

# **HOW TO SHOW UP FOR OUR STUDENTS**

We want to make all students feel known, loved, and valued.  
How do we do that? **By showing up.**

## **SHOW UP PREDICTABLY.**

- Give your group the gift of clarity in a world of uncertainty – let folks know when a gathering is coming up. Share calendars with students in your group.
- Send reminder texts frequently, but not too many.
- Don't quit in the dip. Slumps are going to happen, students are going to get busy, and schedules will fill up.
  - Keep showing up with a consistent routine.
  - When we simply move forward, everything tracks upward.

## **SHOW UP RANDOMLY. (Not an exhaustive list.)**

- Write down everyone's birthday and send them cards.
- Collect sports, theater, and extracurricular schedules.
- Show up at kids important events.
- Share a book.
- Type out a prayer and text it to the student you prayed for.
- Drop off a box of donuts on someone's doorstep.
- Share some homemade baked goods (or buy them from Wegman's).
- Text someone a starbucks gift card with an encouraging message.
- Invite some folks from your group out to dinner. ("Rule of threes" always)
- If you see something that makes you think of someone—share it.
- Write a card of encouragement.
- Send out a Bible verse.
- Pass along a compliment you heard about someone.
- Do yard work for a family.
- Attend a funeral service of someone's loved one.
- Buy little gifts that make you think of someone.

## **SHOW UP INTENTIONALLY.**

- Memorize names.
- Listen well.
- Identify needs.
- Look for spiritual next steps.
- Learn little details about people.