Observing at St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf

- Observations are done on a limited basis.
- At least one-week notice is necessary for the school staff so please take that into consideration when contacting our school and planning your visit.

General Information:
- The school day runs from 8:30 am through 2:50 with lunch/ recess for the students from 12:00 to 1:05.

Departments: Parent Infant, Preschool and School Age
- classified as Deaf or Multiply Disabled or DeafBlind
- classrooms are 6:1:1 or 6:1:2 ratios
- preschool through 8th grade (ages 3/4 through 13/14).
- Teachers are certified Teachers of the Deaf (TOD) or Certified Special Education Teachers
- student with hearing loss AND other diagnoses such as vision loss, autism spectrum disorder, cognitive delays, etc.

Related Services
speech-language, physical therapy, occupational therapy, counseling, vision, and orientation and mobility.

Special Subjects:
Gym, Art, Library and Story Telling

Please include the following information when you email your request to:
Eileen Whelan, Supervisor of Instruction and Operations at  ewhelan@sfdesales.org

1) Date of Request
2) Your name and contact information
3) Your school or program of study
4) If a group is observing, how many people will be in the group?
   - a list of all names will be needed prior to the observation date
5) Specify class, services or areas you wish to observe
6) Specify age or functioning level of the students you wish to observe
7) Are you experienced with American Sign Language?
   - Please be aware situations may arise where conversations/lessons using ASL may not be interpreted for you.
8) Specify days of the week and times during the day you wish to observe
9) How many hours of observation are needed?
10) Is there paperwork connected to this observation? If so, what is needed?