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# In Christ Alone

## I STAND

**"HERE I STAND, I CAN DO NO OTHER!"**

These are famous words from Martin Luther as he testified before the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V, at the Diet of Worms in 1521. Over the centuries, these words of the reformer have been a battle cry of sorts for those who adhere to the truths of the Bible.

As the FVL Family prepares to celebrate another anniversary of the Reformation on Sunday, October 30, at 4 p.m. in our auditorium, a reminder to stand firm on our foundation of Biblical doctrines seems appropriate.

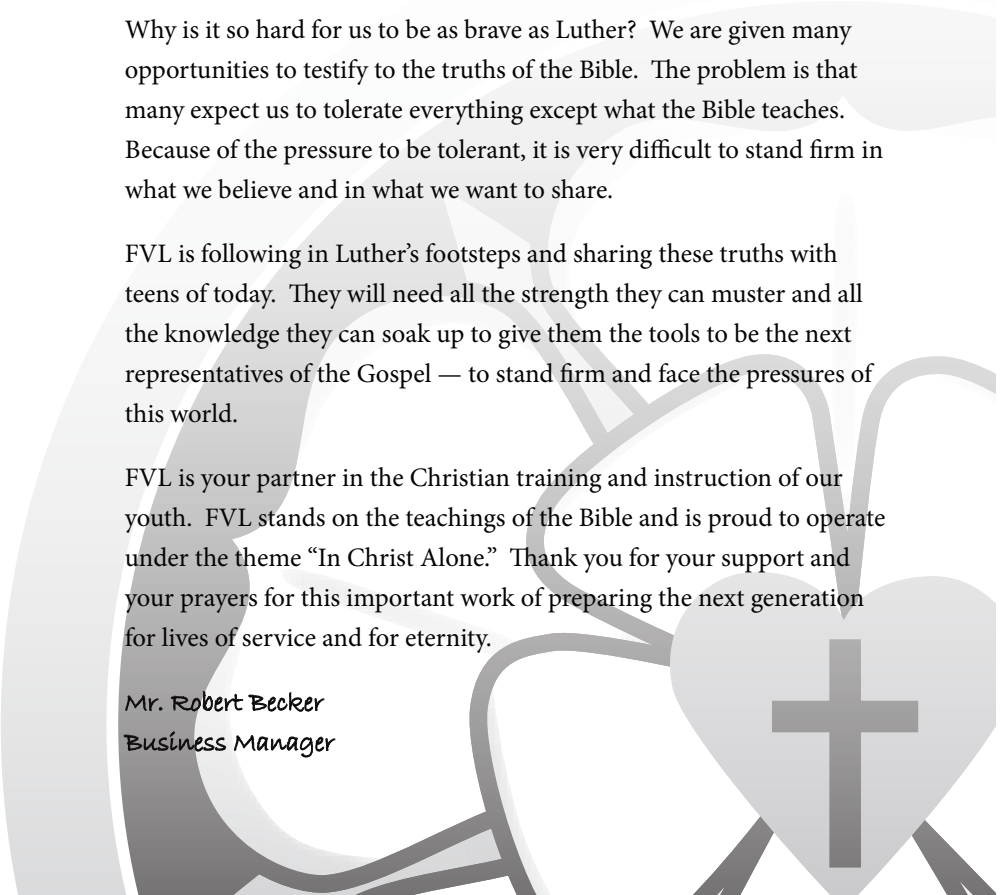
The Bible teaches that we, and all people of all time, have been redeemed by grace alone, by faith alone, and through scripture alone. These truths had been lost by the Christian church of Luther's day until he rediscovered them in the Bible. Once he began teaching what the scriptures said, he was persecuted and put on trial. Thankfully, his faith was strong enough to withstand the pressure put on him by the church and political leaders to admit that he was wrong and to finally declare that he could not take back the Bible's teachings.

Why is it so hard for us to be as brave as Luther? We are given many opportunities to testify to the truths of the Bible. The problem is that many expect us to tolerate everything except what the Bible teaches. Because of the pressure to be tolerant, it is very difficult to stand firm in what we believe and in what we want to share.

