may not open doors for strangers.

While school begins at 7:50 a.m., please plan to arrive around 8:00 a.m. You may park in any available spot except those marked handicapped (unless applicable) or reserved spots.

Once you arrive at school, please go to the front office and check in with Mrs. Attinasi or Ms. Willison. At that time, a staff member will check to see that you have a complete application packet, including the Student Visit Emergency Contact and Release Form. After the staff verifies that the application packet is complete, your visit day will begin.

Parent Interview at Drop-Off/Pick-Up: As part of the application process, at least one of your parents/guardians will meet a VC middle school staff member. Please allow enough time at drop off or pick-up for this 15 minute parent/guardian interview.

Should I Bring a Lunch?

Student visitors will receive a complimentary \$5.00 lunch card to purchase lunch from the cafeteria or the visitors may bring a sack lunch from home. The cafeteria's daily menu includes: a hot entree, several choices of sandwiches, salads, rice, soup, dessert, juice, soda and water. Items are sold a la carte. The lunch card may also be used to purchase a snack at morning break. Lunches typically run \$4.00 - \$5.00 for an average student. If you tend to eat several snacks plus a full meal at lunch, or if you have food allergies, we suggest bringing additional money or food from home. **Please Note:** Valley Catholic Middle School is **NOT** a nut-free facility.

What Should I Wear?

On the day of your visit, we ask that you wear clothing that conforms to our school's dress code. Please wear an outfit that is comfortable and that makes you feel confident. An overview of our dress code (for non-uniform days) appears below:

1. Shorts, skorts and skirts must be neat, tasteful, and cuffed or hemmed. They must be fitted at the waist and must not be more than three inches above the knee cap (including the slit in the skirt) nor longer than the top of the knee cap.

2. Jeans are acceptable as long as they follow the dress code.
3. Students are not allowed to wear the following items which are specifically **excluded** in the dress code:
 - a. Garments with holes or in disrepair, including rips and holes in garments intended for design purposes.
 - b. Gym/Athletic shorts, Cotton sweatpants or workout clothing, including yoga pants
 - c. Midriff or low cut blouses (shirts that allow a student's midriff to be seen at any point, even when a student is reaching for an item)
 - d. Sheer blouses, tight or clingy clothing
 - e. Beachwear such as cutoffs, tank tops, sleeveless shirts, swimwear
 - f. Gang-related symbols or colors on clothing
 - g. Clothing advertising sex, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gangs, violence, profanity, hatred, or cult groups

Tips for a Successful Visit Day

- Please review the Student Visit Information above to plan clothing and lunch options.
- No cell phones or non-school approved electronics from 7:50 a.m. - 3:10 p.m. for middle school students. This includes student visitors. Cell phones or non-school approved electronics should be stored away until the dismissal bell.
- Applicants should try to participate as much as possible in classes. However, for those applicants that are shy and prefer to watch, then they should be active observers.
- Be aware that a math and English test may occur during the visit.
- Parent and student interviews will, in most cases, occur on the day of your visit.
- Plan to meet your child in the front office at 3:15 p.m.
- Applicants should bring a book or doodle pad (no electronics) in case there is a test in one of the classes they are visiting.
- A photo will be taken of you and your host for admission purposes. Photos are not posted or distributed to anyone except the applicant and the admission team.

Students who currently attend VCES:

- Current VCES fifth-grade students who meet Valley Catholic Middle School's academic and behavioral requirements, will not schedule an interview or spend a day at VCMS unless a student is seriously considering attending another middle school and would like to shadow as a way to compare the two schools.
- If there are issues with a particular student that need to be addressed prior to acceptance, an interview or a visitation day may be scheduled for current VCES fifth-grade students who do not yet meet Valley Catholic Middle School's academic and behavioral requirements.
- Students who currently attend VCES must obtain their homeroom teacher's approval prior to scheduling a visitation day at VCMS.

Questions?

To schedule a visit please contact Mr. Dale French, Valley Catholic Middle School Vice Principal, at 503-718-6509 or e-mail at dfrench@valleycatholic.org.

We look forward to seeing you on the day of your visit!