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The Most Excellent Way

The Orlando Lutheran Academy is a great place! I know you hear that often, but it really is. Are you aware of how many great things that are being accomplished by our students? If you read your Crusader Communicator regularly you probably are aware of many of these events but I would like to share just a small list of some of the great things our students have accomplished recently:

- *Junior Jack Goggin represented OLA at the 2010 Young Leaders Conference at the University of Florida. Jack was one of the select outstanding students who was chosen to represent their high school and attend this conference featuring extensive leadership development workshops, team building activities and seminars.*
- *Seniors Faysal Shafaat and Jacob Hardy signed National Letters of Intent to play football at the Division 1 level. Faysal signed with the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and Jacob with Army.*
- *Senior Jeff Knutson received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Representative Alan Grayson also surprised Jeff in November with an appointment to the United States Military Academy.*
- *Freshman Adrienne Czaplewski participated recently in one of the largest gymnastics meets in the nation, the Sandollar Invitational, which was held at WDW Wide World of Sports. Adrienne*

placed 1st (Gold Medal) in the Vault competition and placed 2nd (Silver Medal) in the Balance Beam competition.

- Senior Faysal Shafaat was named to the FHSAA Class 1-B All-State football first team. Faysal was also named the unanimous choice as Player of the Year for the Class 1-A District 6 basketball team.
- 41 students were named to the Principal's List for the first semester. This represents 22% of our student body. To be named to the Principal's List a student must have a semester GPA of 4.0 or higher. 99 students were named to one of the 3 honor rolls for the first semester representing 54% of the student body.

Schools the size of OLA do not usually have any students sign Division 1 football offers. OLA has two. Schools the size of OLA do not usually send students on to a United States service academy. OLA has a student who can choose between two. Wow! What great accomplishments. You have chosen a great school to send your child to. The students that attend our school are achieving at a very high level. Tell your friends and neighbors. OLA students are reaching excellence in the classroom, on the athletic fields and in the community. Be proud!

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues^[d]? Do all interpret? ³¹But eagerly desire^[e] the greater gifts.

And now I will show you **the most excellent way.**

1 Corinthians 12: 27-31

Jeffrey R. Knutson
Principal

Word for the Week: LOVE

Town Hall Meeting – Monday, February 15 at 7 PM:

Friends and Families of OLA, I would like to invite you to attend the next Town Hall Meeting regarding the future of Orlando Lutheran Academy. We will meet Monday, February 15 at 7pm in the gymnasium. Please make every effort to attend so that you can hear the state of Orlando Lutheran Academy and the possibilities of future ministry. Your presence will speak to your support of OLA.
Sincerely, David Duda Board Chair

Basketball News: The Orlando Lutheran Academy boys basketball team advanced on their journey to the district championship with a 60-44 victory over Agape Christian last night in the opening round of the 1A District 6 tournament. The Crusaders opened the game with a 21-2 first quarter lead thanks to some great defense, solid rebounding and unselfish passing. Senior Faysal Shafaat had a game-high 27 points and 15 rebounds, and junior Toure Hunt added 16 points as the Crusaders improved to 17-8 on the season. Next opponent is Faith Christian in the district semifinals Friday February 12 at 7:30pm. All district games are played at Foundation Academy (Winter Garden) and admission is \$5. The team really needs your support at this game - the winner advances to the championship game on Saturday and enters the FHSAA state playoffs next week.

Please wear your green & gold and bring your white Crusader Pride towels! Towels will be given out at the game if you don't have one.

Attention All Girls Interested in Flag Football: There will be a preseason conditioning workout this Saturday morning, Feb 13, with Coach Wes Morton from 8am-10am on campus. Your attendance and

timeliness will speak volumes about your dedication to the program as you prepare for the first season in district competition. If you have any questions, please see Coach Fulford or contact Coach Morton.

Class of 2012 Outing: On Saturday, February 13th, the Class of 2012 will gather at Congo River Golf (12193 E Colonial, just past Alafaya and next to Chili's) for an afternoon of miniature golf followed by a burger and/or shake at Steak and Shake (12035 East Colonial). Students can be dropped off at Congo River Golf between 12:45 and 1:00 pm. After a round of golf we will walk to Steak and Shake. Students will be available to be picked up at Steak and Shake around 4:00 pm. Cost for golf is \$8.50. Steak and Shake has many meals for \$5.00 and under. Weather outlook is sunny and cool (mid 60's), so dress appropriately and invite a friend!