FVL is following in Luther's footsteps and sharing these truths with teens of today. They will need all the strength they can muster and all the knowledge they can soak up to give them the tools to be the next representatives of the Gospel — to stand firm and face the pressures of this world.

FVL is your partner in the Christian training and instruction of our youth. FVL stands on the teachings of the Bible and is proud to operate under the theme "In Christ Alone." Thank you for your support and your prayers for this important work of preparing the next generation for lives of service and for eternity.

Mr. Robert Becker  
Business Manager



## Entertainment Books

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.

The Entertainment Book is a great opportunity to support the programs that the alumni sponsor while also providing savings for you and your family. Books may be picked up at the FVL office and at various Federation churches. Proceeds from the sale of these books will be used for student tuition assistance.

## Foxes Canteen/Locker

Watch for the new Canteen Calendar! It will be posted by the school canteen showing the dates and times that the Canteen will be open for after-school sales.

The Foxes Locker will be open the first Saturday of October, November, December and January from 8:00 to 11:00 AM for your shopping convenience. Starting immediately, with each ticketed purchase you will be entered to win one of two \$25.00 gift certificates to be given away at half time of the boys' varsity basketball game on December 16th. You do not need to be present to win.

## 2011-2012 Enrollment

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
Seniors	87	69	156
Juniors	77	72	149
Sophomores	56	75	131
Freshmen	<u>67</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>133</u>
	287	282	569

## Scrip News

FVL is installing a new Scrip software program that will allow you to place your order online at any time of the day with an active email account. To use this electronic system, you will need to register with the Scrip office to receive a password and user instructions. Watch the Fox Tracks for updates on the start of this program. (For now, still use paper order forms.)

## Veteran's Day

FVL will host its annual Veteran's Day Breakfast and Service on Friday, November 11. Breakfast will be served in the Commons starting at 8:00 AM, followed by a service in the auditorium at 9:15 AM. This event is open to all Federation veterans and their immediate family members and any other veterans you wish to invite as guests. Please RSVP with your name and number attending to FVL by Tuesday, Nov. 8 (739.4441). We invite all veterans to join us on this special day as we celebrate the freedom that is ours through the service of our armed forces.

## International Student Program

With over 6.5 billion people in the world and approximately 6,900 languages spoken, communicating with each other can be very challenging! This school year, we will take a closer look at the specific languages FVL's international students are speaking in their home countries.

Traditionally, all Koreans speak and write the same language which has been a crucial factor in their strong national identity. Modern Korea has a few different dialects including the standard one used in Seoul and central areas, but they are similar enough that speakers and listeners do not have trouble understanding each other. Aside from Korean, English is the second official language of the country.

Vietnam's official language, Vietnamese, is a tonal language that proves to be quite challenging for foreigners to grasp. With each syllable, there are six different tones used that alter the definition of the word they are trying to say.

Thailand's language, Thai, is also tonal and many words have a definite pitch that must be expressed accurately in order to be understood correctly. The language consists of 44 consonants, 32 vowels and five tones. English is commonly taught as a second language so foreigners will have little trouble communicating.

Would you like to learn more about different countries and languages? Hosting an international student is a great place to start! Contact Mrs. Gucinski to learn more about this opportunity at [lgucinski@fvlhs.org](mailto:lgucinski@fvlhs.org) or 920.739.4441.



## Office Hours

**Thursday, October 27**  
**Friday, October 28**

**8:00 AM-1:00 PM**

## Finances

Federation offerings to operate FVL totaled \$65,994 in August. This collection moved the congregations about \$13,000 ahead of last year after 2 months. The adopted commitment of our 41 Federation congregations is \$850,000 for the fiscal year. \$101,987 has been contributed so far.

Revenues and expenses are on track with the budget.

Donors contributed \$11,513 to *Growing in Grace* (debt reduction program) during August. \$25,000 is needed each month to meet the annual goal. The balance of our debt is \$2,990,000, down from \$4.2 million in 2003. The average interest rate on this debt is just over 3%. The debt is held in the form of tax-exempt municipal bonds.

The track has been resurfaced with an all-weather rubberized material. Fund raising efforts are underway to complete the payments on the \$130,000 project.

