



DIVINE CHILD HIGH SCHOOL



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youth who pursue lives of
responsibility, leadership,
and
faith in action.*

Mission Statement

Divine Child High School is a co-ed Catholic high school centered in Gospel values and Christian tradition. The School is rooted in a long-standing tradition of excellence and in an educational partnership with students, parents and the community. We are committed to providing opportunities that nurture each student's academic, creative, social and spiritual growth. We are dedicated to developing youth who pursue lives of responsibility, leadership and faith in action.

Welcome to the Divine Child Family!



Welcome to Divine Child High School, one of the largest Catholic, co-ed high schools in Michigan. With a student body of over 800, we often refer to ourselves as a family with many classmates becoming brothers and sisters for life. We are committed to knowing each student personally, strengthening them socially and emotionally, and helping them become compassionate young people who are connected to their faith, their school, and one another for life.

Preparing students for college and beyond demands an environment that is reflective of the real world. The real world is co-ed, and Divine Child High School graduates are prepared to interact and work with members of both genders in college life and in the workplace. This co-ed dynamic empowers students to grow as both individuals and members of the community.

The Divine Child High School classroom:

- Provides a diverse student body that is 49% male and 51% female
- Provides a faculty and staff that is 48% male and 52% female
- Exposes students to different leadership styles
- Promotes confidence in young men and women
- Nurtures young men and women to become leaders
- Promotes healthy relationships between young men and women during a formative time in their lives

Divine Child High School students will grow in many ways throughout their four years. A major part of this growth process is due to the opportunity to discover one's values, skills and strengths in a co-ed setting, where all students can learn from one another. Collaborating together allows each gender to better understand and work with each other. It helps break down gender stereotypes and creates unity among our students.

Our family atmosphere allows young men and women to learn together, pray together, celebrate together, compete together, and serve together. They can experience the joys of life and offer support to each other during their high school years and beyond. It's why our students and graduates say: "Once A Falcon, Always A Falcon."



ACADEMICS



Divine Child High School is rooted in a long-standing tradition of excellence and in an educational partnership with students, parents, and the community. As such, we've set high academic standards for our students, which produce results that translate to post-graduation success.

Digital Classroom Initiative

Divine Child High School continues to raise the bar in the area of instructional technology and web-based learning. Incoming Freshmen are fully immersed in Divine Child High School's Digital Classroom Initiative, integrating educational technology across the curriculum by using the iPad as the common teaching and learning platform. Advantages include:

- Innovative digital citizenship curriculum
- Targeted instruction focused on current, credible, and relevant online research
- Easier access to digital classroom resources for students
- Increased supplemental digital materials for faculty
- Online course management suites
- Online office hours
- Virtual remote discussions and exercises
- Decrease in family book costs and student book loads



Honors Classes

Starting Freshman year, qualified students have access to a variety of Honors classes. These courses are taught at a faster pace than our typical college preparatory courses so more material is covered. Placement in Freshman Honors classes is based on middle school grades, High School Placement Test (HSPT) scores, and our own placement exam scores in select subjects. Placement in Sophomore, Junior and Senior Honors classes is based upon grades and teacher or department head recommendation.



Advanced Placement Program

Divine Child High School offers numerous Advanced Placement (A.P.) courses. Over the past 5 years, 84% of our A.P. students scored 3 or higher on A. P. exams versus 66% in Michigan and 61% globally. On average, 35% of our students earned college credit in one or more classes with some students earning the equivalent of one to two semesters of college credit while at Divine Child High School. Taking A.P. courses allows some students to complete their undergraduate degree in less than four years or to obtain a double major.

"My child had fantastic teachers and coaches that cared about him as more than just a student getting a grade, . . . but as a young man trying to grow into a man."

