

December 2, 2020

Due to the unique circumstances of this school year, we have scaled down the 8th grade Portfolio project and today the 8th graders were given an overview of what the project will entail.

The 8th grade Portfolio is done in two parts. For the first part of the project, each 8th grade student will put together a Portfolio binder that consists of 36 paragraphs (2 per sub-level SLE) and pieces of evidence that demonstrate their mastery of the school-wide learning expectations (SLEs). The second part of the project consists of students choosing 12 of their best pieces of evidence (three from each group of SLEs) and creating a power point presentation to go along with the evidence. The power points will be used during formal presentations of Portfolio projects in May.

All Portfolio paragraphs will be turned in on Google Classroom & the 8th graders will have dedicated times in class each week to write and edit their paragraphs. A copy of the Portfolio paragraph deadlines checklist is attached for your reference & was given to the class today. Each student will turn in 2 paragraphs per week (most will be turned in on Fridays) and all paragraphs will be entered as a religion grade in Gradelink. **The first Portfolio paragraph is due this Friday December 4th** and 3 additional paragraphs will be turned in before Christmas break. The Portfolio binder and power point presentation will both be due on **Friday May 14th**.

I will be in regular contact with parents to ensure that students stay on track over the course of this project. If you have any questions at all about Portfolio, please let me know.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Blessings,

Mrs. Lauren Peterson

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SLE Portfolio Binder and Presentation

- **Binder & PPT presentation due Friday May 14th**
- **Presentations will take place on Tuesday May 18th & Wednesday May 19th**

The 8th-grade Portfolio is done in two parts: a comprehensive binder and a formal presentation. The binder is graded when completed, as well as graded during the course of the year as part of the Religion curriculum. The presentation is done before a panel of teachers, parents, administrators from both the school and diocese. The presentation is graded, and the best portfolio presenter receives an award at graduation.

1. Binder

- For each of the sub-level SLEs, collect at least two pieces of evidence that prove you have met this expectation. Each piece of evidence must be accompanied by a well-thought-out and crafted paragraph that reflects why the item was chosen and how it proves you have mastered this area of the SLEs.
- Each piece of evidence and the accompanying paragraph will be organized in the binder. Make sure your binder is neat and organized and follows the order of the SLEs. You should label each paragraph and piece of evidence with the SLE it represents.
- Make sure you keep up with this project. Pay attention to the due dates on the checklist so that everything is turned in on time. Your paragraphs will be graded when you turn them in (not all at the end). If suggestions are made and changes recommended, those must be done and resubmitted. Once your paragraph is approved by Mrs. Peterson, changes can only be made after discussing them with her.

2. Presentation

- Choose 12 of your best pieces of evidence (three from Faith-filled Catholic, three from Lifelong Learner, three from Effective Communicator, and three from Responsible Individual) for your formal presentation. Your presentation will be evaluated on content and presentation skills.
- Create a PowerPoint presentation to go along with your evidence. You need to have one slide for each of your 12 pieces of evidence. Make sure to specify which SLE you are addressing on the slide. Some of your evidence can be shown on the slide (for example, photos and videos).
- Make sure your PowerPoint is easy to read by choosing fonts, colors, images, and layouts that complement each other and your evidence.

3. Grading

- Evidence and paragraphs for each sub-level SLE will count as a 10-point Religion grade assignment. So, for 18 sub-levels with 2 paragraphs & evidence each, that is 360 points (over the course of the 2nd, 3rd & 4th quarters) and will account for a significant portion of the Religion grade. Remember: Stick to your deadlines!
- The binder, when completed, will be worth 100 points.
- The presentation will be worth 100 points. The student with the best SLE binder presentation gets recognized at 8th Grade Graduation.

Portfolio Paragraph Deadlines Checklist
2020-2021

	Due date
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 paragraph	Friday December 4, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Friday December 11, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 paragraph	Wednesday December 16, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Friday January 8, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Thursday January 14, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Friday January 22, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Friday January 29, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Friday February 5, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Thursday February 11, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Friday February 19, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Friday February 26, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Friday March 5, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Thursday March 11, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Friday March 19, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Friday March 26, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Thursday April 1, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Friday April 16, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Friday April 23, 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 paragraphs	Friday April 30, 2021

****Graded paragraphs will be passed back on Mondays and any edits that are directed need to be completed on Wednesdays.**