Remember to consider a special gift for tuition assistance. \$321,502 of assistance has been granted to over 100 students for this school year. The FVL Foundation is supplying \$140,000 for this year and the balance needs to be supplied by special gifts and fund raising efforts at the Dinner Auction.

## FVL Cookbook

Summer has ended and some of us have started cooking again! The *O Give Thanks* cookbook would be a great resource for some new menu ideas. The holiday season isn't far away either; the cookbook would be a great gift. Proceeds from the book help to reduce FVL's building debt.

## Winter Dance Tryouts

FVL now offers dance team at the Junior Varsity and Varsity levels! Winter team tryouts were officially held in August; however, any student interested in a late tryout is encouraged to speak with Ms. Pappalardo. A current physical or alternate year card must be on file in the office to participate.

## Coaches Needed

For the winter season we are in need of cheer and assistant wrestling coaches. For the spring season, we will need tennis, softball, and soccer coaches. Details on serving as a coach can be obtained by emailing AD Gene Strusz at [gstrusz@fvlhs.org](mailto:gstrusz@fvlhs.org).

## Alumni Serving in Military

FVL continues to collect names of all alumni who have served or are currently serving in the military. Please send names to [tkubek@fvlhs.org](mailto:tkubek@fvlhs.org) so we can include them in our database and recognize them during the Veteran's Day service.

## 2011 Dinner Auction

The lure of the open road...top down with the wind in your hair...the roar of a big-block Corvette engine under you as the highway stretches out to the horizon...

**Route 66.** The fabled American roadway running from Chicago to L.A., and the theme for the **2011 FVL Dinner Auction.**

Join us on Saturday, October 15, 2011 for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and silent/live auction items in support of Christian education at FVL. Your evening begins at 5:00 PM with hors d'oeuvres and bidding on some incredible silent auction items. Five gourmet food stations open shortly after that as we take you on a culinary road trip that leads through Chicago, St. Louis, Amarillo, Albuquerque, and finally Los Angeles.



Tickets are \$75/couple or \$40 apiece and are available in the FVL office or online through links on the FVL website at [www.fvlhs.org](http://www.fvlhs.org). You'll also find a preview of auction items there, as well.

Hope to see you on the road!

## Game Assistants Needed

At FVL we generally ask parents of freshmen and JV athletes to help with game duties such as score clock, score book, line judges, chain crews and the like. There are also times when varsity public address announcers, score book and clock operators are needed.

If you really enjoy being part of the press box or score table crew and would like to volunteer for varsity contests, please email FVL's athletic director at [gstrusz@fvlhs.org](mailto:gstrusz@fvlhs.org) to offer your help.

## Address, Church, School District Changes

If you have had changes to your address, telephone number, cell phone number, email, church membership or school district, please notify the school office.

If your address changes and you don't notify us that your school district has also changed, that can affect your busing status. If you are unsure of your school district, please call your previous school district to verify that information. Thank you for helping to keep our records current!

## **8th Grade Welcome Night**

All 8th grade students are invited to attend a mixer hosted by FVL on Monday, Oct. 24 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Parents are also welcome to attend. Pizza and soda will be available for all, and students will have a number of fun activities and games in the gyms and commons. A dodge ball tournament will be held at 6:00 PM. Racing cars, an inflatable slide, and other entertainment including a DJ and music will keep the students occupied. There will be an informational session in the auditorium for the parents starting at 7:00 PM. Tours will be available for interested parents.

Students and parents may sign up with their school or RSVP directly to FVL. We ask you to pre-register to assist us with the food order. We hope to see many of you on October 24 for fun, food and fellowship.

## **FVL Welcomes MLC Student Teachers**

FVL will again continue its partnership with Martin Luther College as it hosts two STEP (Secondary Teacher Education Program) students during the first semester. Thomas Mackey from Madison, Wisconsin, will be supervised by Mr. Mark Eisenmann and Stephanie Morgan from Jefferson, Wisconsin will be supervised by Ms. Renee Pappalardo. We wish Mr. Mackey and Miss Morgan the Lord's richest blessings on their student teaching experiences at FVL.

