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Season of Life Summer Assignment

Every freshman will read *Season of Life* this summer. It “is a book about what it means to be a man of substance and impact.” Your assignment is to read Jeffery Marx’s book and complete the assignment below. Most importantly, you are to think about the ideas and principles Marx writes about as a result of his time with Joe Erhmann, Biff Poggi, and the Gilman football team. The principles contained in *Season of Life* will be used and discussed throughout the year in Freshman Group Advisory class. So, recording your reactions as outlined below will be very helpful to participate fully in the discussions and to complete any subsequent assignments. Please keep that in mind as you read.

Write well-organized paragraphs for all responses. Use a separate sheet(s) of paper for each of the 4 writing prompts below, and bring your work to your first Group Advisory Class with Mr. Leahy.

In Chapter 10, the author Jeffrey Marx lists seven topics that Joe Ehrmann uses as the framework for his Building Men for Others program. They are:

- Rejecting false masculinity
- The relationships that make a real man
- Working for a transcendent cause
- Accepting responsibility
- Leading courageously
- Enacting justice on behalf of others
- Empathy

- 1) Explain each of these concepts using examples from the book.
- 2) *Season of Life* was published in 2003. Are the false masculinity concepts still present in today’s world? Explain.
- 3) Select three of the concepts above and explain how they can apply to your own life, either past or future.
- 4) When you think of a positive male role model – perhaps you know them personally, perhaps it is a “famous” person - whom do you think of and why that person?

Enjoy the book, but most importantly ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!