THANK YOU, P.O.W.E.R. Team: Mr. Rach, the P.O.W.E.R. Team, OLA Cheerleaders and many helpers did a fabulous job preparing and delivering Valentines to the students and faculty of OLA on Thursday. Happy Valentine's Day to you all!

World Vision Participants: All students who took home World Vision Packets for sponsoring children in other countries need to bring the "completed envelope" or the "complete packet for return" to the office so they can be mailed.

College Application Program (CAP): The final activities for this school year for the CAP program are the SAT and ACT practice tests for the 10th Grade. Those practice test dates are on Saturday, February 20 at 8:30 a.m. for the SAT, and Saturday, March 20 at 8:30 a.m. for the ACT. Thank you to Mrs. Kallina for all her work with grades 8-12 and sharing such valuable information with the students and parents.

2009-2010 First Semester Honor Roll: Congratulations to the following students for achieving Honor Roll for the first semester!

Principal's List – (4.0 and above)

12th Grade:

Kiersten Bronson
Adam Czaplewski
Max Donahoe
Brice Gill
Kailey Jewell
Ruby Kandiah
Sanaan Khattak
Jeffrey Knutson
Yoon Lee
Cecelia Lukas
Marian Price
Melissa Purslow
Alissa Rivera
Rebecca Rodriguez
Faysal Shafaat
Meaghan Shea
Matthew Stapp
Lan Anh Tran
Alessa Walter
Natalie Wilkins

11th Grade:

Jazmin Lugo

10th Grade:

Matthew Arp
Natalie Duda
Kun Yong Jeoung
Natalie Lehenbauer
Andrew McAllan
Aaron Riegelmayr
Kristen Schaffer
Evan Zook

9th Grade:

Adrienne Czaplewski
Michael Golisch
Matthew Timmer

8th Grade:

Christopher Nix
Jonathan Rach

7th Grade:

Anthony Bonilla
Riley Greenwood
Jude Wieckowski

6th Grade:

JuliAnne Rach
Anya Rallison
Jade vonWerder

Honor Roll – (3.5-3.99)

12th Grade:

Jeffrey Calvert
Wing Yan Cheoung
Xin Guan
Jacob Hardy
Hieu Luong
Kim Tang

10th Grade:

Emma Eggert
Joshua Knutson
Elena Sanchez
Hoon Yang

9th Grade:

Michael Johnstone
Evan McRae
Chance Sweat
Alina Thompson
Michael Winquist

8th Grade:

Hannah Eggert
Harrison Jarman

6th Grade:

Zachary DaSilva
Raymond Nahikian

Merit Roll – (3.0-3.49)

12th Grade:

Anthony Bruder
Faye Huerta
Lucas Machado
Guorui Qin
Brandon Reyes
James Ruskowski

11th Grade:

Jack Goggin
Toure Hunt
Dominic Petrocci

10th Grade:

Tyler Blumer
Kirstin Deese
Libby DeLemos
Zakary Gentry
Desiree Grauds
Erin Harvill
Caralyn Kroeplin
Katie Woodman

9th Grade:

Zachary Blumer
Elizabeth Lorenzo
Plenio Massiah
Sean Nolan
Todd Phillips
Andrew Shea
Daryan Tartibi
Noelle Wardeh

8th Grade:

Jamison Freeburg
Samuel Norris
Brianna Perry
Patrick Stephens

7th Grade:

Kylie Harvill
Alexis vonWerder

6th Grade:

Seleena Bass
Scotland Calhoun
Hallie Jewell
Amanda Wongshue

Students of the Month: Each month The Orlando Lutheran Academy honors individual students with “Student of the Month” recognition. Nominated by their instructors, students receive special recognition in a particular subject area. Students earn this recognition based upon either excellence in academic performance or acknowledged improvement in a discipline. Striving for excellence, achieving excellence, and or maintaining excellence, The Orlando Lutheran Academy places great value upon students being responsible stewards of the intellectual abilities and capacities with which they have been blessed by the Lord! Congratulations, students!