## **FVL Theatre Presents...**

### **A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas**

Friday, October 21 6:30 PM  
Saturday, October 22 2 PM and 6:30 PM

*General Admission Tickets  
available in the FVL office  
Adult—\$7.00*

*Senior Citizen—\$6.00  
Children 12 & under—\$4.00*

Watch as the Ingall's family struggles through the triumphs and tragedies of early frontier life. The play is intended for all ages.

## **Track Installation Update**

As of the middle of September, FVL now officially has a new all-weather 9-lane track! A big thanks to Athletic Field Services, Inc. ([www.afstrack.com](http://www.afstrack.com)), and Whirlwind Post Holes & Fencing ([www.whirlwindfence.com](http://www.whirlwindfence.com)) for their work in constructing our new facility. We are currently organizing volunteers to assist with a number of smaller renovation projects that include rebuilding the long/triple jump landing pits and the shot put area. If you have any interest or expertise and would like to assist with these projects, please contact the school office and ask for Mr. Al Nolte.

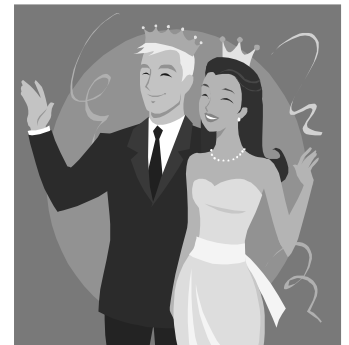
## **Student Council News**

### **Tuition Assistance Challenge**

One of the great privileges for the students of FVL is to be able to give of their time and talents in service to their Lord. Student Council has organized one of these opportunities through their challenge to the student body to help raise money for our FVL Student Tuition Assistance Fund. Our annual Fruit Sale will start in November with fruit delivery in December. This event is our biggest fund raising activity of the year. Please watch for more information about the Fruit Sale in the November Fox Tracks. Also, encourage your son or daughter to take this opportunity to help others. Student Council also organizes numerous smaller activities such as special flip-flop days, sweat pants days, hat days and other. All of these events are planned as stewardship opportunities for our students at FVL. We do this in thanks for all that our Lord has done for us.

### **Homecoming 2011**

Using the theme of "Total Eclipse of the Heart", FVL celebrated Homecoming the week of September 26-October 1. Students experienced the usual dress up days and ordered special class t-shirts. A half-day of school was held on Friday with an afternoon of special school-wide Homecoming activities including a pep-rally, powder puff football, and other games. A complete listing of all the class representatives and their escorts, including the Queen, will be printed in the next issue of the Fox Tracks.



## ***Frosh Parent/Teacher Conference***

Freshmen Parents—your first opportunity to meet with the students' teachers and learn about their progress is Wednesday, October 5 from 5:30-7:30 PM in the FVL Commons. Hopefully, your student is off to a good start and this is the time to discuss the progress.

Please print Term 1 grades from Family Access and bring them along to the conferences as a reference.

## ***Graduation Planning***

Graduation announcement orders will be taken on Tuesday, Oct. 18. Early in October seniors will receive announcement information packets with price sheets and order forms to be taken home.

Payment in full or a down payment of \$50 will be taken as announcement orders are placed on October 18. Checks should be made payable to Brickhouse School Services. (Please note that if you wish to order only announcements, they are \$1.00 each and will be available when announcement orders are received in spring.)

On Tuesday, November 15, orders will be taken for graduation cap and gown sets. One full set (including cap, gown and year tassel) will cost \$23. Each senior must order a cap and gown. Borrowing gowns from former students is NOT an option. For those wishing to purchase an extra tassel, there will be two styles available for either \$4 or \$8. Payment must be made as cap and gown orders are placed. Please make checks payable to Brickhouse School Services.

Each senior will be given 4 floor seat tickets (early in May); bleacher seating will be open. However, please try to keep the people you invite to a reasonable number to make sure all the seniors are able to accommodate their immediate family members.

## ***Freshman Registration Nights***

Even though the school year has just begun, it is registration time for this year's 8th grade students who plan to attend FVL next year.

This year registration will take place at FVL on either October 31 or November 3 from 5:30-7:30 PM.

