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Dear OLA Families,

At the Town Hall Meeting on Monday, February 15, I reported to you that OLA faces a financial problem of a significant magnitude, one that the Board of Directors has been unable to address through additional borrowings or fundraising efforts. At that meeting I also reported on the other options the Board is pursuing to keep OLA viable, primarily negotiating a sale/leaseback option with Valencia Community College, and holding the recent Winter Carnival. In addition, I committed that the Board would do its best to communicate within 30 days whether OLA would be able to open again in 2011.

After inspecting the site and attempting to muster the funds to consider purchasing OLA's campus, Valencia informed us formally on March 5th that they were not able to proceed with negotiations for the OLA site, and declined to make an offer. In addition, while the Winter Carnival was a great success in terms of morale and volunteer effort, the unexpectedly cold and rainy weekend weather prevented the carnival from being the financial success that we had all hoped it would be. It was certainly not due to lack of effort or commitment, and I wish to thank Jena Eggert and each of you who gave so unselfishly of your time to make the event a success. In light of these setbacks, the Board has rekindled negotiations with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, the mortgage holder on the OLA property, to discuss the conditions under which LCEF would consider restructuring OLA's debt to allow it to re-open in 2011.

Please understand that our negotiations with LCEF may not be concluded by March 15th, so I ask for your patience for just a little while longer, and assure you that the Board will communicate with you as soon as it can give you a definitive answer on whether the school can open for the 2010-2011 school year and re-registration can be commenced.

Meanwhile, please keep OLA's teachers, staff, students, and families in your prayers.

David Duda
President, Board of Directors

Word for the Week: CONSCIENTIOUSNESS

Garage Sale sponsored by the 8th Grade: The Garage Sale sponsored by the 8th Grade is tomorrow, Saturday, March 13, from 8 AM to 3 PM in the cafeteria. This will help pay for 8th grade graduation and other expenses! What doesn't sell we will donate to charity and have it picked up. Come shop with us!

Family Worship: You're invited...and come as you are! Pastor Paul vonWerder of Hope Lutheran Church will be leading a special time of family worship this Sunday morning, March 14, from 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the OLA gym. Students and families will experience a time with God different from a traditional worship service. Dress casual for our time of singing, an interactive message, and refreshments.

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 February 2010 include:

Math Department – Emaly Ferrer (7th), Rubina Kandiah (12th)

Science Department – Garrett Gill (6th), Natalie Duda (10th)

English Department – Lexi vonWerder (7th), Meaghan Shea (12th)

Reading Department – Riley Greenwood (7th)

Social Studies Department - Ryan Soud (8th), Jack Goggin (11th)

Theology Department – Daniela Restrepo (7th), Jazmin Lugo (11th)

Art Department – Anthony Deese (8th), Jenny Lee (12th)

Music Department – JuliAnne Rach (6th), Michael Johnstone (9th)

Foreign Language Department – Dominic Brignoni (8th), Libby DeLemos (10th)

Practical Arts Department – Rebecca Rodriguez (12th)

College Application Program (CAP): The final activity for this school year for the CAP program is the ACT practice test for the 10th Grade. That practice test date is Saturday, March 20 at 8:30 a.m. Thank you to Mrs. Kallina for all her work with grades 8-12 this school year and sharing valuable information with the students and parents.

Lunch Menu for March 15-19:

Monday – Papa John Pizza

Tuesday – Chicken Parmesan Pasta, Fruit Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookie

Wednesday – Chicken Noodle Soup, Italian Deli Wrap, Potato Chips

Thursday – Baked Potato Bar

Friday – Chick-fil-A

St. Luke's Lutheran School Auction: "We Are HIS Shining Stars!" St. Luke's Lutheran School Auction will be Saturday, May 15, 2010 in the Pegasus Ballroom at UCF. The auction is a night of food and fun, along with live entertainment, prize drawings, live and silent auction, as well as an evening of fellowship among friends. There will be a surprise message from a local superstar! Tickets: \$60 per person/\$110 per couple. Tickets purchased by April 1 will be entered in a drawing for free admission (value two tickets). For ticket, corporate table and donation information contact: Pam Blackburn at 407-977-7107 or Jen Knoerzer at 407-234-3279.

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!

2010 Spring Drama Production: The 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). Admission is \$5 each performance. **(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. 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

Athletic Department News

Crusader Baseball off to a great start! The Varsity Baseball team is off to one of their best starts in several years according to head coach Todd Bortz. The Crusaders opened the season 4-0 and jumped out to a pair of wins over district and conference opponents thanks to some strong bats and great pitching. OLA scored 17, 20, and 19 runs in 3 of those first four games, and allowed less than 3 runs per game. A pair of tough 2-run losses to district opponents, Foundation Academy and CFCA, have dropped the team's record to 4-2. The Crusaders have 3 games this week and are looking forward to recharging their bats from the hot start.