Course Offerings

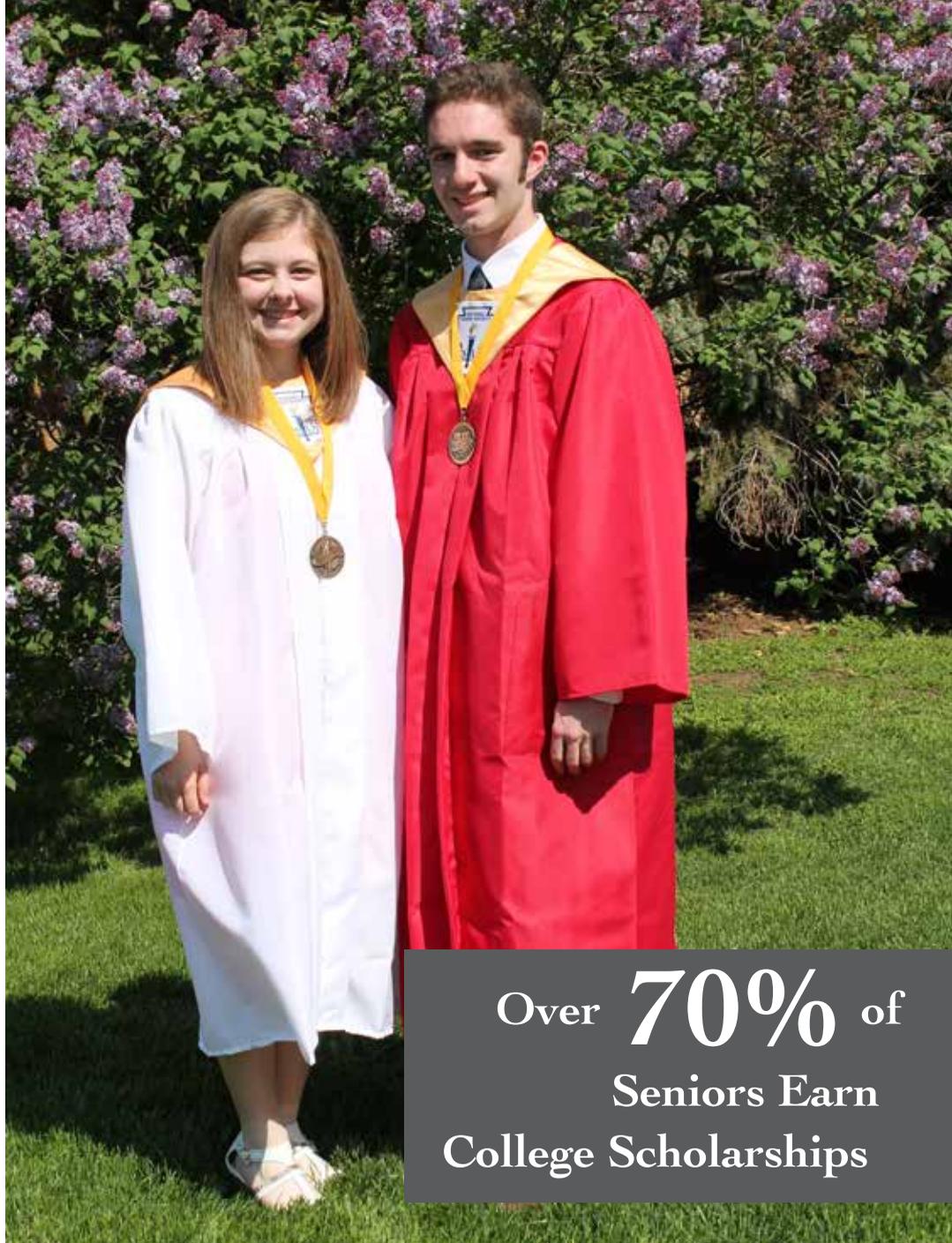
Divine Child High School offers a variety of college preparatory, Honors, and Advanced Placement courses tailored to the needs of all our students. An experienced faculty presents an exciting blend of required and elective courses. Please see our Curriculum Profile insert for a complete list of current course offerings.

