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There are many ways I have affected people in a positive way around me, especially at school. Here are some examples of things I have done to have an impact on people in my grade. There is a boy with Down syndrome in my grade. Last year, he chose me to take him to the nurse every day. This was a huge commitment that I committed to. I had to leave study hall early and take him to the nurse to get his blood glucose checked. Then I went to lunch, usually late. After lunch, I then took him to the nurse again to get his insulin shot. That was my routine every day of the week. As the school year progressed, I tried to make him more independent. I had him do things like carry his own lunch tray and having him remember when he needs to go, at 12:35. This year, he is in my homeroom again. The first week of school, I took him to the nurse like I did the previous year. The next week, I missed one day of taking him. He had taken himself down to the nurse by himself and was not reminded or helped. He has taken himself every day this year so far, and has been so much more independent. I believe I affected him by increasing his independence.

I also do many other things for my grade school. I was a church server for 3 and a half years at St. Ignatius, and now am a Eucharistic Minister. I take my commitment very seriously and I never miss by assigned Masses. Not only do I do my assigned Masses, I fill in for other people in my grade and in my school. I feel like I am a good example to my peers by doing this.

I take my grades seriously and I give 100% on everything I do. My teachers notice that I try hard and so do my fellow peers. I may not be in the highest math class, but people know that I am a hard worker and anything is possible when you put your mind to it.

Along with having good grades in school, I also am in a lot of extra curricular activities. This is very hard sometimes. Honestly, it's like juggling everything at once. I participate in the following activities: Student Council, IWN, (Ignatius Witness News,) baseball, soccer, bowling, band, and of course school. I show up to every meeting/practice of these activities I can, and rarely miss one. I affect people by showing up to the meetings and practices. When people don't show up, the coaches and teachers get disappointed, but when people like me show up all the time, it makes them feel better and assures them that they are not wasting their time.

It feels good to be thought as a leader and a responsible person to my peers. I hope to continue to develop these leadership skills in my high school experience.