Freshman Guidance counselor Mr. Tom Guenterberg will be visiting each Federation LES in October to set up a registration time. There will be many different informational booths set up in the Commons with FVL personnel available to answer questions. Eighth Grade parents—mark your calendar now to plan to register your student on one of those nights.

## ***Branches Band at FVL***

Based in Milwaukee, WI this WELS Christian music group now travels all over the United States and Canada serving congregations in a variety of ways with their music. Branches Band strives in everything to be branches that identify the Great Vine, the Savior of the world—Jesus! The Branches Band will give a free concert at FVL on Wednesday, Nov. 16 starting at 7:00 PM.

Using acoustic guitars, piano, bass percussion and exceptional vocal harmonies, Branches Band does everything from covering today's popular Christian artists to breathing new life into favorite hymns. The group includes FVL graduate Bethany Wichman on piano and vocals. Since 2008 they've traveled to over 30 states serving 100 congregations, produced four full-length studio albums, and posted several sheet-music arrangements. This summer they performed at the WELS National Worship Conference.

## **GUIDANCE NEWS**

### ***Standardized Testing Program***

October 12, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, will be standardized testing. **Juniors** take either 1) the PSAT used to determine Merit Scholar winners or 2) the ASVAB Career Exploration assessment. College-bound juniors should register for the PSAT in Guidance with \$14 payment by October 8. **Sophomores** take the PLAN Achievement and Interest Test. There is no cost. Results are used to help students formulate college goals and determine 11th grade courses. (There is no makeup test allowed). **Freshmen** will participate in a developmental guidance program of timely topics geared for success in high school. **Seniors** are urged to use the day for college visits. Schedule now!

### ***Junior Parents College Planning Meeting***

Save this date! Junior parents are invited to a college planning meeting on Thursday, November 10 at 7 PM, after the parent/teacher conferences in Commons. More information will be in the November Fox Tracks.

### ***Career Guidance Services***

FVL offers comprehensive career guidance services to students. In early October, each freshman will participate in career exploration activities. Career presentations for sophomores and juniors are also scheduled for later in the month.

## GUIDANCE NEWS

### **National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists**

Congratulations to seniors **Deanna Mose**, daughter of Paul and Jane Mose, of Kaukauna; and **David Sehloff**, son of Peter and Sarah Sehloff, of Appleton. Their scores on the Preliminary SAT exam places them among the nation's top students preparing for college. Both students will now proceed in the scholarship competition. God's continued blessings to you!

### **National Honor Society**

Juniors and seniors with a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or higher are nominees for National Honor Society (NHS) membership. Procedures used to determine membership will be explained to all nominees by letter and during attendance of an informational meeting in October. The annual NHS Induction Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium.

### **College Matters for Seniors**

**Senior College Campus Visits**—Seniors are urged to take advantage of October 12, 27, and 28 by visiting college campuses and finalizing college plans.

**College Rep. Visits**—Colleges send representatives to FVL to discuss a variety of topics with perspective students. Students are required to obtain teacher permission to attend a visit scheduled during class time. A schedule of visits is posted on the Guidance web page and bulletin board.

**College Applications**—Applications should be sent to colleges NOW (absolutely no later than Thanksgiving) for best results. Obtain applications from the Guidance secretary and return them with \$1 for mailing and a completed check for the application fee. Many colleges prefer students to apply online ([www.apply.wisconsin.edu](http://www.apply.wisconsin.edu)).

**Transcripts**—Remember to request all transcripts through [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com) More information is available in the *Transcripts* link on FVL's web page.

**Selective Service Registration**—Males within three months of their 18th birthday are required by federal law to register with the Selective Service. This can be done online ([www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov))

**NCAA Eligibility**—This year's seniors who plan to participate in Division I college athletics next year are required by the NCAA to apply for eligibility now. Application forms are available online in the Guidance webpage. See the "post secondary" link.

### **Study Skills**

Mrs. Karie Mindock will teach a series of sessions about study skills scheduled to begin in late October. The course will include sessions about time management, text-book reading, note taking and test taking. Encourage your student to participate in this skill-building opportunity.