Graduation Requirements

To receive a Divine Child High School diploma, each student must complete 26.0 credits. The required course of study for all students includes:

	Credits
Religion	4.0
English	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.0
World Languages	2.0
Physical Ed/Health	1.0
Fine/Applied Arts	1.0
Computers	0.5
Electives/Online	3.5

Over **35** A.P.
and Honors
Courses Available



Over **70%** of
Seniors Earn
College Scholarships

Instructional Support Program

Divine Child High School has three instructional specialists on staff to assist students diagnosed with developmental, physical, emotional or cognitive challenges directly affecting their ability to learn. Completely mainstreamed into our college preparatory curriculum, students with mild learning differences, ADD/ADHD, mild autism, cerebral palsy, and hearing/visual impairments have all experienced academic success at Divine Child. Over 60 students visit the Instructional Support Room for academic accommodations, such as extended time on exams, having exams read to them, a quiet place for testing, and individualized academic support. We work with students to develop individual study and test-taking strategies while helping them build a sense of independence and strong self-advocacy skills.

"Even though our daughter has learning issues, it was important to us to have her be involved in a strong, faith-based Catholic education, and still have a chance to experience all the extra-curricular activities high school provides. The Instructional Support Program is allowing her to fulfill her and our dream of going to high school at Divine Child."

Over **15,000**

Service Hours

Performed Annually





FAITH

Divine Child High School is a Catholic high school centered in Gospel values and Christian tradition, and we are committed to nurturing spiritual growth. Students at Divine Child High School take four years of daily Catholic theological instruction. Our faculty hold bachelor's degrees in philosophy and religious studies, as well as master's degrees in theology, liturgy, scripture, and interpretation.

"When you can take the word of God which is prevalent and relatable in our lives, it's great to see the kids latch on to that. They can say, 'Wow, that's something I can do in my own life.'"

On and Off-Campus Offerings

Through daily theology classes, weekly Eucharistic Adoration, and twice-monthly school liturgies, our students strengthen and live out their faith in a variety of ways. Students are always welcome to visit our school Chapel for a moment of quiet prayer during their busy day or attend 6:30 a.m. daily Mass offered at our Parish. We also hold a number of prayer services throughout the school year, including reconciliation with individual confession, Stations of the Cross, and May Crowning. Each grade also participates in annual, off-site retreats aligned with their theology curriculum.



Christian Service

Our Christian Service program stresses service not only to the school but to the greater community. Each student participates in a minimum of 10 hours of Christian Service per academic year but many go well beyond this requirement. Volunteering in various capacities with over 50 local charitable organizations, our students provide over 15,000 hours of service to the community each year.

"Having my fellow Falcons at Vista Maria has helped the Volunteer Resources department immensely! In their four days of service, they have completed tasks that would have taken some of our teams weeks to finish on our own. We absolutely love the idea of Faith in Action and allowing teenagers to get out into the community and serve others. I think it opens their eyes to the different opportunities that are available to them, and gives them a sense of giving back. And for us, when our youth see their peers working hard and giving their time, it sparks something in them and they want to give back, too. It's a beautiful cycle!"

*Becky Hermann '00
Associate Manager of Volunteer Resources
Vista Maria*

Pledge: Faith in Action

Divine Child High School is committed to Catholic values with an emphasis on putting our faith into action. Our students develop their Christ-like dedication to serving others by taking part in service projects at numerous locations. Each class level dedicates an entire day to community service as part of this initiative. Our goal is to connect students to Jesus' challenge: **What do you do for the least of your brothers and sisters?**

Our students have provided much needed help to non-profit organizations in the Detroit area including:

- All Saints Soup Kitchen
- Belle Isle Conservancy
- Children with Hair Loss
- Dearborn Animal Shelter
- Forgotten Harvest
- Gleaners Community Food Bank
- Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan
- Henderson Academy
- Lennon Pregnancy Center
- Motor City Blight Busters
- Project Linus
- St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Vista Maria



25 SPORTS with
over 50 TEAMS





ATHLETICS

Divine Child High School has a tradition of athletic excellence, and we are proud to promote the character-building values of teamwork, dedication, discipline, and camaraderie through a wide variety of athletic offerings. Our Falcon teams have enjoyed success within the Catholic League and the State of Michigan for many years.

