



NEW FAMILY FAQ

Morning Arrival Procedure: Arrival time begins at 7:45am. A student must be in the classroom and seated before 8:00am. The student will be marked tardy after the 8:00am bell.

Morning traffic pattern:

Primary School (Kindergarten - 2nd grade): Parents will pull into the parking lot located off Parkway Drive. Students will exit the vehicle near the side doors closest to Linden Drive. If you need more time for your child to get out of the car, please park in the spots near Saint Mark Chapel. Please walk your child to the door.

Middle School (3rd grade - 8th grade): Enter by Solon Boulevard and proceed to the cement islands to drive through and drop the students off by the silver doors facing Parkway Drive. A staff member will be in the parking lot to help direct you.

Afternoon Dismissal Procedure: Dismissal time for our Primary and Middle School students is 2:50pm.

Afternoon traffic pattern:

Primary School (Kindergarten - 2nd grade): Parents should park in the parking lot across the street from the Primary School building. Due to busing and preschool dismissal, *parents must not use the Primary School parking lot at dismissal*. Parents will walk to the cross walk to meet their child when the teacher escorts the students from the Primary School building. A staff member will direct parents when to exit the parking lot. No cars are to move until all students are safely in their cars and a signal from the staff member on duty has been given.

Middle School (3rd - 8th grade): Parents should park in the parking lot by the Middle School building. Students will exit the Middle School building via the side door facing Parkway Drive. A staff member will direct parents when to exit the parking lot. No cars are to move until all students are safely in their cars and a signal from the staff member on duty has been given.

Teacher Credentials: All Kindergarten - 8th grade teachers are state certified and teach in their field of expertise. In addition to state certification, our teachers are trained in Catholic Religious certification.

Standardized Testing: Students are assessed in fall, winter, and spring using Measure of Academic Progress (MAP). MAP is a computerized adaptive test which assesses students' reading, language usage, math, and science skills and provides teachers, parents, and administrators with accurate and actionable evidence to help target instruction.

Tuition Assistance: The Saint Rita Merit Scholarship is the first of its kind offered by a private elementary school. It bases its criteria not just on financial need, but also on the family's contribution and volunteerism within their community. No other private, Catholic elementary school currently offers this. Current active Parishioners may also apply for the Parishioner Scholarship to decrease their tuition cost. For more information, please visit our school website.

Transportation: Saint Rita School has bus service from the following districts: Aurora, Bedford, Kenston, Solon, and Twinsburg. The school office will be happy to facilitate the bussing process with the different school districts.

Uniforms: Wearing a school uniform encourages discipline and concentration on learning. All formal uniforms are purchased through Schoolbelles. Physical Education uniforms are purchased through RDP in Twinsburg. More information on uniforms can be found in our school website and in our school handbook.

Snacks and Lunches: All snacks, drinks, and lunches will be provided by the parent/guardian. Always clearly mark each child's snack/lunch bag with his or her name on the outside of the bag. We do offer a la carte items for our students. A la carte items may be purchased using the student's ID number, and parents can load money on the student's account through the Parent Portal on our school website.

Before and Aftercare: We provide Before School Childcare for all students Monday - Friday, 7:00am to 8:00am. Please contact Faith Kirtley fkirtley@stritaschool.com with questions regarding Before Care. After School Childcare is provided from 2:45pm - 6:00pm Monday - Friday. For more information regarding aftercare contact Rosanne Stark at strita.aftercare@gmail.com.

Absence Policy: If your child will be absent from school, please call the school office at 440-248-1350, ext.106 (Primary School) or ext. 102 (Middle School). Or, you may email the Primary School Secretary Shannon Johnson at sjohnson@stritaschool.com or the Middle School Secretary Carole Wenzel at cwenzel@stritaschool.com.

Athletics: CYO Boosters and Recreational sports programs are offered to students in grades Kindergarten - 8th grade. To learn more, please visit our school website.