



FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN HS

FVLHS ANNUAL REPORT - 2020-21

WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE JANUARY 2020?

- FVL opened the 2020-21 school year under the theme: Run to Christ based on Mt 11:28-30.
- Opening enrollment was 658 students, slightly down from 683 in 2019-20 due to COVID pandemic.
- Semester 2 of 2020 will be remembered in school history. Due to Governor Evers' mandate to close all schools, students never returned to campus after Spring Break, and the remainder of the school year was taught remotely by our faculty.
- Many events and activities had to be postponed or cancelled over spring and summer.
- Much of Summer 2020 saw FVL leaders developing a "Back to School" so that the school could open its school doors in August with both in-person and online options for our families.

JANUARY 31, 2021
1-3 PM Music & Basket Auction

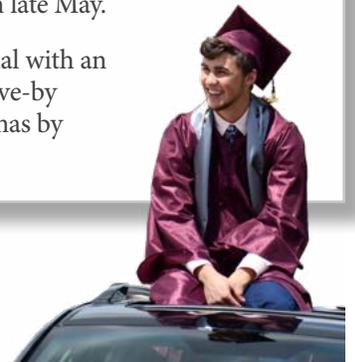
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SPRING 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- Crash course training for all faculty on how to move their courses to online platforms the week after everyone was slated to return from spring break.
- Frantic plans on how international students could return home or make arrangements to stay in the U.S. after many countries closed their borders.
- FVL Foxfest Dinner Auction needed to become an online auction hosted by President Jeff Loberger. Thanks to generous donors \$56,815 was raised to help with Tuition Assistance needs.
- Cancellation of spring sports seasons; FVL Prom Frolic is held online in late May.
- Graduation goes virtual with an online service and drive-by presentation of diplomas by Principal Nolte.



FALL 2020 SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



FVL Theatre is excited for its upcoming musical ...



- Queen Taylor Radley reigned over FVL's Homecoming 2020. Due to COVID quarantine, her escort Addison Fett was represented by a photo cutout held by Zach Pearson.
- Instead of live children's theatre performances in October, FVL Theatre members decided to write, direct, and record fairy tale adaptations. These video productions were shared with our FVL Schools in January.
- In fall sports, volleyball enjoyed a strong season and for a time was the top-ranked team in the state. Football qualified for the playoffs for the sixth consecutive year. Both cross country teams enjoyed strong seasons, and Luke Donart qualified for the State meet. Boys soccer defeated crosstown rival Xavier in the playoffs. In girls tennis, Olivia Pethan's great season took her to the State tournament.
- Wesley Jochman and Katie DeBruin were named winners of the the 2020 Congressional App Challenge for Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District by Rep. Mike Gallagher. They created an app to streamline ticket scanning for sporting events that is used at Road America.
- FVL's many other cocurricular teams and activities have adapted to COVID restrictions. Math Club & our eSports teams have been finding success. Future Business Leaders of America is gearing up for competitions this spring.

STAFFING NEWS

- January 2020 marked FVL's transition to the President-Principal governance model. President Jeff Loberger and Alan Nolte began to serve in their new roles to lead the school.
- Mrs. Rachel Lemke, Miss Gabrielle Steidl, Mrs. Elisabeth Wagner, and Mr. Jay Wendland were installed as full-time faculty members in late August. Mr. Mark Dobberstein was hired as FVL's new Grounds Supervisor in July.
- Currently FVL has a full staff for 2021. Mr. Joe Blum has accepted the Admissions Director call. Mr. Ryan Kirchoff will be joining our English staff replacing Mr. Matthew Foxen. Mr. Foxen will become the Communications Director at the retirement of Mr. Payne in June.



Mr. Mark Dobberstein



Mrs. Rachel Lemke



Miss Gabrielle Steidl



Mrs. Elisabeth Wagner



Mr. Jay Wendland

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

- The **Bargain Garden** is offering a matching gift opportunity to raise \$20,000 in the 20 days between February 1-20. This effort will fund needs not in the annual budget. Send gifts directly to FVL and earmark "Bargain Garden Match."
- **MusicFest 2021** is going virtual on Sunday, January 31, from 1-3 PM.
- **March 29 - FVL FAMILY OPEN HOUSE:** As always the community is invited for this special opportunity to learn more about FVL's wide variety of course choices, cocurriculars, student life, and finances. This spring a special invitation will go to families of 5-7th grade FVL Schools students. Watch for registration info coming soon.
- **FoxFest 2021** is April 23 - the theme "Disco - Round 2." Watch for info coming next month.
- **FVL's Annual Golf Outing 2021** will be at High Cliff on Friday, June 18.
- FVL **Alumni Alive** is already planning its fall activities which will hopefully include a Homecoming celebration that recognizes members of the 2001 State Championship football team.



AROUND CAMPUS

- To be prepared to open for in-person classes in August, summer saw lots of prep work being done. A new air filtration system was installed. Protective gear and equipment purchased. Cleaning protocols put in place and a "Back to School" plan was created and shared in July.
- Over 200 students were selected to receive vouchers in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. We are excited to see these numbers continue to grow as this state program expands.
- Drainage and field work continued on the soccer and baseball fields. Dugout work was also completed.

FINANCIAL NEWS

- FVL's September 17 Giving Day was an important step in meeting the second Let the Children Come mortgage payment. Over \$120,000 was donated through this special event and was key to reaching the \$475,000 due by October 31. Praise the Lord for his goodness and thanks to the many donors who made this possible.
- The COVID pandemic affected the annual budget for 2019-20. The school shutdown dramatically decreased certain expenses, and Federation churches rallied to give higher than anticipated support. These factors, combined with the cost savings methods put in place by our FVL leadership team, meant the anticipated budget shortfall was much lower. The new stricter budgeting process remains in place and is working. This plan calls for FVL's fiscal budgets to be back to balanced by 2022-23.
- President Loberger continues to work to find efficiencies in our day-to-day operations. Another priority is planning for the funding of future large expenses such as roof replacement, parking lot repavement and other capital replacements that will be needed soon due to the age of our campus.

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