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In Christ Alone I am a Child of God

What is it in your life that defines you? Is it your career? Your marriage? Your family? What defines your children? Freshmen parents: What will your son or daughter make of their four years at FVL? Senior parents: In less than nine months, you will be sitting in FVL's gym and watching 18 years of your love, sweat and money walk across a stage. As we begin a new school year, what are our hopes for our children and students? What is it that will define them?

Will it be their GPA? Something they accomplished on the stage or in a gym? A state or conference championship? The scholarship they earn? All are wonderful accomplishments, all may be examples of the faithful use of God-given abilities and all can help point them to later success in life. Yet not a single one will guarantee future success. And the opposite of this is also true: Earning an average GPA, getting cut from a team or never winning a conference championship doesn't guarantee future failure. When you strip everything else away: the flawless performance or performance that is flawed, the adrenaline rush of a playoff win or the misery of defeat, the quiet pride of an outstanding GPA or the regret of mediocre effort, what is left? What really does define us?

In Hebrews 11, the "heroes of faith" chapter of the Bible, you'll find men and women who displayed uncommon courage: construction of a life-saving ark, the defeat of enemy giants, the escape from slavery under a world power. Yet in the rest of the pages of Scripture, God doesn't just reveal all of the inspiring accomplishments of many of these heroes, but also offers us in brutal detail their serious character flaws and failures. Why would God include their darkest days?

God knows the struggles of his children, no matter what age. The question for the Christian is this: "What impact will my mistake, my lapse in judgment, my failure, my sin, have on who I am?" This is a different question than, "What is the consequence for my sin?" Consequences may include detentions, suspensions, fines, loss of employment, loss of relationships and all sorts of heartache and grief. But who am I? Who are our children?

Too often we tend to compartmentalize our lives. Things are going well and we like who we see in the mirror. The next day we struggle and we look in the mirror and shudder. It's easy to do the same with our children. Good report cards and co-curricular success means we see them in a positive light. But then a B+ drops to a C, and one good game is followed by three games of too many turnovers and dwindling playing time. Then how do we view them?

When I think of King David, I tend to focus on two events: David's courage in walking out to face Goliath, and David's deliberate, selfish acts of adultery and murder. Why are they mirror opposites? Because David was a sinner and a saint, like us and our children. When you read David's psalms, you will find some verses that focus on his God-given victories while other verses focus on his shameful sins. But I wonder if the overall message isn't this: the abundant spiritual blessings that David enjoyed as a child of God. "Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life" (Psalm 23). "Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered" (Psalm 32). "The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him" (Psalm 28).

More than one FVL student has been told, "Don't let this define you." "This" might be a discipline issue, a lapse in moral judgment, or a problem with a relationship, or parents' divorce—something that is causing a great amount of stress or anguish in their young lives—something that seems so overwhelming and life-changing that the student believes that not only won't their life ever be the same, it instead will be a never-ending nightmare. The reminder that we as parents and faculty need to give them is this: In God's eyes, earthly accomplishments and failures do not define who they are. God's definitive definition of who they are was stamped on them on the day of their baptism. That is when God said: "In Christ alone, you are my child, and no one can pluck you from my hand." "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are" (1 John 3:1).



Rev. David Wenzel
Religion Dept. Chair

Principal's Welcome

On behalf of FVL, I welcome all the new families to the start of high school, and the returning families to the start of another year. FVL is in its 59th year of providing Christian education to teens. Your faculty and staff is committed to assisting you with the Christian training and nurturing of your teens as we equip them for lives of service and for eternity. We look forward to partnering with you, the parent, in carrying out this important responsibility.

As principal I am committed to seeing that the FVL mission is fulfilled and stand ready to assist you as needed. Do not hesitate to contact me or any faculty members with questions, comments or concerns. You also have the opportunity to monitor your student's progress and activities through the Family Access program and Open Gradebook. Your cooperation and communication with us is vital as we work together in this teen ministry. May God bless our efforts.

Paul M. Hartwig, Principal

New All-Weather Track at FVL!

Thanks to generous contributions from individual donors, various FVL organizations, and through additional dollars to be raised through our FVL Track family, construction is currently under way to install a new all-weather track! This new track will bring us up to date compared to other tracks in our conference, will allow us to host major track events, and will be much safer for our athletes. Plans for this \$120,000+ project include expanding the track to nine lanes, installing new walkways around portions of the perimeter, and renovating our jumping pits and shot put sector. Watch for updates on the progress of the installation via our website, Facebook page, and Foxes Flashmail.

