SAINT VIATOR
HIGH SCHOOL

# BECOME A HOST FAMILY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Each year, Saint Viator High School proudly welcomes international students into our Lion family, introducing new cultures, different traditions, and cross-cultural understanding. A homestay or host family is a household that offers accommodations to our international students, providing them with a temporary home away from home. We invite all interested community members to serve as a host family and become part of our International Program and community.

Typically, a host family welcomes guests into their residence and offers a private room and meals in exchange for a fee. The primary purpose of a homestay is to provide a cultural and immersive experience for our international students, allowing them to learn about local customs, traditions, and daily life while staying with a host family. Host families often engage in activities with their guests, share meals, and foster cultural exchange, creating a more personalized and authentic travel or learning experience. This arrangement can benefit both hosts and guests by forming lasting connections and promoting cross-cultural understanding.

**Saint Viator's expectations for our host families:**

- Providing safe and on-time transportation to and from school for your student.
- Providing a safe and friendly home environment.
- Providing transportation to medical care when needed and ensuring students are taken care of when they are sick.
- Treating them the same as you would your own child.

**Expectations of our international students:**

- Follow the rules of the host family's household.
- Respect your host family's property and rules.
- Keep yourself and your areas in the home clean.

Becoming a host family can be a rewarding experience, fostering cultural exchange and forming meaningful connections with international students. It's important for both host families and students to adhere to the expectations outlined to ensure a positive and enriching homestay experience.

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