## THUES (Things that are important to us!)

**Preparation:** In each of six brown paper sacks put two items that represent the potential outcomes of choices from the given scenarios below. Close the bags by folding them at the top and paper clipping or stapling the top closed. Then place each of the letters, "V, A, L, U, E, S" on the out side of the bag. These can be drawn on the bag or paper clipped to the bag. Select six students to come a choose a bag.

1. **Choice:** Family Trip vs. National Team Competition

**Scenario:** You are a very important key to a team you belong to. You have made it to Nationals. However, you have just found out that your team competition has been changed to a new venue and date due to a natural disaster. The new date competes with a family vacation that you and your family has been saving up for for the past three years. What choice do you make?

**Items in Bag:** beach ball and yo-yo

2. **Choice:** Rally to Stop Legislation that will Limit Support to Troops' Families vs. Grade-Making English Paper

Scenario: You are the leader of a group that has put a lot of effort in making sure that the troops' families are taken care of while they are away from home. You have just found out that the state legislation is planning on passing a bill during their night session tonight that will cut a huge amount of that funding. You know if you can rally your group they would be able to convince the legislatures to stop the bill. However, you also know that it is going to take you through the night to complete an English paper. You have to do a good job on this particular paper or you may not even pass the class. What choice do you make?

**Items in Bag:** patriotic pencil and multi-colored ink pen

3. **Choice:** Pass Biology vs. New Love

Scenario: You are failing biology. You have gone to the teacher to beg for a way to pass the class. After much thought the teacher has decided that if you will capture this one obscure critter and bring it in for the class to view, he will at least give you a passing grade. The critter only comes out at dusk and then only for about 15 min. You almost caught it last night but it escaped. Tonight is your last chance. You have to present it tomorrow or take the failing grade. Just as you are about to head out the door with your trap, you get a text from your best friend inviting you to a game of "Monster Squish Ball". You love the game and are good at it. However, you are willing to pass it up to get the critter except that he/she informs you that the girl/guy that you have been dieing to get to know is going to be there and has specifically asked to be on your team. You would love a chance to get to know him/her and to show him/her what you've got. What choice do you make?

Items in Bag: bug-eyed frog and monster kick ball

## 4. Choice: Mom's Trust vs. Need for Speed

**Scenario:** Your mom just bought a new sports car and though you have had your license for almost a year, she has yet to let you drive it despite all of your pleading. Finally one night she agrees to let you take it to the movies with a few of your friends with the condition that you will treat it with the upmost care. You are doing great keeping to Mom's expectation until on the way home your friend is checking out the stats on your mom's car on his iphone and finds out that the car can go from 0 to 90 mph in just 5 seconds. You didn't even know this and are as curious as your friends to put it to the test. Because it is late and a weeknight, the streets are pretty vacant with no cops in sight. What choice do you make?

Items in Bag: bandaged baseball kickball and hightop tennis shoe key chain

## 5. **Choice:** Family Career vs. Career Passion

Scenario: Your family has owned and operated a veterinarian hospital for generations. You are scheduled to leave for college in the next year and of course, everyone is expecting you to follow the family legacy and become a vet. You do love animals and are super good with them. However, your true passion is for painting. You would love to go down the more artistic road in choosing your career, but your family has already informed you that they would not support you financially in college if that is path you follow. What choice do you make?

**Items in Bag:** stuffed kitten and small paint set

## 6. **Choice:** Instant Income vs. College Potential

**Scenario:** You have had a job at the factory in your community since you were 16. You have actually don't mind working there, because among other things, they manufacture some cool toys. You are about to graduate from high school and were planning to head to college until your manager approaches you with a job offer. The job would definitely be a raise in pay, would include benefits and would also give you a chance for further advancement in the company. What choice do you make?

**Items in Bag:** rubics cube and chocolate money (5)