Financial Aid/Grants

More than \$322,000 in tuition assistance has been granted to 131 students. This assistance allows many families the opportunity to send their teens to FVL. \$140,000 of this amount is coming from the FVL Foundation, while the remainder is dependent on gifts, bequests, Scrip profits, and Student Council fundraisers. Parents, we encourage you to support the students' efforts (Fruit Sale) so they can reach their goal. Watch for information regarding fund-raising efforts.

Direct gifts to the FVL Financial Aid Fund are greatly appreciated, no matter what the amount. All gifts are tax deductible and help us to meet the \$322,000 allocated amount. Gifts can also be matched by employer's matching programs, if they have one. Thanks to all for their generous support of this effort.

International Student Program

Welcome International students and host families!

This year we are excited to have over 50 international students from 13 different countries at FVL. These students come to us from Brazil, China, Denmark, Germany, Honduras, Italy, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand and Vietnam. We are very happy to have them join us for the school year. Take the time to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.



Also, a big thank you to the host families who so generously open their homes to care for these students and give them this opportunity to learn of God's grace to all in Christ.

If you are interested in learning more about FVL's International Student Program, please contact Mrs. Laura Gucinski at lgucinski@fvlhs.org or 920.739.4441.

Faculty/Staff Update

Six new faculty members will be installed at the Opening Service on August 26. They include the following full and part time personnel:

Mr. Karl Schwerin—Physical Science and Earth Science; assistant football and wrestling coach

Mr. Ben Stern—Chemistry and Physical Science; girls' varsity tennis coach; Student Council

Miss Julie Detjen—English; JV volleyball, V softball; Yearbook

Mrs. Sarah Ferge—part-time English

Mrs. Jenise Nolte—part-time English and Photography

Mrs. Kris Keller—part-time German

We welcome these teachers to the FVL family and extend to them the Lord's blessings as they provide Christian education to teens.

Track Team to Sell Gas Cards for Project

The FVL Track family has committed to raising \$30,000 by the end of 2011 in support of the new track installation project. A major portion of this money will be raised through the sale of Kwik Trip gas cards. The FVL Track team will earn 10% on all sales which will go toward the installation and maintenance fund for our new track. Watch for more information online, through our track families, and at various FVL athletic events this fall.

Finances

We thank our Lord for the undeserved blessings showered upon the ministry at FVL. The operating budget for last year started with a projected deficit over \$120,000. After putting \$35,000 from the Operating Reserve Fund into the budget, the deficit was covered and the year finished with a small surplus!!

Congregational support exceeded adopted commitments by \$26,000

Staffing costs were \$14,000 less than budgeted due to a number of staff changes and reductions during the year.

Utility costs were \$40,000 less than budgeted due to a mild winter (savings on heating), re-lamping many parts of the building (electricity) and savings from use of solar power (electricity).

Overall expenses were 1.2% under budget.

Support for *Growing in Grace* (debt reduction program) remained strong with contributions from donors exceeding the \$300,000 annual target by \$13,000. All interest, fees, and required payments were made and an extra \$25,000 was paid to reduce principal. FVL's total debt has been reduced to \$2,990,000 and God willing FVL will be debt free by 2020.

The new fiscal year will bring challenges, but early indicators are positive. Enrollment should open at 570, or 8 students above the budget projection and many staffing adjustments have been made to control staffing costs.

We continue to pray for strong support from our member congregations and for parents who see the importance of continuing Christian education for their teens.

FVL Business Directory

Alumni Alive is creating a Business Directory for the FVL Federation. This project will help make connections between businesses, Federation customers and FVL. Profits from listings in the booklet (print and digital) purchased by "individuals or businesses owned or operated in part by Christian-minded individuals" will go to tuition assistance to help keep Christian education affordable for families. If you own a business or know someone that does, please have them contact Bob Fischer at rfischer@fvlhs.org or 920.560.5107.

Coaches Needed

The following coaching positions are open for 2011-2012 school year: fall assistants in football cheer and girls' tennis; winter competitive cheer and wrestling. In the spring there are openings for several assistant and JV head coaches for boys' tennis, softball and girls' soccer. If interested or seeking more information contact Athletic Director Gene Strusz at gstrusz@fvlhs.org.