FALL

BOYS

- Cross Country (V/JV)
- Football (V/JV)
- Soccer (V/JV/FR)
- Tennis (V/JV)

GIRLS

- Cross Country (V/JV)
- Golf (V/JV)
- Sideline Cheer (V/JV)
- Volleyball (V/JV/FR)

WINTER

BOYS

- Basketball (V/JV/FR)
- Bowling (V/JV)
- Hockey (V)
- Wrestling (V/JV)

GIRLS

- Basketball (V/JV/FR)
- Bowling (V/JV)
- Competitive Cheer (V/JV)
- Figure Skating (V)
- Pom Pon (V)

SPRING

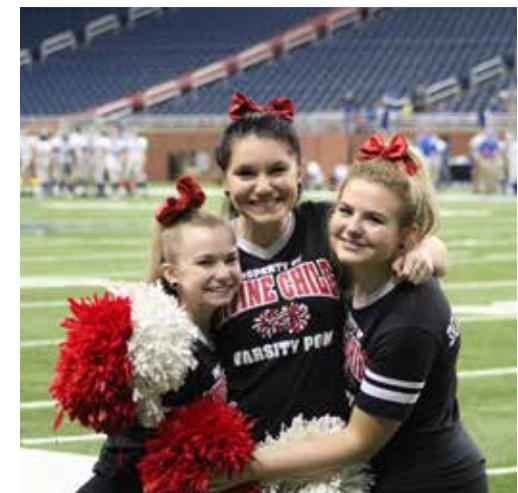
BOYS

- Baseball (V/JV/FR)
- Golf (V/JV)
- Lacrosse (V)
- Track and Field (V/JV)

GIRLS

- Soccer (V/JV)
- Softball (V/JV)
- Tennis (V/JV)
- Track and Field (V/JV)

"My son is an only child. These football players are his brothers. I love the fact that they pray and eat together before every game - home or away."



99 Catholic League
Championships
and **37** State Championships



FINE ARTS

At Divine Child High School, we strive to develop the whole student and our Fine Arts program is designed to do just that. Whether fulfilling an elective requirement or beginning down the path of a life-long career, our students have access to over 35 fine and applied art classes, a dozen performing ensembles, and numerous performance opportunities. This variety of offerings provides our students with many ways to share their particular creative talents.

Music

Those with a passion for instrumental and vocal music are sure to find a home in one of our many bands and choruses. Our Falcon musicians and vocalists perform locally and nationally, sharing their talents in Walt Disney World, Washington, D. C., Chicago and Toronto.

- Brass Choir
- Concert Band
- Flute Choir
- Jazz Ensemble & Choir
- Liturgy Ensemble
- Marching Band
- Music Appreciation
- Music Theory
- Piano/Keyboard
- Pep Band
- Percussion Ensemble
- Pit Orchestra
- Show Choir
- String Orchestra
- Symphonic Band
- Varsity Chorus
- Woodwind Ensemble

Fine and Applied Arts

Students with an eye for beauty hone their artistic skills and learn elements of design, often earning local and statewide recognition. Student work is recognized during our annual spring student Art Show.

- Art History
- Ceramics
- Clothing
- Design and Graphic Arts
- Digital Photography
- Drawing
- European Cuisine
- Food Prep and Tech
- Independent Study
- Oil Painting
- Painting
- Pastry Arts
- Portfolio Development
- Printmaking
- Watercolor Painting
- Woodworking

Performing Arts

Anyone with a flair for the dramatic and hoping to soak up the spotlight will make a welcome addition to our theater department. Divine Child High School productions have wowed audiences and won national, state, and local awards.

- Acting
- Comedy Improvisation
- Fall Drama
- Playwriting
- Spring Musical
- Stage Crew
- Theater Technology

"Band changed my life. It changed everything. It made me a more outgoing person and turned me into a leader."

"The arts gives the quiet person a voice and made me stand out."





