

Student Council: Leadership Responsibilities for Summer Reading

1. Get the book! “Basic Christian Leadership: Biblical Models of Church, Gospel and Ministry” by John Stott
 - (ISBN: 978-0830833221)
 - <http://www.amazon.com/Basic-Christian-Leadership-Biblical-Ministry/dp/0830833226>
2. Read the book **over the summer!**
 - The smart thing to do is put your name in your 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. **On TUESDAY, AUGUST 21ST, before the Student Council meeting begins,** 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 number. Write your essay as a first-person response to the prompt below. Be honest; be thorough; be impressive.
 - **Prompt:** Based upon your reading of “Basic Christian Leadership,” how do you now view the student body of LCA, how do you understand your role as a Student Council Representative, and how do you intend to carry out that role?
 - Be sure to provide some relevant textual evidence (ie: quotes) to support your Response.
 - Required format of Writing Response Essay:
 - 12 pt., Times New Roman font
 - Single-space
 - 1 inch 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:* “This is an example of parenthetical citation” (p. 4,985).
 - This assignment allows Mrs. Christian and Mr. McGowan to 1) ensure that you have read the book, 2) provide Student Council with some fuel for leadership training, and 3) catch a glimpse of your character: whether you are more of a “bare minimum” or “personal excellence” sort of person. And finally, 4) it provides you with a picture of the high expectations placed upon you as a Student Council member
4. At the start of the school year, you will be assigned a chapter from “Basic Christian Leadership” 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 “Basic Christian Leadership” during Tuesday morning meetings throughout the school year. You are required to bring your copy of the book to every meeting.