School Year Office Hours
7:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Monday through Friday

Student Directory

FVL publishes a Student Directory that includes the name, address, and phone number of each student, along with parent names. It also includes the FVL faculty and staff, committee and board members, FVL Schools, and Federation congregations. ***This information will be published unless you respond with a request for confidentiality by Friday, September 9.*** New this year: A student directory is also available on Family Access. You will find the link on the left side of the Family Access page. The printed version will be available for purchase at the end of September for the price of \$1. It will not be given out to any businesses, groups, or organizations.

Phone Calls

We ask that parents make every attempt to refrain from calling their students to the school phone during the school day. Unless it is an emergency, messages will be taken and given to the students at the end of the school day. **As per policy, students need to keep their cell phones turned off and in their lockers during the school day.**

Parents-Email Information

FVL receives over 10,000 emails a day, and over 90% of them are spam. To make sure your email does not get caught in our spam filter, there are a few simple guidelines to follow.

1. Use an email account that does not imbed advertising in the email. Free accounts like Yahoo and Hotmail have advertising and may be blocked. Providers like Road Runner, Athenet or AT&T do not imbed advertising.
2. Do not leave the subject line blank.
3. If you do not receive a response in a timely matter, it could be that we never received the email.

Internet Policy

All students attending FVL will have access to the Internet. The school has a Student Internet Policy that is published in the Student Planner. Filters are in place to protect against the improper use of this educational tool. Students do **not** need to have a signed parent permission slip in order to receive Internet. Parents wishing to withhold Internet access from their child may contact Mr. Al Nolte at anolte@fvlhs.org, or 920.739.4441.

Whom Do I Contact?

If I have a concern regarding an issue with a teacher?

First the teacher, and then Mr. Hartwig (Principal).*

If I have concerns about my student's academic performance?

First the teacher, then the Guidance Counselor*, then Mr. Nolte*, and finally Mr. Hartwig.*

If I have concerns about discipline or incidents at school?

First either Mr. Voss or Mr. Nolte (Assistant Principals), and then Mr. Hartwig.*

If I have concerns regarding a coach?

First the coach, then Mr. Strusz (Athletic Director)*, and finally Mr. Voss.*

If I have concerns about financial matters?

First Mr. Becker (Business Office), and then Mr. Hartwig. (All financial aid requests go directly to Mr. Hartwig)*

If I have a concern about other co-curriculars besides athletics?

First the advisor of the group, then Mr. Voss*, and finally Mr. Hartwig.*

**If you feel the concern, question, or issue has not been resolved.*

Family and Student Access

Families with internet service can access important information about their children through Family Access. Details regarding class schedule, attendance, lunch account balances, assignments and grades can be checked online in "real time." Students can also access the same information by way of Student Access from school or home. Parents will need a confidential password, if they don't already have one, to access their child's account. They can obtain this by contacting the school office.

NOTE: Freshman parents should have received information and a password for Family Access during their home visit. Call the school office if you have any questions.

Entertainment Books 2012

The 2012 Entertainment Books have arrived. They can be used immediately. FVL's alumni group is again sponsoring the sale of these books at a cost of \$30.

These books are a great way to help the tuition assistance program, while also providing savings for you and your family. Books may be picked up at the FVL office and at various Federation churches.

Picture Retake Day

If a student didn't get his/her picture taken on August 25 (Orientation Day) or if they are unhappy with the results, their picture may be retaken on Thursday, October 6 beginning at 8:00 AM. (NOTE: The original packet in its entirety must be returned in order to get new pictures.)

Foxes Flashmail

Want to know what's going on at FVL by simply checking your email? Then *Foxes Flashmail* is for you! *Flashmail* provides weekly reminders of upcoming events, shares current school news, and lists other announcements and links that may prove useful in an easy-to-read format for your computer or mobile device.

Signing up for *Flashmail* is now easier than ever! Simply visit our website at www.fvlhs.org and click on the link, "Sign up for Foxes Flashmail here." Enter your information and be sure to check *Foxes Flashmail* weekly to start receiving our news bulletins.

FVL Moms

Looking for a way to volunteer at your child's school? Maybe your employer gives a donation to the school for hours that you volunteer. Would you like to get to know other women who love the ministry to teens of the Fox Valley Lutheran Federation as much as you do? This may be something you and your mom could attend together.

What group is this?—Fox Valley Lutheran High School's Ladies Guild. We assist FVL by serving at various functions such as Parent/Teacher Conferences, National Honor Society, Winterfest and Academic Awards.

