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Young Man with a Plan Weekly Update

Weekly Meetings

November meetings have been very well attended. Following mentor training in October, last week's discussion focused on: *What do you expect from your mentor?* Responses included: guidance, knowledge, keep me on task, help me focus, set high expectations, don't let me slip. Mentors expressed hope for better communication from their students and proactive requests for help and support. Journal writing prompts: *What is brotherhood? How would your friend describe you to a girl?*

Other News

We have made school visits to check-in and to confirm program participation. We are also collecting registrations, permission slips, and Success Plans.

Seniors organized a paintball outing and participated in the Lupus Walk to raise funds and awareness of this disease that unfortunately affects YMWAP families.

Coming Up

- December 8-10 NH Wilderness Trip to Rustic Gatherings Lodge in Warren, NH (flyer emailed to school leaders and mentors)
- Excel Training to be offered on Saturdays by mentor Gio Morales (flyer coming)
- Saturday Fitness and Workout Days for YMWAP and their families: **does anyone have a gym that we could use?**
- Jaykyri and Des will be traveling to NYC to meet Brotherhood Sister Sol leaders and observe 9th and 12th grade groups on November 29 and 30
- Community Service: Two service learning events will be undertaken in the next few months—preparing and serving a meal at Pine Street Inn and a reading project at Blackstone Elementary School.
- College Applications and Success Plans: All seniors should be working with their guidance counselors on college lists and applications. We are helping students to identify their areas of interest for possible majors and will be visiting Seniors and mentors at their schools over the next month to complete success plans.
- There are two colleges that offer Boston students significant scholarships and support—College of St Joseph in Rutland, VT and New England College in Henniker, NH. We are planning a college tour to these schools on December 4th, 5th.
- YMWAP website will be launched in December

- First portion mentor stipends will be distributed in December