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Your Leaders

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Our student leaders do so much for so many, so we as advisors need to make sure they get all the love they need.

In addition it is very easy for our seniors to “check out” as their last year of high school draws to a close.

Monthly Dinners-Doesn't have to be expensive, pizza is always easy, you can do it at someone's house, or even your classroom. Thanksgiving dinner is always fun considering it is near the end of first semester.

Team Building Exercises-See if there is a company in your area that does team building. www.breakthroughreno.com is a company in our town that does exercises where the leaders have to solve a crime. Ropes courses are another great activity. Want to go on the cheap? Find a hiking trail and take your leaders on a hike.

Have a little extra cash in the budget? Theme parks are a great idea, Disney offers an amazing in-park training program. Six Flags offers very cheap group tickets and you can create your own trainings as well.

Retreats (sleepovers) If your school allows it, you can hold a lock in with your student leaders. We have two a year at Manogue. We have dinner, watch a movie and play hide and go seek.

White Elephant Party at Christmas 5-10 dollar limit

Silent Football-If you have played it with adults, it is even better with kids.

Seniors-Have them plan the end of the year banquet/awards. We call ours transitions and the seniors get to make the underclassmen wear silly outfits and then we go out to dinner. Seniors also plan our yearly Mr. Manogue male beauty pageant. This keeps them interested in the happenings of leadership and prevents that "burn out."

Finally, one thing I like to do is write all my kids a letter. At the end of each semester I write a little note to each of them. Some of my kids still have all their "Gleich" notes and they take them to college or hang them in their lockers for help on bad days.

The biggest thing to remember is that our leaders do so much for others, it is so important that we make sure we remind them how much we love them.