Students of the Month for January 2010 include:

Math Department – Raymond Nahikian (6th), Hieu Luong (12th)
Science Department – Christopher Nix (8th), Henry Espinel (9th)
English Department – Seleena Bass (6th), Plenio Massiah (9th)
Reading Department – J.D. Ortaliz (6th)
Social Studies Department - Dominic Brignoni (8th), Zakary Gentry (10th)
Theology Department – Jade vonWerder (6th), Marian Price (12th)
Art Department – Benjamin Ortt (8th), Natalie Wilkins (12th)

Music Department – Brady Santer (8th), Cecelia Lukas (12th)
Foreign Language Department – Lexi vonWerder (7th), Brian Vega (9th)
Practical Arts Department – Michael Johnstone (9th)

Athletic Honors & Recognitions - Football & Basketball teams:

- Members of the 2009 Crusaders Football team have been recognized with National, State and County honors the past month. Four seniors were selected to the 2009 Lutheran Football Coaches of America All-American Football team. Anthony Bruder was selected to the First Team Offense, Faysal Shafaat was selected to the First Team Defense, John Parisi was selected to the First Team Offense and First Team Defense as a kick returner and defensive back, and Adam Czaplewski was selected Honorable Mention. Shafaat, who recently committed to play football at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga, was also selected to the Class 1B All-State First Team Defense and the Orlando Sentinel's All Orange County Second Team Offense.

- In basketball, the Class 1A All-District 6 Boys and Girls basketball teams were selected by the head coaches of the district last week. Faysal Shafaat was selected the District 6 Boys MVP and only unanimous First Team Selection. Senior Lucas Machado was selected to the Second Team.

- On the girls' side, three Lady Crusaders basketball players were selected to All-District teams. Sophomore Natalie Lehenbauer was selected to the First Team, senior Cecelia Lukas was selected to the Second Team, and sophomore Natalie Duda was selected to the Third Team. The Lady Crusaders and head coach Matt Wheeler received the Team Sportsmanship award along with Foundation Academy. It's the second consecutive year the Lady Crusaders received the Team Sportsmanship award. Congratulations Crusaders!

Theology Department Announcement: The Wind Symphony from Concordia University, Chicago, IL, will be performing at St. Luke's Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 6. St. Luke's is looking for host families to welcome students into your home for the night of March 6 with a return to St. Luke's on Sunday morning, March 7. If you are interested in hosting two or more college students for the night, or would like more information, please contact Vickie Overley from St. Luke's at vickeyoverley@yahoo.com <<mailto:vickeyoverley@yahoo.com>>.

Please Help With Haiti Relief Project: The senior class of Orlando Lutheran Academy needs your help with donations towards the "Save Haiti Campaign." All donations will be shipped weekly to Haiti. Please ask your family, friends and neighbors to bring in canned foods (check expiration dates), clothes and/or money to your class advisors. Each class is to bring in the items to the class advisors and pick ups of the items will be made weekly. Thank you for helping with this important effort!

ONLY 14 days until The Winter Carnival is at OLA!

Friday, February 26th, from 6 to 11 PM

Saturday, February 27th from 12 noon to 11 PM

And Sunday, February 28th, from 1 to 7 PM

To raise additional money at our carnival, we would like for students to participate in our silent auction, which is completely voluntary. If each student could bring an item(s) in for their class basket, volunteers will assemble the baskets. The baskets will be used in a silent auction at the carnival. Buy an item for the basket, have an item donated or solicit a donation from your favorite local establishment (**look for the separate attachment with a donation form**)...sky's the limit!

Below are the themes that each class has been given. The items below each theme basket are simply suggestions...there are no limits to the imagination! We have already received commitments for a margarita basket and a car-detailing basket. Please have students drop off items to Mrs. Arp's front office

- individual boxes will be placed against the wall. Volunteers are needed for basket assembly, please sign up on the volunteer sign-up sheets at the town hall meeting on Monday, February 15th.

All items need to be turned in by February 22nd.

6th grade: Easter Basket

Crosses/Christian books/gift certificates/Easter eggs...we'll make this basket come alive☺

7th grade: Spring Break/Beach Basket

Beach towels/snorkel gear/suntan lotion/flip flops

8th grade: Java Bean Basket (coffee yum!)