Watch for more information about us at "Meet Your Teachers" Night, or you can contact Guild President Arlyss Troge with questions at 920.779.8852.

Attention: Green Bay Residents

Green Bay residents are able to call Fox Valley Lutheran without a long distance charge; just dial 884-0239.

Food Pantry

WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry, which is housed at FVL, is in need of donations. Non-perishable food items can be donated at your local church. Gifts of cash are also appreciated and used to give families gift cards to buy groceries.



Wisconsin Inhaler Law

The State of Wisconsin requires that a student with asthma who uses an inhaler during the school day must supply the school with written permission from his or her parent and physician. The form that needs to be completed is in the school office. You may stop in the office to pick one up or call to have it mailed to you.

Student Insurance

Forms for student insurance are available in the office. Ask your student to pick one up if interested.

Applications with payment must be returned to the Business Office by the second week of September.

Extra Copies of Yearbook Available

A limited number of extra copies of the last volume of the *Cross and Crown* are available for purchase. The cost is \$35. They may be purchased from the school office or by contacting Miss Detjen, the yearbook advisor.

Yearbook Pickup

Students or parents who weren't able to pick up their copies of the *Cross and Crown* last spring may do so from the school office during normal business hours. If copies need to be mailed, there is a \$10 fee for this service. Contact Miss Detjen to make arrangements.

Driver Education Classes

Tri County Driving School offers driver education classes to FVL students after school at FVL. The next three-week instruction classes are scheduled as follows:

September 19-October 10, 2011
(No class on Sept. 30)
Monday thru Friday
3:15-5:15 PM

October 31-November 18, 2011
Monday thru Friday
3:15-5:15 PM

The total cost for the program is \$330. This includes 30 hours of classroom, 6 hours of driving lessons and 6 hours of observation. If interested, parents should register directly with Tri County at 734-7330.

FVL Schools Community Parents' Night

Topic: The Dark Side of Digital Technology: The Internet, Cell Phones & Social Media

Presenter: WI Dept of Justice Special Agent Eric Szatkowski

Date: Thursday, Sept. 22

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: FVL Auditorium

All parents are invited to come and listen to this "refresher" presentation on what to watch for with digital technology. Agent Szatkowski is a specialist in internet crimes and prevention. He presents around the country and shared a similar message here five years ago. Since that time, internet crime and the dangers of social media have multiplied.



Because of the graphic nature of the topic, the night time presentation is for adults only. Special age-appropriate presentations will be offered the same day to FVL Schools middle grade students and the FVL student body.

Foxes Locker/Canteen

The Locker will again be selling sports buttons and key chains. The price will be \$3.00 each or 2/\$5.00. No need to order ahead. The athletic pictures are taken by the yearbook staff. All profits from these sales go directly back to FVL's Athletic programs.

Stop by and start your Christmas shopping early. The student wish list will be available at the start of the school year. We keep a list of your student's wish gifts and sizes. When it comes time to shop, parents and grandparents will know what their student wants and in the right sizes. (Parents can fill out a wish list, too!)

The Canteen will be open on Thursdays and Fridays after school for home games. Hot beef, turkey and ham sandwiches are just some of the great items that will be offered!

Student Council News

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Student Council members are actively planning for another busy fall. Events scheduled for the beginning of the school year include: Welcome Back Week, Welcome Back Dance, and Homecoming. Last spring, through numerous interviews and meetings, the members of the 2011-2012 FVL Student Council were selected. The Student Council President is **Jade Johnson** and Vice-President is **Hannah Ellingboe**. Senior representatives include **Josh Ashing, Kelena Bechler, Paul Braun, Kevin Buchholz, Anna Garvey, Shannon Graham, Jordan Jensen, Zach Kath, Ryan Radue, David Sehloff, Aaron Tollefson, Erica Vanden Busch, Ross Vande Hey** and **Casey Zuberbier**. Junior representatives are **Lauren Cherney, Brock Fuhrmann, Ryann Kargus, Carter Mahnke, Chase Maxwell, Ilizah Portmann, Ross Schultz, Tommy Welch** and **Amy Vander Zanden**. Representing the sophomores will be **Abbie Bosin, August Braun, McKenna Garvey, Molly Hungerford, Merritt Jezwinski, Jacob Krug, Will Pentermen, Abby Radue, Josh Schlafer, MaiSee Thao, Chandler Schuette,** and **Colin Wenzel**. Freshman representatives will be elected after Homecoming.

