

Lutheran High School of St. Charles County

Parent Pledge Program

I PLEDGE THAT
ALL PARTIES
IN MY HOME
FOR LHS
STUDENTS
AND THEIR
FRIENDS WILL BE
CHAPERONED
AND THAT I
WILL NEITHER
SERVE
NOR PERMIT
THE USE OF
ALCOHOL
OR OTHER DRUGS.

Student's Name:

_____ Grade_____

_____ Grade_____

_____ Grade_____

Parent's Name:

Parent's Signature:

The purpose of the LHS-SC Parent Pledge Program

1. Increase adult awareness of the potential problems of underage drinking.
2. Inform parents of the law against serving minors and to alert them to the fact that they are liable if a minor is injured upon leaving a home where alcohol has been served (with or without parents' knowledge).
3. Provide support for parents who feel that they should not serve alcohol to minors.
4. Provide support for teenagers who would rather attend parties where illegal, underage drinking does not take place.

We invite you to become a part of the LHS Parent Pledge Program.

On a regular basis, we will print the names of those families who have pledged to support this program in our parent newsletter. You will be able to use this as a ready reference when your teen wishes to attend parties hosted by LHS families. We ask you to consider this pledge and to sign it if you want to become a supportive part of this program. Please do not sign the Parent Pledge if you do not intend to enforce it. We thank you for your interest and support in this very important endeavor.

Please sign above and return this form to:

LHS-SC, 5100 Mexico Rd., St. Peters, MO 63376 or bring your signed pledge to the office.

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT ANNUALLY.

What we have seen is that a very clear stand by parents—a very engaged, hands-on effort by parents to keep their kids drug-free is the #1 prevention tool. It's the major protection young people have.



2009-2010

**Celebrating 28 Years
of Growing in Grace**

**“Trust in the Lord”
Proverbs 3: 5,6**

Adapted from:

Dr. Martha Keith Schuchard,

Cofounder and research director of
PRIDE (Parent Resources Institute on
Drug Education)

There are many pressures on youth today, including our own young people at Lutheran High School of St. Charles County, to use alcohol and other harmful drugs.

Some teens feel that a party without alcohol is not really a party. Alcohol and other drugs are, many times, a part of the teenage social scene, and the frequency of this type of “party” is occurring at an alarmingly higher rate and at a younger age, even as early as junior high. A few parents may compound the problem by permitting underage drinking parties in their home, adding to the young person’s confusion about the acceptability of drinking.

Locally and across the nation, parents are expressing concern for their teens, as they become more aware of this growing problem. A 1998 survey from the University of Michigan reported that 74% of the high school seniors surveyed said they had drunk alcohol in the previous year. Nearly one-third of the students said they had gotten drunk within the past month. A Spring 1997 survey of LHS students showed that 39% of all students answered yes to the question of “had they used alcohol once or more in the last 30 days.” The highest percentage was 44% in grade 12. In response to the question, “Have you been drunk once or more in the last two weeks?”, 20% of all students answered yes. Again, grade 12 has the highest percentage with 24%.

As Christian parents at Lutheran High School, it is a special blessing to have the support and encouragement of each other in our parenting responsibilities, especially as we encourage one another and our teens in healthy, safe social activities. It is with this as our goal - to raise healthy, safe, responsible teens - I would like to encourage all LHS parents to participate in the LHS Parent Pledge Program.

LHS-SC PARENT PLEDGE PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010

2009-2010 School Theme: “Trust in the Lord” Proverbs 3: 5,6 as
LHS celebrates 28 Years of Growing in God's Grace