### **Procedures for Enrolling a Freshman at FVL**

- If possible, take the EXPLORE test at FVL on October 1. (See next article).
- If the student is attending a **public middle school** or a junior high, please request an enrollment folder from the FVL Guidance office. (920.739.4441)
- If the student attends an **FVL Federation** elementary school, expect to receive an enrollment packet from the school's principal or pastor by late October.
- Read through and fill out the materials in the enrollment packet.
- **Freshmen scheduling** will take place during two FVL Open House Events on October 31 and November 3 from 5:30-7:30 PM.

### **Eighth Grade EXPLORE Testing**

Eighth graders who plan to enroll as 9th graders at FVL next school year are reminded that they are to attend a Saturday pre-high school testing session on October 1, 10:00 AM –1:00 PM . The test will take approximately 2.5-3 hours to complete. A hand-held calculator should be brought to the test. Pre-test registration is not necessary for the exam. If it is not possible to be present for this test, a final make-up is scheduled for Saturday, March 3 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

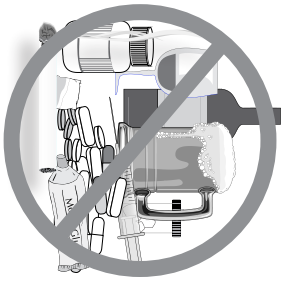
### **Course Selection for 2012-2013**

During November and December, the freshmen, sophomores and juniors will meet first in groups and then individually with counselors to request courses for the 2012-2013 school year.

### **Guidance Web Page**

A wealth of helpful information is available in the Guidance page on the FVL Web Site ([www.fvlhs.org](http://www.fvlhs.org)). Just click on Guidance to get information on career and college planning resources, financial aid search sites, jobs, ACT information among other materials. For suggestions to the site, send information to Guidance Director Mr. Welch at [twelch@fvlhs.org](mailto:twelch@fvlhs.org).

# The FVL Parent Pledge



YES! I oppose the use of alcohol and other drugs by teens. I take the responsibility to ensure that all social events in my home for teens will be chaperoned and be alcohol and drug-free. I agree to set and support the curfew guidelines.

YES! I would like my name on the PARENT PLEDGE Networking List that will be available to all parents.

## Parent Pledge Return Form

### Please Print

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete form, cut on dotted line, and return to the FVL School Office no later than November 4, 2011

## The FVL Parent Pledge States . . .

As Christians we believe that a person's entire life is a loving response to our Savior's love for us. The abuse and illegal use of alcohol and other drugs is a serious problem in our society and community. As Christian parents and members of the FVL family, we want to provide the opportunities for our teens to socialize without the outside influence, pressure, or threats connected with the misuse of alcohol or other drugs.

## As an FVL parent I agree to . . .

- recognize both the legal and moral implications of having or supporting underage drinking parties.
  - insure that only non-alcoholic beverages are available when students are socializing at my home.
  - not only be present, but will also actively supervise the students at any parties held at my home.
  - welcome telephone calls from any parent inquiring about the activities or supervision planned for any gatherings at my home.
  - contact other parents if I have a concern about activities planned at their home.
  - contact the appropriate people if there is a problem with drugs or alcohol at a party held in my home.
  - set and enforce reasonable curfews for our children.
- The guideline below is offered, recognizing that special occasions require special consideration:

  - 9th grade: 11:00
  - 10th grade: 11:30
  - 11th & 12th grades: 12:00
- recognize that genuine cooperation, concern, and courage will need to be practiced by all involved in this program if it is to be beneficial to our young people.

## How to use the FVL Parent Pledge

- As a **parenting** tool by which all parents can establish a positive environment with alternatives to chemical use.
- As a **networking** tool by which parents of FVL students can set reasonable and effective standards of behavior for their children.
- As a **supportive** tool by which all parents can encourage each other in their efforts to provide alcohol and drug-free activities for their children.
- As a **constructive** tool by which parents can help change their children's negative behaviors and attitudes about substance abuse.

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**HEART** is FVL's student assistance program. It was established in the 1980's to help students who are personally involved with alcohol and drug abuse or who are affected within the family setting by drug/alcohol abuse. Students may be referred to this program by school staff members, themselves, parents, the police, or other agencies. For more information about HEART, contact HEART Coordinator, Rev. Ron Gorske.

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