

Student Leadership Opportunities

Every girl has the opportunity to become a leader at St. Margaret's School, where there are more than 50 opportunities to captain teams, lead class activities, head organizations, and help administer residential life programs. We hope you will encourage your daughter to pursue a leadership role in which her strengths and interests can make a positive contribution to the school community.

To be considered for any of the major leadership positions described below, girls must have formally committed to re-enrollment for the following year. Student leaders also must be in good academic and social standing. They must have met all school obligations, including completion of required community service hours, and demonstrate a positive attitude toward the school.

Peer Leaders

Peer Leaders is a group of student leaders representing different aspects of school life: the President, Vice President, Head of Honor Council, Head Boarding Prefect, Head Day Prefect, Senior Class President, Chief Sacristan, and 3–6 at-large positions. Responsibilities of Peer Leaders include:

- Enroll and participate in the Leadership class;
- Set a positive example for fellow students;
- Lead weekly lunch discussion groups with 8th and 9th graders;
- Plan and coordinate community programs, such as student orientation and afternoon meetings;
- Help coordinate community service program and weekend activities;
- Coordinate Blue/Grey activities and spirit activities;
- Attend one weekend trip or lead an on-campus activity per trimester as student leader;
- Turn in weekly update of responsibilities, goals, planning, and actions to the faculty advisor.

Positions are elected in April; at-large positions are chosen through application in the spring.

Student Government Association

President of the student body is a liaison between the student body and the school administration. Her weekly visible function is facilitating all-school meetings, such as morning and lunch announcements and afternoon meeting periods. The President is the leader of the Student Government Association (SGA), and the student coordinator of our Community Service program, working closely with the adult Community Service Director. Other responsibilities of the President include:

- Enroll and participate in the Leadership class;
- Attend one weekend trip or lead an on-campus activity per trimester as student leader;
- Attend at least 1 community service trip per month (in addition to the student leadership requirement);
- Turn in weekly update of responsibilities, goals, planning, and actions to the faculty advisor.

This position is elected by student body in the spring.

Vice President of the student body will assist the President in her duties and at SGA meetings, and will fulfill the duties of the President in her absence. She is the student voice for school weekend activities and serves as a liaison to the Activities Coordinator. Other responsibilities of the Vice President include:

- Head the Weekend Activities Committee to plan activities, provide sign-up lists, make announcements, and get students enthusiastic for weekend enrichment opportunities;
- Enroll and participate in the Leadership class;
- Attend one weekend trip or lead an on-campus activity per month as student leader;
- Turn in weekly update of responsibilities, goals, planning, and actions to the faculty advisor.

This position is elected by student body in the spring.

Other SGA Positions:

8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grade Class Presidents lead class meetings, organize class fundraisers, activities, and other class events.

Head of Honor Council

Head Boarding Prefect

Head Day Prefect

The Honor Council

Honor Council upholds and enforces the Honor System. The Honor Council consists of five girls elected by the school community, and two faculty members. All proceedings of the Honor Council are confidential. At least one member of the Honor Council, usually the Head, will also participate in every Administrative Council meeting to monitor compliance with the Honor Code. The Head of School makes the final decision about the outcome of all disciplinary cases.

Head of Honor Council is the leader of the student representatives to the Honor Council who are responsible for upholding and enforcing the Honor System. She is available at any time for questions about the Honor System. The Honor Council Head works with the faculty representatives to arrange meeting times and to facilitate the proceedings.

Other responsibilities include:

- Facilitate Honor Code orientation and Honor Book signing;
- Be the student leader in Honor Council meetings;
- Serve on SGA;
- Enroll and participate in the Leadership class;
- Attend one weekend trip or lead an on-campus activity per trimester as student leader;
- Turn in weekly update of responsibilities, goals, planning, and actions to the faculty advisor.

This position is elected by student body in the spring.

Boarding Prefects

Boarding Prefects are students selected to act as liaisons between students and faculty. Prefects are available for peer counseling and help keep dormitory life enjoyable for all. They also check-in students at night, monitor dorm chores, and help the faculty duty team each evening and weekend. Prefects are chosen through application and interview beginning in the spring and at certain times throughout the school year.

Head Boarding Prefect. This is a senior who is the representative of the boarders and other prefects to the school. She leads weekly prefect meetings with the Director of Residence and is the student coordinator of the Residential program.

- Assist with orientation;
- Serve on SGA;
- Enroll and participate in the Leadership class;
- Attend one weekend trip or lead an on-campus activity per trimester as student leader;
- Turn in weekly update of responsibilities, goals, planning, and actions to the faculty advisor.

This position is chosen through application and interview in the spring.

Day Student Prefects

Day students have prefects who serve as advisors, facilitators and representatives to the school. Positions will be chosen through application and interview in the spring. These students work with the Day Student Sponsor and Dean for School Life to assist with day student affairs and facilitating meetings with day students as needed. The prefects will also be responsible for creating and supervising day student responsibilities on campus.

Head Day Student Prefect.

- Assist with orientation;
- Create and supervise day student responsibilities on campus, such as keeping the Faculty/Student Center, day student dorm room, and day student parking areas clean;
- Supervise service projects, such as "Hugs from Home";
- Serve on SGA;
- Enroll and participate in the Leadership class;
- Attend one weekend trip or lead an on-campus activity per trimester as student leader;
- Turn in weekly update of responsibilities, goals, planning, and actions to the faculty advisor.

This position is chosen through application and interview in the spring.

Chapel Guilds

Members support weekly chapel services.

Chief Sacristan: is a senior who works closely with the school chaplain to assist with services and other religious functions. Responsibilities include:

- Oversee Guild of Sacristans;
- Plan and lead a chapel service;
- Enroll and participate in the Leadership class;
- Attend one weekend trip or lead an on-campus activity per trimester as student leader;
- Turn in weekly update of responsibilities, goals, planning, and actions to the faculty advisor.

This position is appointed in the spring.

Other Leadership Opportunities at St. Margaret's School

Desk Aides assist the dorm staff on weekends by answering the phone and greeting visitors.

Sports team captains and co-captains are elected by their teammates and assist the coaches by running skills drills and providing leadership at all times.

Club and organization officers are elected yearly to organize and run club meetings and activities.

Publications editors are selected yearly to produce the yearbook, *The Current*; the creative writing magazine, *Tides*, and the newspaper, *The Channel*.

Blue/Grey Captains are elected annually to lead their teams in the various Blue/Grey competitions held throughout the year.