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### *Character in the Face of Adversity*

*We have all either been a part of or witness to an athletic contest where, by the time the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter or final innings began, everyone knew that our team was going to lose the contest. The reasons for this vary: the opponent was much more talented than us, our team was not prepared, or our team did not play to the level of their ability. Regardless of the reason, everyone on the team and in the stands knew that there was not going to be a comeback. We were going to lose the game.*

*It is during these times when defeat is imminent and unavoidable that the athlete's true character will show through. Does the athlete keep competing to the best of their ability to the very end or do they give up? Does the athlete continue to show a respect for the game and its rules or do they disrespect the game by disregarding and disobeying the officials? Does the athlete remain a sportsman to the end by respecting their opponent or do they take out their frustrations on their opponent with unsportsmanlike behavior?*

*As you probably have as well, I've witnessed both sides of an athlete's display of character in the face of impending defeat. Fortunately our athletes at OLA have typically display wonderful character even in the face of impending defeat. There are great lessons to be learned through participation in athletics. Many times the lessons learned through participation in athletics will have application in real life situations. This is one of those times.*

*It has been made apparent that our beloved school, The Orlando Lutheran Academy, is in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the game and that we are not going to win this contest. Defeat is imminent- our school is closing. Now then is the time that the lessons learned on the athletic courts and fields have a real life application for us.*

*Now is the time when our true character will show through. Will we keep competing in the classroom until the very end? Will we show respect for the rules and regulations of the school to the very end? Will we show respect for each other until the very end? My hope is that the students of OLA will, as they have shown on the athletic fields, be people of high character in the face of adversity.*

*We are the Crusaders. A Crusader is defined as a person who leads a vigorous concerted movement for a cause. Let us be Crusaders for the cause of Christ as our time together comes to an end. Let us be Crusaders for the cause of Christ as we move on to the places that life will take us next. Once a Crusader, Always a Crusader!*

*Mr. Jeffrey R. Knutson  
Principal*

## **Word for the Week: DEDICATION**

**Drama Production This Saturday & Sunday!** The OLA Spring drama production, Love Thy Neighbor, will be performed on Saturday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 11th at 1:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran School auditorium (2025 West State Road 426, Oviedo). This wonderful comedy will keep you laughing from the beginning to end. We would love for everyone to come out and support the OLA Drama Club and the graduating members final curtain call! The OLA Drama Club is extending **FREE ADMISSION** as a salute to Orlando Lutheran Academy.

### **Lunch Menu for April 12-16:**

Monday – Papa John Pizza

Tuesday – Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Brownie

Wednesday – Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit

Thursday – Chicken Noodle Soup, Turkey & Cheese Pita

Friday – Chick-fil-A

**Theology News:** Rev. Steve Wagner of Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN, is going to be at OLA next Monday, April 12, to speak with students and several classes about pastoral ministry and deaconess programs at our Lutheran seminary.

**Prom:** Prom tickets are available from Mrs. Taylor or Mr. Rach. Prom is April 23. Tickets are \$55 single/\$100 couple on-or-before this Friday, April 9. Tickets go up next week and cost \$65 single/\$110 couple on-or-before Friday, April 16. In order to make sure prom is the best it can be and to honor food ordering deadlines, no tickets will be sold after Friday April 16.

**Charity Challenge XXV** - All tickets and monies need to be turned in - if you still have yours, please turn them in to the office Monday morning. Thanks for your help with this!

**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!

**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

**Mark Your Calendar:**

April 23 - Prom  
May 11 - Band & Choir Concert  
May 12 - Morning With the Arts Program  
May 14 - OLO Day  
May 14 - Athletic Awards Banquet  
May 20 - Academic Awards Program  
May 27 - Eighth Grade Banquet  
May 29 - Graduation

**Game Schedule April 8-16:**

Thursday, Apr. 8	Boys Varsity Baseball @ Foundation Academy at 4:30 <b>Girls Varsity Flag Football at home vs. East River High School at 7:00</b>
Friday, Apr. 9	Boys Varsity Baseball @ Covenant Christian School at 4:00 Boys @ Girls Varsity Track @ the Royal Invitational starting at 4:30
Monday, Apr. 12	Girls Varsity Flag Football @ Lake Nona High School at 7:30
Wednesday, Apr. 14	<b>Girls Varsity Flag Football at home vs. Oak Ridge High School at 7:00</b>
Thursday, Apr. 15	Varsity Boys & Girls District Meet @ The First Academy starting at 11:00 AM <b>Boys Varsity Baseball at home vs. Central Florida Christian Academy at 7:00</b>
Friday, Apr. 16	Boys Varsity Baseball @ Windermere Prep at 3:30

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

The Orlando Lutheran Academy 2009-2010 Theme:

***“Renewing Minds, Transforming Lives, Living Faith”***

“Romans 12:2”



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