

The Augustinian Experience - Freshman Orientation & Overnight

Friday, August 16, 2019 – 8:30 a.m. - Saturday, August 17, 2019 – 8:30 a.m.

As the newest members of our St. Rita Family, all freshmen will take part in Freshman Orientation - The Augustinian Experience. The Augustinian Experience, which will be held on Friday, August 16, will not only familiarize freshmen to the campus, St. Rita traditions and school procedures; but this full day experience will be an immersion into school culture, and what it means to be Augustinian and a Ritaman. The day will include an orientation to classes, team building activities, prayer and reflection, as well as food, fun and socializing.

Details

- Freshman Orientation begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. on Friday – Please arrive by 8:20 a.m.
 - Students should be dropped off on 77th Street at the Shrine Chapel Entrance.
- Freshman are to arrive dressed in full school uniform.
 - Khaki shorts, gym shoes and a St. Rita polo shirt (Pants with dress shoes are also acceptable)
- Students should come prepared with basic materials for the day, bringing:
 - School locks purchased from the Mustang Store ONLY (Locker assignments will be issued)
 - iPads
 - Pen/Pencil (Teachers will inform students of supplies needed for the year during Orientation)
- During the morning hours students will meet their teachers and receive class information.
 - Every freshman will receive a class schedule and will be guided to class locations.
- Following lunch students will receive school safety training and learn other school policies.
- During the afternoon hours students will meet their Big Brother and take part in team building.
 - Students will receive a Freshman Orientation t-shirt to wear in the afternoon.
- The evening will consist of fun, food, games, brotherhood and hopefully some sleeping.
 - Students should arrive in the morning prepared for the evening and overnight, bringing:
 - Sleeping bag & pillow
 - Comfortable change of clothes (athletic shorts or sweats)
 - Swimsuit & towel (optional for those choosing to swim)
- Freshman Orientation will conclude at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday
- Lunch, Dinner, Snacks and Saturday Morning Breakfast will be provided.

Student-Parent Prayer Service & Parent Reception

Our parents play a huge role in the education of our Ritamen. Therefore, we ask at least one parent of every freshman to attend a prayer service with the students that evening, Friday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m. in our Shrine Chapel. Following the prayer service, all parents are invited to an adult only gathering hosted by the Fathers' and Mothers' Clubs with pizza and refreshments in our Dining Hall.

First Day of Classes

The first full day of classes for Freshmen and Sophomores ONLY will be Monday, August 19. Classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:35 p.m., following the Monday Schedule. ***Freshmen and Sophomores do not have classes on Tuesday, August 20.***

First Full Day of Classes for All Students

The first day with all students in attendance is Wednesday, August 21. Students must report to A Period by 8:30 a.m. We gather together in the Shrine Chapel at 10:15 a.m. for our Academic Convocation which will officially kick off our new school year. All students are required to wear their Chapel shirt and tie. *Freshman will be given their St. Rita tie during the Convocation ceremony; they do not need to buy one. We invite parents to join us for our Convocation which will conclude by 11:30 a.m.*