Tuition Assistance Challenge

As the FVL Mission Statement directs us, we are *preparing our students for lives of service for now and for eternity*. One way we can serve is to help families who need financial assistance send their children to FVL. For many years, the Student Council's major service project has been to raise money for the FVL Tuition Assistance Fund. The Lord has blessed our efforts over the years by enabling us to meet and exceed our goals. Through this fund raising effort the Student Council and the entire student body are able to take an active part in the team ministry of FVL.

The Student Council has set the goal of raising \$12,000 for the tuition assistance fund during the 2011-2012 school year. We work toward that goal in smaller ways by using portions of the receipts from school dances, flower sales, special flip-flop days, and other activities. In November we will kick off our tenth annual Fruit and Cheesecake Sale. The fruit sale is always our biggest project in manpower needed and money raised. Last year we raised over \$8,000. These and other opportunities will be available to both students and Federation members to help raise money for tuition assistance. Watch for details. May the Lord continue to bless our efforts, and to Him be the glory.

Homecoming 2011

Homecoming activities are scheduled for the week of September 26-October 1. Following are the events for that week:

- ♦ Frolic auditions will be held on Saturday, September 10 starting at 5:00 PM.
- ♦ Frolic is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28 at 7:30 PM.
- ♦ On Friday, September 30, we will have a half day of school and an afternoon of special school-wide Homecoming activities. Lunch is served that day. The Homecoming football game vs. Waupaca starts at 7:00 PM.
- ♦ The Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday, October 1, from 7:30 to 11:30 PM. The dance will be held at Monarch Gardens in Appleton.

The Homecoming Dance is open to all FVL students. Tickets will be on sale at school during lunch. FVL students may bring one guest who is currently attending another high school. Guest passes must be purchased during the school lunch hour.

Homecoming is a special time for students, their family and alumni. Parents, please be aware of your child's plans and guide them toward God pleasing choices. Parents, please also note the dress code guidelines for Homecoming as outlined in the Student Planner pages 22-23.

Welcome Back Week

The goal of *Welcome Back Week* is to do what the name implies; welcome everyone to the 2011-2012 school year. This year we will celebrate returning to school from September 6 through September 9. Student Council has selected the following dress up days:

Monday—No School—Labor Day
 Tuesday—Comfy Day (with flip flops)
 Wednesday—Wisconsin Team Day
 Thursday—Crazy Costume Day
 Friday—FVL Maroon and Gray Day

Welcome Back Dance

The culminating activity during Welcome Back Week is the Welcome Back Dance. This year's dance will be held on Saturday, September 10. The dance will be in the FVL Commons running from 7:30 PM to 11:30 PM. The cost will be \$4.00 for an advance purchase and \$5.00 at the door. FVL students may bring one high school age guest. Guest passes must be purchased in advance during lunch on September 7 or 8.

FoxFest

Fox Valley Lutheran High School

8th Annual Dinner Auction

Come n' get your kicks...



October 15, 2011

5:00 – 9:00 pm

\$40 each / \$75 per couple

Visit the FVL website
WWW.FVLHS.ORG
for auction details and links
to On-Line Ticket Sales and
the ALL NEW Virtual Fox
Auction.

Senior Class Photo

A professional photo of the senior class will be taken on Wednesday, September 14, during the morning break (9:45 am). Order forms will be handed out to the seniors, and additional order forms are available in the school office. The cost is \$17 for one color 10x24 titled print; 12x30 size prints are also available. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Detjen.

Senior Individual Portraits Reminder

Senior pictures must be handed in to the front office by September 30 to be included in the yearbook. Check with your photographer to see if they mailed your portrait to FVL as a service to you. The portrait should be a digital image on a CD—a head and shoulders shot (no hands), compliant with the school dress code, and have a plain background. Please contact Miss Detjen if you have any questions.

Parking Regulations

Please note the following regulations to ensure traffic flow and safety for all:

- * Cars should drop off and pick up students at the Bell Tower entrance – south parking lot area.
- * Buses drop off and pick up students at the Commons entrance – no parking by cars in that area.
- * Students who regularly drive to school need to purchase a \$10 parking sticker and park in the designated area in the east parking lot.
- * Occasional student drivers (1-2 times a month) don't need a permit, but should park in the south parking lot by the Bell Tower and obtain a dated parking pass from the front office.
- * No parking along the road by the east entrance (Commons entrance) at any time.
- * JJ entrance has a gate that closes that entrance from 3:00 – 3:45 PM for safety purposes – use Meade St. entrance at that time.

