



Master Notebook System for Grades 7 - 8

In keeping with its mission as a college-preparatory school, Saint Joseph Academy strives to provide its students with the organizational and study skills necessary for success at all academic levels. As a part of that effort, we use the Master Notebook System with our students in grades seven and eight. This system is designed to help students learn to organize their notes and other schoolwork so that they will be prepared for class and able to study efficiently for tests. The papers for all of a student's classes will be consolidated into two binders, one for the morning classes and another for the afternoon classes. The system will be taught through the Language Arts classes. We feel confident that by following the same system in all their classes, our students will gain study skills which will help them both now and in the future.

All students in grades 7 and 8 will need to have the following supplies before the first day of school. Further supplies may be requested by individual teachers.

1. **Two** three-ring binders (**2 inch size**) which are sturdy enough to hold papers for several classes. Make sure that the two binders are not the same color, so that students can easily distinguish between the morning binder and the afternoon binder.
2. Seven plastic tabbed double pocket dividers to go in binders. They will be used as subject dividers. These may be purchased from any office supply company.
3. Seven packages of paper subject dividers (one for each subject).
4. Two zippered pencil bags, one for each binder.
5. #2 pencils, erasers.
6. Black, blue, red, and green pens for Jane Schaffer writing program