

*A Holy Ground of
Loving and Learning*

Saint Denis - Saint Columba School

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Dear Parents and Students of Grades 6, 7 and 8:

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a relaxing and fun summer break, and we look forward to seeing all of you in September. In an attempt to simplify information coming home to the parents, we have combined our supply list and have included information regarding summer assignments. The supply list is attached as well as any required summer assignments. Course requirements for grades 7 and 8 will be posted online for each course. Please read these with your child over the summer and return the signed course requirement tear-off portion on the first day of school along with any required assignments.

Please review the *School Uniform Policy* with your child; this will be enforced on a daily basis.

School Uniform 2016-2017 School Year

Boys in K- 8

White dress shirt (oxford for Grades K-8) and plaid school tie

Green V-neck sweater vest or pullover V-neck sweater with school name

Green dress slacks (purchased at Li'l Darling Shoppe)

Black/Brown belt and dark socks

Black or Brown supportive shoe with Shoe laces, strap, or Velcro (no slip on shoes) No Vans.

Girls in 5 - 8

Green Plaid uniform skirt (no more than 1 inch above knee) and white oxford blouse

Green V-neck sweater vest or pullover V-neck sweater with school name

Green or Black knee socks/tights

Black or Brown supportive shoes with shoe laces, Velcro, or strap (no slip on shoes) No Vans.

No dyed or highlighted hair.

Summer Uniform K-8

Green shorts (no more than an inch above the knee) with belt

White polo shirt with school logo

White crew socks that reach the ankle

Black or Brown supportive shoes with shoe laces, Velcro or strap (no slip on shoes)

Boys Hair cut should be neat, above the collar, and off the face.

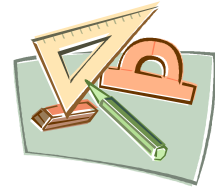
PLEASE NOTE: Uniform SNEAKERS for Gym - WHITE or BLACK only with NO color

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation, and for entrusting us with your most precious possession. Together we can ensure that your child receives the best academic education possible, as well as providing them with a faith-filled learning environment.

We look forward to a fabulous year.

God bless.

Mrs. Forlenza, Mrs. Galletti, Mrs. Spera and Mrs. Sheridan



Supply List: Grades 6, 7 and 8

Note: Please replenish your child's supplies throughout the year. It causes disruptions to the class when students must borrow supplies from others. It also affects the student's class work grade, which is partially based on preparedness.

General Supplies

1 roll of paper towels
3 boxes tissues
1 canister of wet ones (hands)
2 disinfecting wipes(desks)
Blue, black and colored pens
12 Pencils
Sharpies or markers
Colored pencils
Highlighters
ruler
2 dry erase markers
Sticky notes
Scotch tape
Scissors (will be collected)
Mini-stapler and staples
Headphones(computer)
2-3 book socks
Index cards
(2)3 subject spiral notebooks (ELA, SS) with divider/folders
(2) marble notebooks (Spanish and Science)
(1) 1 inch binder (math)
College ruled loose leaf (reinforced paper works best)
2-3 pocket folders or 1 accordion style multi-folder
Graph paper
Tracing paper
Clear contact paper to cover workbooks

NO huge binders or Trapper Keepers allowed!

Additional Supplies

Math 8- same calculators used in 7th grade
(Purchased through school)

Algebra 8- Texas TI 84 or 84 plus graphing calculator

Math 6 and 7: Calculators (\$10) and protractors (\$1) will be purchased through the school in September, to ensure all students have the proper supplies.

\$3.50 school planner

Books for summer reading (see attached Summer Assignments for ELA)

Summer Math and ELA Assignments

ALL DUE: September 6, 2016

GRADE 6

1. Read the novel, *The Lightning Thief*, by Rick Riordan
2. **BRIEFLY** summarize the important ideas of the novel- no more than one page
3. **RESEARCH** the following gods: Poseidon, Zeus, and Hades (one paragraph)
4. **DISCUSS TWO** themes found in the book. Give examples of the themes - one paragraph for each.
5. **MAKE** a cover page with the words” Grade 6 Literature Summer Assignment” and write your name in the lower right hand corner.
6. **BE PREPARED** to discuss the novel, as you will be tested later in the month.

GRADE 7

1. **RESEARCH** the Sudanese Civil War- Who started it, what happened, etc. - no more than one page
2. **READ** the novel, *A Long Walk to Water*, by Linda Sue Park
3. **DISCUSS** the hardships faced by Salva Dut in his quest for a better life- no more than one page
4. **MAKE** a cover page with the words “Grade 7 Literature Summer Assignment” and write your name in the lower right hand corner.
5. **BE** prepared to discuss the novel, as you will be tested later on in the month.

MATH 6 and 7:

Complete Summer Simple Solutions. Students must show work and may not use a calculator.

These books **will be checked for appropriate work and recorded as a project grade for first quarter.**

All incoming 6th and 7th graders should have mastery of basic facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication tables- including 12's, and division) **A timed, basic skills test, will be given the first week of school. Worksheets for practice may be found at: <http://www.math-drills.com/multiplication.php>**

MATH 8

Complete Summer Solutions and finish work on Tessellation Web Quest Project, which is posted on Mrs. Galletti's website. (Started with teacher in June)

ALGEBRA

Complete Tessellation Web Quest assigned above. Summer Solutions is **optional for this class only**, and will be recorded as an additional project grade for those who complete it.

Summer Assignment for Grade 8

To prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, you will be required to do the following:

1. Write a report on the saint you are choosing for Confirmation. **In the first paragraph**, discuss why you have chosen that saint. Give a **LITTLE** background information on the life of that saint, but center your report on why you have chosen that particular saint.
2. **In the second paragraph**, discuss what name you have chosen and why (is it a family name? Does your family have a particular devotion to that saint? etc.)
3. **In the third paragraph**, discuss why Confirmation is such an important sacrament to receive in the 8th Grade
4. You will make a cover sheet with the words CONFIRMATION SAINT REPORT and put your name in the lower right hand corner.
5. You will also have at least two illustrations on the cover.

FORMAT:

Introduction: 4-5 sentences

Each body paragraphs (three of them): at least 8 sentences

Conclusion: 4-5 sentences

IN ADDITION: you will bring to class on the first day of school the following:

1. **Your Confirmation Sponsor Sheet, Candidate Form, Service Hour Form, and a Confirmation Fee of \$50.00. These forms can be downloaded on www.stcolumbaonline.net under the Religious Education Tab and Confirmation – or from our website.**
2. **You will also bring in the attached form with the name you would like on your diploma. IT MUST HAVE A PARENT'S SIGNATURE.**
3. **A baby picture for the yearbook - write your name on the back of the picture.**
4. **An appropriate quote for the yearbook with the author of the quote. Write on an index card with your name on the back.**

ENJOY YOUR VACATION - WE WILL SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

Please detach and return to school on the first day, September 6, 2016

STUDENT'S NAME ON DIPLOMA _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____