Guidance News

Docufide (Ordering Transcripts for College Goes Online)

In keeping pace with a state-wide trend among colleges and universities, FVL has joined forces with Docufide to bring you *Secure Transcript*[™] - the safe, paperless way to send transcripts directly to the colleges you choose. It's easy, it's secure, and it's available 24/7.

Official transcripts checked and approved by the Guidance office are sent to the colleges and scholarship funds you choose. You'll receive an email confirming that they've gone out and when colleges receive them. *Secure Transcript*[™] makes applying to college a little easier – for FVL, for your colleges, and for you!

Sign up - Find the *Secure Transcript*[™] link on the FVL website home page, tell us who you are, and choose a password. You'll need an active email address other than your FVL student email so you can communicate with Docufide after you graduate from FVL.

Choose - Select the colleges you're applying to (we've got the addresses).

Sign off - Pay online. There's a small fee per transcript.



College Applicants

Incoming seniors are advised to begin their online applications to UW System schools September 15. Online applications submitted before that date may be irretrievable with all data lost. The application fee varies but typically around \$45 for all degree-seeking undergraduate students applying for admission on September 1 and after. For more info., please see UW Help Online (<http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu>).

ACT Registration

It is recommended that juniors first take the ACT assessment in April or June, preferably April. Seniors may retake the test this fall. September 16 is the registration deadline for the Oct. 22 exam. A complete listing of all registration deadlines and exam dates is available in the Guidance page of the school's web site www.fvlhs.org. Click on *Guidance* then *calendar*.

SAT Registration

Though most FVL students do not take the SAT, it is highly recommended for those students who are considering attending an educational institution outside the Midwest. Registration materials are available in the Guidance office. Merit Scholar Winners are determined by the results of the PSAT taken on October 12 by the majority of FVL's juniors. PSAT registration information will be shared with students in September.

GUIDANCE NEWS

Guidance Counselor Class AssignmentFreshman Class (2014)

Mr. Tom Guenterberg
(Office 2109)

Sophomore Class (2013)

Mr. Tom Guenterberg

Junior Class (2012)

Miss Pat Schabo (Office 2105)

Senior Class (2011)

Mr. Tom Welch (Office 2107)

Guidance Office

The Guidance Office is open throughout the school day. Administrative Assistant Mrs. Gloria Knoll is available from 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM. The Guidance office number is 920.560.5117. School counselors are available at posted times throughout the day. Contact Laura Gucinski at 920.739.4441 with questions about FVL's International Student Program.

Paperless Progress Reports

Term and midterm progress reports are available online through FVL's Family Access program. (Semester One and Semester Two report cards are mailed.) Parents may sign up for an account and password during "Meet Your Teachers" night August 31 or by calling the front office at 920.739.4441.

Study Skills Help

Early in Term 2, counselor Mr. Tom Guenterberg will offer study skill sessions. However, a student is urged to talk to his/her counselor at anytime about strengthening study skills.

Standardized Testing for Fall

Standardized Testing for sophomores and juniors will be during the morning of Wednesday, October 12. Freshmen will have a special orientation program during that time. Students will receive more information on this special day later. Juniors with professionally-diagnosed and treated learning disabilities who are planning to take the college-bound ACT exam or high-level Advanced Placement exams in May should contact Mr. Welch to complete required registration materials in order to receive testing accommodations.

Academic Course Progress and Difficulties

If a student is having problems adjusting to a new course, parents are urged to check on the following:

1. The student understands the requirements and demands of the new course.
2. The student consistently and faithfully addresses the demands of homework assignments.
3. The student uses effective study skill techniques.
4. The student seeks assistance from the teacher.
5. The student keeps parents accurately informed regarding progress in the course.
6. Parents and student should react positively and promptly to receiving an **Academic Alert** from the teacher.
7. Parents, student, teachers and others explore all opportunities to overcome challenges and to maintain satisfactory progress (*e.g.*, special in-school study accommodations, study skills sessions, teacher mentoring, peer tutors, daily organizers, *etc.*) Request information from the student's counselor.
8. As a last resort, the course either may be dropped or exchanged for a new course.

