

# Legacy Christian Academy

## Leadership Responsibilities (Summer Reading) for Student Council

1. Get the book!
  - *Help! I'm a Student Leader* by Doug Fields (ISBN: 978-0-310-25961-9)  
Amazon.com – price is somewhere around \$9.00-\$10.00
2. Read the book **over the summer!**
  - The smart thing to do is put your name in the book
  - It is also a good idea to make notes and comments in your book as you read – this will help you recall your thoughts during the retreat and Tuesday meeting discussions. In general, writing in books is an effective habit of intelligent reading. It's why we asked you to buy your own copy!
3. At our first meeting on August 22, you will turn in a *typed and printed* Writing Response Essay that is *at least two pages long* – there is no maximum limit of page numbers. Write your essay as a first-person response to the prompt below. Be honest, be thorough; be impressive.
  - **Prompt: How did “*Help! I'm a Student Leader*” challenge both your desire to be a leader and your decision to participate in LCA Student Council? How do you intend to utilize what you've learned from reading this book as you serve the LCA student body as a member of the Student Council during the upcoming school year? Be sure to provide some relevant textual evidence (ie: quotes) to support your Response.**
  - Required format of Writing Response Essay:
    - 12 point, Times New Roman font
    - Single-space
    - 1” margins, on all sides
    - Name at the top right of the first page
    - Do not include the text of prompt in your turned in essay
    - All quotes referenced with parenthetical citation. *Example:* “Blah blah, blah, blah, blah, blah” (p. 45)
    - A *helpful hint:* this essay allows Mrs. Christian and Mr. McGowan to
      1. Ensure that you have read the book, and
      2. Provides Student Council with some fuel for leadership training. But far more importantly,
      3. It provides a glimpse into your **character**: are you someone who does the bare minimum and looks for shortcuts to make work “easier,” or are you someone who diligently makes use of opportunities to become personally excellent and takes leadership seriously? In short, are you an asset or a liability as a member of the Student Council and a leader to the LCA student body?

4. At the start of the school year, you will be assigned a chapter from *“Help! I’m a Student Leader,”* about which you will be expected to lead a discussion during the retreat.
5. During the retreat, you will meet with advisors to make individual goals, to which you will be held accountable throughout the year.
6. The Student Council will periodically discuss *“Help! I’m a Student Leader”* during the Tuesday morning meetings throughout the school year. You are required to bring your copy of the book to every meeting.