Portfolio Introduction

What is the 8th grade portfolio? The 8th grade portfolio is the culmination of school work, service, and other activities that you have completed / accomplished in the past 12-13 years of your life. The portfolio represents how you have grown to exemplify all of the Student Learning Expectations (SLE) at St. Therese Academy. This is a huge project that takes hard work and dedication. However, with the support of Mrs. McGrane, Mrs. Valdivia, and Mr. Peterson, we hope that it is a manageable and enjoyable experience.

What are the components of the 8th grade portfolio? There are two main components to the portfolio: the binder and the presentation. The binder consists of paragraphs that describe what each SLE means to you, paragraphs which detail evidence from your life that show how you have mastered the corresponding SLE, and the physical evidence itself. The presentation is your opportunity to showcase your best pieces of evidence through a PowerPoint presentation in front of a panel of St. Therese Academy shareholders and local community members.

When will we have time to work on the 8th grade portfolio? This year, almost every single library period will be dedicated to working on the portfolio (all binders will be stored in the library). When Mrs. McGrane goes on maternity leave, Mr. Peterson will continue to ensure that each week's library time will be dedicated to keeping students on track with the portfolio. Students will have opportunities to workshop with each other and with Mrs. McGrane or Mr. Peterson. Mrs. Valdivia will provide time during computer class as the presentation approaches for students to create their PowerPoint presentations and to practice them in front of their classmates.

How will the 8th grade portfolio be graded? Each individual paragraph will be graded by Mrs. McGrane or Mr. Peterson as they are turned in throughout the school year. Students will have multiple opportunities to revise their paragraphs to earn full credit; however, paragraphs that are turned in late will not receive full credit (see rubrics for details). Points earned for the portfolio paragraphs will be a part of their religion grade each quarter. The presentation will be graded using a separate rubric during the presentation and will only result from combining the scores of Mrs. Valdivia, Mrs. McGrane, Mr. Peterson, and Mrs. Peterson. The other panel members will fill out a rubric, but their scores will not count towards the students' final grade.

What materials are needed to complete the portfolio? 1- 3" 3 ring binder with plastic covers; 126 plastic sheet protectors; physical evidence for each paragraph

Additional Information: The following pages of this packet are important materials to help guide and support 8th grade students and their families throughout the portfolio process. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. McGrane, Mrs. Valdivia, or Mr. Peterson if you have any questions or concerns regarding this project.

Portfolio Timeline

Week of	What is Due / Happening with the Portfolio
8/27	-
9/3	-
9/10	Portfolio Overview
9/17	Binders due; Divider Paragraphs (Dividers) 1-3 due
9/24	Dividers 4-6 due; Planning Checklist check in; Conference; Workshop
10/1	Dividers 7-9 due; Workshop; Conference
10/8	Dividers 10-12 due
10/15	Planning Checklist check in; Conference
10/22	Dividers 13-15 due; Conference
10/29	Dividers 16-18 due; Planning Checklist due
11/5	NO CLASS: Parent Teacher Conferences
11/12	Evidence Paragraphs 1-3 due; Conference
11/19	NO CLASS: Thanksgiving Break
11/26	Evidence Paragraphs 4-6 due; Conference
12/3	Evidence Paragraphs 7-9 due; Conference
12/10	Evidence Paragraphs 10-12 due; Conference
12/17	NO CLASS: Christmas Break
12/24	NO CLASS: Christmas Break
12/31	-
1/7	Evidence Paragraphs 13-15 due; Conference
1/14	Evidence Paragraphs 16-18 due; Conference
1/21	Evidence Paragraphs 19-21 due
1/28	Evidence Paragraphs 22-24 due; Conference
2/4	Evidence Paragraphs 25-27 due; Conference
2/11	Evidence Paragraphs 28-30 due; Conference
2/18	Evidence Paragraphs 31-33 due; Conference
2/25	Evidence Paragraphs 34-36 due; Conference
3/4	Evidence Paragraphs 37-39 due; Conference
3/11	Evidence Paragraphs 40-42 due; Conference
3/18	Evidence Paragraphs 43-45 due; Conference
3/25	Evidence Paragraphs 46-48 due; Conference
4/1	NO CLASS: East Coast Trip
4/8	Evidence Paragraphs 49-51; Conference
4/15	Evidence Paragraphs 52-54 due; Conference; begin PowerPoint (ppt)
4/22	NO CLASS: Easter Break
4/29	Conference; Work on ppt
5/6	Return all revisions; Conference; Finalize ppt; Practice
5/13	Practice; Finalize Binders; Evidence boxes due by Friday 5/17
5/20	Portfolio Presentations