2011 Wisconsin Education Fairs

Gather information and meet with professional staff members from approximately 100 postsecondary institutions in one central location. Register well in advance at www.wefs.org/

- * UW-Fox Valley, Menasha – Tuesday, Sept. 27, 6:30-8:30 PM.
- * St. Norbert College, DePere – Wednesday, Sept. 28, 6:30- 8:30 PM

Senior Parent Career/College Orientation Night-Monday, September 26 7:00 PM

Parents of seniors are urged to attend this meeting in the Media Center to discuss the many decisions to be made this school year in preparation for career/college plans after graduation. Senior students will be meeting beforehand with their counselor to discuss similar topics.

Applying for NCAA eligibility is required for college-bound Division I student athletes. A link to the NCAA is available in the Guidance link of the web page under the *Post-Secondary Planning* link. Parents and seniors are urged to follow proper procedures concerning college applications. These will be discussed at the senior student/parent orientation meetings.



Fans of the Foxes



The Fans of the Foxes (the FVL athletic booster organization) is ready for another exciting year of sports at FVL. As we prepare for the 2011-2012 athletic year, we are hopeful that many of our FVL parents will choose to participate in the activities of the Fans of the Foxes. The purpose of the Fans of Foxes organization is to supplement the FVL athletic budget by raising funds to help provide our athletic programs with equipment, uniforms, transportation, facility improvements, special awards, coaches' appreciation gifts, etc. This past year the Fans of the Foxes were blessed in their endeavors and were able to purchase many needed items for the sports programs.

In order to raise sufficient funds to meet the many needs of our athletic program, the Fans of the Foxes coordinate the running of the canteen at athletic events, oversee the Foxes Locker, and conduct special fund raising activities. The following represents a fund raising activity in which we would hope all parents would participate.

The Sports Program

The Fans of the Foxes are in the process of creating the athletic program that will be distributed at most of the FVL sporting events to be held during the 2011-2012 school year. As supporters of FVL athletics, you have an opportunity to show your support for our athletes by donating funds that will be used to supplement the overall athletic budget. Individuals, families, or businesses that donate funds for this purpose will be recognized by having their name(s) placed on the back page of all athletic programs distributed throughout the year.

Donations can be made in specifically designated amounts or in an amount that you choose.

⇒	Platinum	\$500
⇒	Gold	\$250
⇒	Silver	\$150
⇒	Bronze	\$75
⇒	Copper	\$50
⇒	Foxes	\$25

If you are interested in donating funds to support the FVL athletic program, please complete the form at the end of this article and return it to FVL. We would graciously ask that you consider participating in this opportunity to provide the FVL athletic program with the financial support it needs to provide our athletes with a successful and positive athletic experience.

Fans of the Foxes



The Sports Program

If you are interested in making a donation to support the FVL athletic program, please circle the amount you would be willing to donate, print your name/business the way you would like it to appear on the back of the athletic program, and send this form back to the address indicated below.

- ⇒ Platinum \$500
- ⇒ Gold \$250
- ⇒ Silver \$150
- ⇒ Bronze \$75
- ⇒ Copper \$50
- ⇒ Foxes \$25

If you wish to donate an amount other than those designated above, please indicate the dollar amount that you are donating:

\$_____ (Patron)

NAME/BUSINESS: _____
(Please Print)

Please make checks payable to the Fans of the Foxes and mail this form with your check to:

Fans of the Foxes
FVL High School
5300 North Meade Street
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Donors may be added anytime during the fall and winter seasons. Any questions? Please call Fans of the Foxes Treasurer, Brad Schwebs 757-0398.

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Parent Accreditation Survey

By God's grace, FVL has been accredited for the past fourteen years. Every seven years our high school must reapply for our accredited status. This fall FVL will be visited by a team from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation (WELSSA) organization. In preparation for this visit, FVL has developed a survey to gather input from parents regarding key areas of our Christian education program. The survey takes only minutes to complete and can be accessed from our website's homepage. Please consider providing us with your valuable feedback.

Medication Policy

FVL is not able to hand out over-the-counter medication at school. OTC medications (Tylenol, Sudafed, Advil) need to be kept in the original container in a student's locker for personal use only.

Prescription medications need to come to the FVL office accompanied by an Authorization Form signed by the parent **and** physician. These medications need to be in their original package with the label explaining dosage amounts and times. Authorization forms are available in the front office and also on the FVL website; click on "Parents," then "Documents/Forms."