'Luther' alum leads hoops team to state championship: 1991 Orlando Lutheran Academy graduate David Bailey led the Winter Park High School boys basketball team to the 2010 FHSAA Class 6A Boys Basketball State Championship on Saturday March 6. Winter Park defeated Dr. Phillips 76-57 in the first matchup for the state championship between two orange county public schools. While at Luther High School, the school name in 1991, Bailey was an All-conference and All-county basketball player for the Crusaders during his sophomore through senior seasons. He later went on to play basketball at Concordia University Chicago, where he holds the career record for 3pt shot made with 277 from 1991-1995.
Congratulations Coach Bailey!

2010 Flag Football season around the corner - Lady Crusaders prepare for 2nd season, 1st in district: The 2010 season of flag football begins on Wednesday March 17, 7pm at Timber Creek High School against the Wolves. Last year's inaugural season was a boost for girls athletics at OLA. The excitement of 2009 will carry into this season as the Lady Crusaders compete in district competition against 8 Orange County public schools. Coach Wesley Morton expects a different outcome from the close losses of last year thanks to a better understanding of the game. Home games will be played at The Orlando Lutheran Academy on Dominick J. Hurt Sports Complex. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students. ***Find some time this spring to catch Flag Football Fever!***

2010 Flag Football Schedule (home games **Bold** and *Italics*)

March 17 @ Timber Creek, 7pm

March 19 vs University, 7pm

March 22 @ Winter Park, 7pm

March 24 vs Boone, 7pm

April 6 @ Cypress Creek, 7pm

April 8 vs East River, 7pm

April 12 @ Lake Nona, 7pm

April 14 vs Oak Ridge, 7pm

Crusader Hoopsters playing in Central Florida Showcase: Orlando Lutheran Academy seniors Faysal Shafaat and Lucas Machado will represent OLA and Team Orange County in the 2010 Central Florida Senior All-Star Showcase on Saturday March 13, 2010 at Lyman (Longwood) High School gymnasium. The Orange County all-star team will play Polk County all-stars at 7pm, and Seminole County all-stars at 8:30pm. Shafaat and Machado will be playing alongside members of Winter Park's 6A state championship team, as well as seniors from 6A state runner-up Dr. Phillips.

Shafaat, who signed a football letter of intent to play at University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, is a 3-year varsity letterwinner and averaged 15.7 ppg, and an orange county best 12 rebounds per game for the Crusaders, who finished 17-9 this past season. Machado, who is still undecided on his basketball future on the college level, averaged 12.1 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 2.5 apg, and shot a team-high 86% from the free-throw line.

"I'm extremely proud of all Faysal and Lucas have done to help make our program successful, and I'm glad Central Florida will have a chance to see them compete against the big schools in these games," said OLA head coach Bryan Fulford.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Come out and support these Crusaders as they showcase their skills against Central Florida's best!

Spirit Night with The Orlando Lutheran Academy

at Buffalo Wild Wings - Waterford Lakes

Every 1st Tuesday of the Month!

20% of your bill benefits teams and groups of Orlando Lutheran Academy

Come join us for Fun, Fellowship & Wings every 1st Tuesday!

Our Next Spirit Night is Tuesday April 6, 2010

Game Schedule March 16-20:

- Thursday's baseball game against St. John Lutheran in Ocala has been rescheduled to April 19, time TBD.

- The Lake Brantley Classic, postponed due to rain Friday, has been rescheduled to Wednesday March 17 with field events at 3:00pm and running events at 4:30pm. Track & Field athletes will have early dismissal on Wednesday to arrive at Lake Brantley HS between 2:15 - 2:30pm.

Tuesday, March 16 Boys Varsity Baseball at home vs. Windermere Prep at 7:00

Wednesday, March 17 Girls Varsity Flag Football @ Timber Creek at 7:00

Boys & Girls Varsity Track @ Lake Brantley HS starting at 3:00/4:30

Thursday, March 18 Boys Varsity Baseball at home vs. Brevard Heat at 7:00

Friday, March 19 Boys Varsity Baseball @ Merritt Island Christian at 5:00

Girls Varsity Flag Football at home vs. University High School at 7:00
Saturday, March 20 Boys & Girls Varsity Track @ Royals Relays starting at 8:30 AM

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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