Gift cards/coffee beans/travel mugs/mugs/assorted coffees/coffee t-shirt

9th grade Orlando Magic Basket (Hey Coach Fulford..can you get us an autographed basketball?)

t-shirts/hats/socks/flags/tickets/mascot items..anything autographed?

10th grade Spa Basket

Lotions/gels/candles/spa gift cards/tea...sky's the limit on this one

11th grade: Night out on the town Basket

Gift cards to restaurants/movie tickets/

12th grade: UCF Basket

t-shirts/hats/socks/flags/tickets...anything autographed?

See separate attachment for a printable Carnival flyer!!!

Thank you...Silent Auction...Jena Eggert

Garage Sale sponsored by the 8th Grade: There will be a garage sale on March 12 and 13, from 8 AM to 3 PM in the cafeteria. Mrs. Crampton will be available all week and needs 8th grade parent volunteers to organize, sell and take down. Do your spring cleaning OLA families – it's amazing what people will buy! This will help pay for 8th grade graduation and other expenses! What doesn't sale we will donate to charity and have it picked up. If you need to contact me, please feel free to call me at home, 407-366-3032 or on my cell at 407-448-6023. Tina Crampton

2010 Spring Drama Production: Orlando Lutheran Academy 2010 Spring Drama Production "Love Thy Neighbor" will be Saturday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 11th at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Luke's Lutheran School auditorium (2025 West State Road 426, Oviedo). (**See separate attachment with drama production poster!**)

Meet Leona Crump, the neighborhood's judgmental homeowner, as she gets ready to meet her new neighbors. See what happens when Leona's worst fears come to life when an odd-ball "hill-folk" family moves in across the street. They don't quite meet Leona's expectations! This wonderful comedy will keep you laughing from the beginning to end. Come out and support the OLA Drama Club and the graduating members final curtain call!

OLA Recycling Projects: Collections continue for aluminum cans, old Christmas light strings or wire, old cell phones, empty ink cartridges, etc. We also collect Box Tops for Education labels. Publix will double your box tops! Check it out! Please send in your box top labels by the middle of March to be sent off for this school year and then we will continue to collect for next year. If you have any questions, call Tina Crampton 407-448-6023

Game Schedule:

- Friday, Feb. 12 changed to Saturday, Feb. 13 - Varsity Baseball: Away - Mt. Dora Bible Preseason Classic - Friday game change to Saturday at 1:30 PM at Mt. Dora Bible vs. Mt. Dora Bible

- Varsity Boys Basketball: Away Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 & 13 - Class 1A, District 6 Tournament at Foundation Academy, Winter Garden - Friday at 7:30 OLA vs. Faith Christian Academy in the Semifinal game; Saturday at 7 PM District Championship game
- Tuesday, Feb. 16 – Varsity Baseball at home vs. Faith Christian at 7 PM
- Thursday, Feb. 18 – Varsity Baseball at home vs. Temple Christian at 6 PM

Come Check it Out! Stop by the office and check out the poster for “**Crusader Gear**” and show your support for OLA Athletics!!! Be sure to notice all the good-looking clothing models! Quality embroidered and reasonably priced Crusader Hoodies, Hats, Shirts and much more are available at our on-line store. **Simply go to embroidery-solutions.com, select “corporate clients” and then choose “Orlando Lutheran Crusader Gear.”** A portion of every sale goes to your favorite OLA team!!

Personalized Crusader Decals: Displaying a personalized Orlando Lutheran Academy decal is a great way to show your support for your child and our school. We have decals for all of the different sports programs as well as art, band, and choir. The decals may be personalized with the students name and number, and are available for only \$10.00 (the “The Orlando Lutheran Academy” decal is only \$5.00). You may purchase your decals through the school office or by contacting Carolyn Duda at dduda@cfl.rr.com or 407-971-8766. Order yours today! Order Forms available online.

For the latest news, pictures and recognitions for each OLA team go to OLA web-site/ Student Activites/ Athletics/ Athletic Headlines. For game schedules and directions for each OLA team go to OLA web-site/ Student Activites/ Athletics/ Athletic Calendar.

The Orlando Lutheran Academy 2009-2010 Theme:

“Renewing Minds, Transforming Lives, Living Faith”

“Romans 12:2”



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