CLUBS and ACTIVITIES



Over **30**
Co-Ed Clubs
and Activities

State
Championship
Forensics
Team

Nationally
Recognized
Student
Council

- Academic Quiz Bowl
- Anime Club
- Art Club/Open Studio
- *Attic Salt* Literary Magazine
- Astronomy Club
- Bowling Club
- Business Professionals of America
- Chess Club
- Co-ed Intramural Sports
- Culinary Arts Club
- DCTV (Divine Child Television)
- Debate Society
- Falcon Fever (DC Spirit)
- Forensics Team
- Games Club
- German Club
- Guitar Club
- In Stitches (Sewing)
- Interact Club (Rotary)
- International Thespian Society and Drama Club
- Latin and Greek Club
- Link Crew
- Medical Club
- National Honor Society
- Online Journalism
- Pet Therapy Club
- Ping Pong Club
- Programming Club
- Pro-Life Club
- Spanish Club
- Spanish Honor Society
- STAMP (Student Transfer and Mentoring Program)
- Student Council
- Swimming
- Technology and Robotics Club
- Varsity Club
- Video Games Club

"You might be athletically gifted, you might be academically gifted, you might like clubs or drama. If you like a certain club or activity, Divine Child will have a way for you to participate."





UNIQUE OFFERINGS

Link Crew

Link Crew is a unique program provided by Divine Child High School. We recognize and understand the transition to high school can sometimes be an overwhelming experience for Freshmen. We welcome our newest students by making them feel comfortable throughout the first year.

Our well-trained Junior and Senior Link Crew leaders act as mentors, guiding Freshmen and acclimating them to campus life. Our goal is to make Freshman year a positive experience by providing support and guidance from upperclassmen who have faced the challenges that entering high school poses.

Activities include:

- Welcome phone calls to each Freshman before the school year starts
- An interactive Freshman Orientation
- Enthusiastically welcoming Freshmen the first day of school
- Visibility in the halls the first days of school
- Organizing check-in meetings throughout the year
- Hosting a fall Football Tailgate

Freshman Seminar

Incoming Freshmen at Divine Child High School take a unique course called Freshman Seminar, which supports the transition from middle school to high school. To maximize academic performance, Seminar faculty focus on the following:

- Identifying student learning styles, so students recognize how they learn best.
- Employing organizational and time management strategies, so students balance academic and social commitments.
- Improving study skills, so students achieve their potential in school.
- Experimenting with a variety of notetaking systems, so students determine what best suits their learning styles.
- Individualized practice and skill-building in math at all levels.
- Individualized practice and skill-building in English at all levels.

Students learn valuable skills in Freshman Seminar, which help them not only at Divine Child High School but in college and beyond.

Virtual Falcon Summer Program

Students interested in accelerating their academics, earning credit toward graduation requirements, and taking more specialized courses will flourish in our Virtual Falcon Summer Program. In these hybrid courses, students attend in-class meetings in late June and early August, and complete the online component of the courses throughout the month of July. The Virtual Falcon Summer Program affords students greater flexibility to add elective courses during the school year and bolster their college résumé.

Summer Enrichment Programs

Divine Child High School promotes the personal growth of its students with summer enrichment programs in fine arts, leadership, reading, and math. Incoming and prospective students can expand their repertoires at our Musical Theater camp or experiment with design techniques at our Art Camp. Incoming Freshmen who attend our leadership camp learn how to make a difference in the world around them. The Reading and Math camps, offered to select students, reinforce those skills needed to succeed as a Divine Child High School Freshman.





SUPPORT SERVICES

Guidance and Counseling Department

At Divine Child High School we know and respect each of our students as an individual and we understand that high school is a critical time in their lives. Our Counseling Department offers college, career, academic, personal, grief/crisis, and transition counseling tailored to the individual needs of each of our students.

Our support staff includes:

- Parish priests
- Campus Minister
- Guidance Counselors
- College & Career Counselor
- Licensed Social Worker
- Instructional Support Specialists

Writing Center

Students who need assistance with class essays, writing projects or college application essays can receive valuable insight to improve their classwork and skills in our writing center, accessible to all students. An English teacher is available before and after school and during all lunch periods.

