

Summer Freshman Project

This assignment must be completed by all freshmen and will be addressed in Religion class.

Section I:

In Bro. Leo's brief biography of St. John Baptist de La Salle, he outlined significant moments and influences on the Saint's life. Of the many moments of La Salle's life, select the three that are most significant. For each moment, explain the details of what happened, including the page number where you found it in the book. Then consider how each moment influenced St. John Baptist de La Salle and/or how each moment shaped or redirected his life.

This essay should be 400 to 500 words long and double-spaced using 12-point font. Make certain your name is at the top of the first page, and staple the essay together in the upper left hand corner.

The printed essay will be submitted to your Religion teacher on the first full day of class. Be prepared to also submit an electronic copy of your essay to your teacher by the end of the first week.

Section II:

Write a letter of introduction to the St. John's College High School community. This letter should include three influences that have helped create the person you are. (Consider your family, elementary school education, hobbies, interests, talents, travel, etc.) Be certain the letter fully develops and explains each of the three influences. Given these influences how do you see yourself making a contribution to the St. John's community? In other words, given the gifts you have received, how will you use them at St. John's?

As a letter, this document should include a heading with your name, the date it was written, a salutation and a signature. It should be 400 to 500 words long and double-spaced using 12-point font. Print one copy to be submitted to your Religion teacher on the first full day of class. The pages of the letter should be stapled together.

Honors Scripture Multimedia Summer Project

The project is due on the first day of classes.

For your summer project, read Genesis 1-11 in the Bible and re-tell one of its principal stories in another medium. The Book of Genesis is one of 46 books in the Catholic “Old Testament” (“Hebrew Bible”) and foundational for the Jewish and Christian faith traditions. Over the course of the school year, we will be reading and interpreting texts like these, which require a sense of wonder and imagination.

At St. John’s we will read from the New American Bible (NAB) which you can find here: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/1> It might be helpful to start getting familiar with it. Remember! The Bible is an old book, so it must be read, re-read, read s-l-o-w-l-y and read with care. So, take your time!

Assignment: This assignment is meant to be an exploration into another world and an attempt to read the Bible in a creative manner. Use your imagination!

First: pick a story that stands out to you from Genesis 1-11 (choices below).
Second: re-tell this story for a new generation of Bible readers (multimedia options below). **Third:** Submit a hard copy of your presentation on the first day of classes. (Short films must be submitted via thumb drive or compact disc.) You will need to cite all of your resources for images and audio (if necessary) on a separate works cited page. Bible passages are cited using this format: “book name”, “chapter”, “colon” and “verse(s)” (For example: “Genesis” “chapter 1”, “verse 1” = Genesis 1:1).

Please do not hesitate to e-mail me at jnavas@stjohnschs.org if you have any questions.

Have a great summer and look forward to meeting you!

Best,

Mr. Navas

Choices

Principal stories to choose from (Pick one!)

- Creation Story #1 (Genesis 1:1-2:3)
- Creation Story #2 (Genesis 2:4-25)
- Adam, Eve and the serpent (Genesis 3:1-24)
- Cain & Abel (Genesis 4:1-16)
- Noah and the Great Flood (Genesis 6-9)
- Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)

Possible medium options

- Scrapbook: 7-10 pages on paper (preferably colored construction paper)
- Comic strip/Graphic novella: 7-10 pages hand drawn, 3-9 panels per page
- Short film: 5-7 minutes

***PowerPoint, Keynote, Prezi and written papers are not allowed. ***

Rubric

- **Faithfulness to biblical passage (40%)**
Facts: names (10), geography (10), story line (20)
- **Creativity (40%)**
Re-telling the story: character development (10), literary genre (10), imagery (20)
- **Completion (20%)**
Used an adequate medium (10) and followed instructions (10)