

## Crew, Navigators, and Bomber Pilots

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Thank you for your willingness to be a senior leader in next year's homerooms! (And speaking of thanks, you should definitely **thank your cooperating Homeroom Teacher** through a zoom meeting or email for this honor.)

This is one of the most critical roles in the school. You will help shape a homeroom of about 25 freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and you will shape a legacy that gets passed on for decades from class to class. Homeroom teachers, faculty, and administrators chose you based on your past involvement in the school and community service, your overall positive disciplinary record, and your potential to be good role models for younger students. Sometimes they chose you because they saw you grow after a period of struggle.

A lot is expected from Bomber Pilots, Navigators, and Crew: such as positive servant-leadership throughout the school community; punctuality, follow through, leadership by example in weekly Mission Collections, Walk for X, and Canned Food Drive; and most importantly, a desire to befriend freshmen, sophomores, and juniors and hang out with them during homeroom, at events, at their games and performances. Remember, step one in leadership is to show up often, prepared, and on time!

### **Expectations (put dates on calendars now!)**

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**Demonstrating a Commitment to Being a Man for Others:** This is an essential area of focus for one's own development. We ask that you become the best version of yourself. Now is the time for you to embody the Grad at Grad characteristics.

### **Senior Leadership Retreat (August 9: MANDATORY FOR ALL HOMEROOM LEADERS)**

This full-day retreat and planning experience is held at school and is led by Leadership Team participants as well as Mr. Eby, Dr. Laughlin, Mr. Nikias, Mr. Sorensen, Ms. Sepelak, and Mr. Broe.

Seniors should plan to be on campus from morning till evening on August 9<sup>th</sup>. We will send more details as they become available as much is in flux with the pandemic.

### **Freshman Orientation (August 17-18: Bomber Pilots only)**

This two-day orientation for the freshman class is led almost exclusively by Bomber Pilots with some assistance from Mr. Eby and Mr. Sorensen. Senior Leadership Retreat provides training for this orientation.

### **Sophomore Kick-Off (August 18: Navigators only)**

This one-day experience invites sophomores into the very heart of our school: living in community. Lots of time to hang out, laugh with friends, tell stories, and envision an amazing future with one another. Be ready for the Trivia Challenge, as well!

### **Junior Challenge Day (August 18: Crew only)**

This day is designed to invite juniors to reflect upon the "challenges" they will face in the upcoming year. The day will include an opening prayer service, homeroom reflections and conversations, and a picnic lunch. The entire day will be led by seniors who are part of the Crew.

**Homeroom (every school day!)**

15 minutes a day multiplied by 180 days of school equals almost 40 hours – a huge investment of time on seniors' part to shape underclassmen into men of Magis, Men for Others. Demonstrating and practicing the Examen.

**Parent-Class Night (September 10<sup>th</sup>)**

This is the night parents follow their students' schedules. The night begins in homeroom where you meet with underclassmen parents and explain your role in their lives. Dress up for this night!

**Walk for X (September 25<sup>th</sup>)**

Be a good role model for underclassmen by making (at least) the minimum pledge and by walking/running on the day of the Walk.

**Open House (November 8<sup>th</sup>)**

Volunteer to give tours and recruit underclassmen to help out where needed.

**Canned Food Drive (throughout November/December, including at least two canvass events)**

Attend at least two canvass events, the Saturday Delivery Day and recruit every student in homeroom to be involved with the CFD in some way. Crew will be involved in making sure the Adopt-a-Family program is successful.

**The Ignatian Summit Week / The Summit Week (to be determined)** The success of this week will depend upon your positive outlook. Expect to be called upon to facilitate important discussions.

**Reflection/Quarterly Conversations/Planning Sessions (periodic meetings and events with the entire class)** These are required days to review and redirect your efforts as well as the students' efforts. You are also required to be at the training sessions for each of these events.

**Being known and knowing them (a critical, relational element)**

One of the most essential aspects of your leadership role is to allow yourself to be known by the students in your HR and to get to know them well.

**Demonstrating personal responsibility**

They will see and know what you do or don't do. Being on the JUG list is not the example you want to set. Being a senior homeroom leader is an honor, not a right. Students have been removed from these roles in the past and will continue to be removed if necessary.