"At Divine Child High School, we want all students to achieve academic success and we provide the resources to help them do just that."

College Counseling

Our goal is to ensure that each of our Falcons is prepared for college and adult life. This preparation begins during Freshman year when students are introduced to Naviance Family Connection, a comprehensive college and career readiness program, and continues each year with individual college and career counseling. The counseling department also provides a free standardized testing opportunity each October. The PSAT testing sequence is administered to prepare our Falcons for success on the SAT. The counselors also promote scholarship opportunities and guide students through the college scholarship process.

Tutoring

All of our teachers are available before and after school to assist students who might need additional help in certain subject areas. Many teachers also host tutoring sessions for their students as semester exams approach. In addition, many of our National Honor Society students are available to tutor students in major subject areas.

Student Transfer and Mentoring Program (STAMP)

The Student Transfer and Mentoring Program (STAMP) is an orientation program specifically geared towards transfer students to Divine Child High School. This program provides a level of comfort for our transfer students so they feel welcome in their new surroundings.

Bernardine Franciscan Learning Center

Divine Child High School's Bernardine Franciscan Learning Center (BFLC) is a shared academic space open to the entire student body from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday. Students are welcome to use the BFLC as an electronic resource and a collaborative space to complete homework and in-class assignments all while offering the traditional library services of reference, reader's advisory, and interlibrary loan. The following resources are also available in the BFLC:

- Math Support
- Academic and Vocational Support
- Sustained support for scientific literacy through a partnership with the Science Department
- Standardized test prep





ADMISSIONS

Incoming Freshmen

To be admitted to Divine Child High School, prospective students must submit the following:

- Completion of the High School Placement Test (HSPT)
- Archdiocese of Detroit School and Student Profile Form
- Divine Child High School Application for Admission
- Interview with Principal or Director of Admissions
- Divine Child High School Registration Form (due upon acceptance)
- Payment of Registration Fee (due upon acceptance)

All 8th graders planning to attend a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Detroit are required to take the HSPT. As part of the testing process, students are required to indicate their first and second choices of high school. A student's HSPT scores will be automatically sent to these schools. Divine Child High School offers the test in November and December. Individual testing is available after the December test date. Online registration is strongly encouraged by visiting DivineChildHighSchool.org.

Transfer Students

To be admitted to Divine Child High School, prospective transfer students must satisfy/submit the following:

- Divine Child High School Application for Admission
- Copy of transcript from current school
- Attendance and disciplinary records from current school
- Interview with Principal or Director of Admissions
- Divine Child High School Registration Form (due upon acceptance)
- Payment of Registration Fee (due upon acceptance)

Falcon for a Day

Current 7th and 8th grade students interested in Divine Child High School are invited to spend a school day with us. Visiting students, accompanied by a Falcon Student Ambassador, will have the opportunity to observe classes, tour the school, and enjoy a complimentary lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our students and teachers, view our facilities, and experience firsthand much of what makes Divine Child High School great. Full day visits are scheduled from 8 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. Please call 313.216.0891, ext. 268 to schedule a visit.

Tuition

Due to the generous support provided by Church of the Divine Child, tuition is typically between \$2,000 and \$4,000 less than many of the private Catholic high schools in the greater Detroit area. At Divine Child High School, we strive to make Catholic education affordable. Please see our Tuition and Scholarship insert for current tuition and grant information.

Academic Scholarships

Divine Child High School offers academic scholarships to incoming Freshmen based on High School Placement Test (HSPT) scores and academic grades. Scholarships range from \$500 per year to full tuition for all four years. Please see our Tuition and Scholarship insert for more information.

Need-Based Grants

The Archdiocese of Detroit offers need-based grants to qualified Catholic students. Families must complete the Private School Aid Service (PSAS) form by April 1 of each year to determine eligibility. Please visit AOD.org for more information.





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information and to schedule a visit:**

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