



Become a Pioneer for the Day!

Eighth grade students who are interested in applying to Gabriel Richard Catholic High School are encouraged to spend a day on campus by enrolling in our Pioneer for a Day Shadow Program. The Pioneer for a Day Shadow Program is also open to current high school students who are enrolled elsewhere but are interested in transferring to GR.

What is the Pioneer Shadow Program?

The Pioneer Shadow Program offers prospective Pioneers a chance to experience what a typical student's day is like on campus. Visiting students spend the day attending classes with a current student, engaging with our staff, and sharing time with students during breaks and lunch.

How to Schedule a Visit

Shadow visits are by appointment only and reservations are required.

To ensure that a visiting student gets the most out of his or her shadow experience, we make every effort to match each visiting student with a student ambassador who has similar interests or backgrounds. To enable us to do so, we kindly request that prospective parents fill out and return the shadow request form at least two business days in advance of the date requested. Once our office receives your request, we will telephone you to confirm the date and answer any questions you may have.

Frequently Asked Questions for Students Scheduled to Visit

Is it possible to shadow a specific student?

Eighth grade students will be paired with a student who is an underclassman. We feel that this gives the most accurate representation of an incoming student's school day. Not all of our underclassmen have signed up to participate in the shadow program, so while you may request that you student shadow a specific student, this is not a guarantee.

Each of our shadow hosts is responsible for one guest at a time; if your requested student host has already been paired with a visitor, we will find another student host with similar interests.

What should a visiting student wear?

Gabriel Richard Catholic High School has a dress code policy for its students. While visiting students are not expected to wear a uniform, they are asked to dress tastefully.

Boys: Please wear a collared shirt, dress slacks or khakis and closed-toe shoes. We ask that you not wear t-shirts, hoodies, shorts, jeans or sweatpants.

Girls: Please wear a sleeved shirt, pants or a skirt, and closed-toe shoes. We ask that you not wear t-shirts, tank tops, shorts, jeans or sweatpants.

Should a visiting student bring a lunch?

Gabriel Richard Catholic High School provides a complimentary lunch to visiting students enrolled in our shadow program. If your student has special dietary needs, please let us know in advance and we will make every effort to provide a lunch that is suitable for your child; however, you may also opt to send a bagged lunch. Additional items may be purchased from our vending machines located outside the cafeteria.

Will a visiting student need to bring any additional materials?

Visiting students are encouraged to bring a book or journal in the event that their student ambassador has a test or quiz. Otherwise, students are encouraged to bring their curiosity and questions.

Signing in and out on Shadow Day

Depending on the date, shadow days may be full- or half-day.

Check-in for students who will attend Mass (Tuesdays) is at 7:30 a.m. in the main office. Students who will not be attending Mass will check in at 9 a.m. The main office is located on the first floor, just inside the front entrance doors. You may park in the visitor parking spaces located in the circular drive. Parents, once you have signed in your student, you are free to go. A GR student host will meet your son or daughter and the day will begin.

Dismissal for all **full-day** visiting students is at 2:35 p.m. Dismissal for **half-day** shadow experiences is at 1 p.m. At the end of the day, the student ambassador will escort the visiting student to the main office. You may plan to pick up your son or daughter at that time. Thank you for considering GR. We hope your child enjoys the day!

Further Questions?

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Office of Admissions at (734) 284-3636 or by email at admissions@gabrielrichard.org.