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Spirit Week! It may quite possibly be the most anticipated week of the school year. It is always interesting to see what the students (and teachers!) come up with on dress-up days including Twin Day, Neon Day, Celebrity Day, Pajama Day and Green & Gold Day. The contests held throughout the week included the class cheer, class poster contest, door-decorating contest, lip-sync contest and more, which sparked friendly yet fierce competition among the classes. The Powder Puff football game on Friday morning was a closely contested battle between the underclassmen 9th and 10th grade girls and upperclassmen 11th and 12th grade girls with the underclassmen winning a hard fought victory. The week culminated in a pep rally featuring our very own pep band and needless to say the gym was rocking! The week was topped off with a rousing victory by our Crusader football team on Friday and a dance on Saturday that will be a night to remember by all. If you had the opportunity to witness any of our Spirit Week events I know that you will agree with me that Crusader Pride was in full display on our campus and in our students.

We are truly blessed at The Orlando Lutheran Academy with fine students that are filled with the Spirit as they so aptly demonstrated this past week. Note that I intentionally capitalized the S in Spirit in the last sentence. Our students are filled with the Holy Spirit! We have the unique opportunity to live our faith in

our classrooms, hallways, parking lots and athletic fields each and every day. What a privilege we have been blessed with. Our students have been transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit. They are Crusaders for Jesus!

Renewing Minds, Transforming Lives, Living Faith

*Jeffrey R. Knutson
Principal*

Word for the Week: EMPATHY

PSAT: All sophomores and juniors will write the PSAT (preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) on Wednesday, October 14th during first through fifth period. Students are to bring a calculator and #2 pencils to the test. The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), cosponsored by the College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, is an important **first step towards college**. Test results and their accompanying analysis are valuable tools that can help prepare students for the SAT® and education opportunities beyond high school.

Wednesday Lunches: Because of the PSAT schedule, lunches will be reversed on Wednesday. Middle School lunch will be first at 11:18 and High School lunch will be at 12:01.

2010 National Merit Scholarship Program: The Orlando Lutheran Academy announces that senior Jeffrey Knutson has been named a Commended Student in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation will be presented by the principal to this talented senior. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

2009 Spirit Week and Homecoming: Thank you to Mrs. Leech, the teachers and students, and all the volunteer parents for a super Spirit Week and Homecoming Dance! Congratulations to the Crusader football team on their victory over Central Florida Christian Academy 47-6! Congratulations also to the 2009 Homecoming Court: Freshmen - Ashley Proveaux-Moorefield and Plenio Massiah, Sophomores - Caralyn Kroeplin and Joshua Knutson, Juniors - Jessenia Marrero and Toure Hunt, and Seniors - Cecelia Lukas and Jacob Hardy; Melissa Purslow and John Parisi with 2009 Homecoming King and Queen - Adam Czaplewski and Faye Huerta!

Join us for the **Crusader Club Meeting** this Monday night, October 12th, at 6 PM in the cafeteria. Come and be a part of your OLA sports' booster organization. The new Winter volunteer calendar is online now and will be available at the meeting. You can sign up to help at the gate or at concessions. Earn your volunteers hours and enjoy a varsity sport event! Visit the Crusader Club web page on the OLA website for more information or contact Francesca Knutson at jfknutson@comcast.net.

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 August/September 2009 include:
Math Department – JuliAnne Rach (6th), Adrian Mora (11th)
Science Department – Gabe Davison (8th), Natalie Wilkins (12th)
English Department – Zachary DaSilva (6th), Sanaan Khattak (12th)
Reading Department – Anya Rallison (6th)
Social Studies Department – Jamison Freeburg (8th), Brice Gill (12th)
Theology Department – Samuel Norris (8th), Meaghan Shea (12th)
Art Department – Jade vonWerder (6th), Matthew Stapp (12th)
Music Department – Joe Kraft (6th), Kailey Jewell (12th)
Foreign Language Department – Brianna Perry (8th), Daryan Tartibi (9th)
Practical Arts Department – Kylie Harvill (7th), Melissa Purslow (12th)

Pasta For Pennies: Our school has joined 22,000 schools nationwide in the Olive Garden's Pasta for Pennies program. For the next few weeks, we will help adults and children who are sick with blood cancers like leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. All you have to do is collect coins and put them in your child's classroom collection box. The top fundraising classroom will win an Olive Garden Hospitaliano Luncheon! Every cent counts so start collecting today!

The 9th Grade Work Day on campus is this Saturday, October 17th, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. This is a great opportunity to clean up the landscaping in the front of the building while spending time with friends and family, all while earning Crusader Pride Points and Service Hours for graduation.

LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING: There will be a meeting next Wednesday at 7:30 am in Mr. Rach's room for any student (8th grade and older) who would like information or would like to sign-up to attend the National Youth Gathering which will be held next July 17-21 in New Orleans, LA. (This is a "mandatory" meeting if you would like to go. We have to begin turning our registration materials in to the NYG office by October 24.) If you have questions before the meeting, please see student Jeff Knutson or Mr. Rach.

I scream, you scream, we all scream for . . . HONEYBAKED HAM! In just 30 short days the opportunity to purchase HoneyBaked Ham gift certificates will return to The Orlando Lutheran Academy in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner. Rumor has it that the 8 lb ham certificate is coming back! That's a \$50 - \$55 8 lb HoneyBaked ham for only \$39.99! HoneyBaked Ham gift certificates make great Christmas gifts for friends and family (or your child's favorite teacher! wink, wink). Own a business? Looking for a gift to give your employees that they will definitely appreciate? How about a HoneyBaked Ham gift certificate? Certificates will be available in \$10, \$25, \$35, \$50, \$75 denominations as well as the 8 lb ham certificate for \$39.99. Look for more details in upcoming issues of the Communicator.

College Application Program (CAP): The Orlando Lutheran Academy continues to implement the College Application Program. Mrs. Kallina directs this program that has the purpose of helping students find and gain admission to their preferred college or university. Look for announcements in the Crusader Communicator for weekend and evening opportunities to improve your chance of acceptance to the college or university of your choice. Parents and students are encouraged to attend these 1-hour evening workshops. Juniors and sophomore students may practice writing the ACT and SAT entrance exams. Juniors have this opportunity during the fall semester and sophomores may participate during spring semester. The 8th grade families will learn basic strategies they should use to improve their academic success. Check the school calendar for specific workshops and testing dates. Look for the specific topics for grade-level workshops in the Crusader Communicator. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Kallina by email at ckallina@orlandolutheranacademy.org or by telephone at 407-275-7750, ext 20. I look forward to this opportunity to continue my ministry with families at The Orlando Lutheran Academy. Carol Kallina

The following is this year's schedule of meetings and practice testing dates.

GRADE LEVEL COLLEGE APPLICATION PROGRAM WORKSHOPS
SCHEDULE FOR STUDENT AND PARENT MEETINGS*

2009-2010

8 TH GRADE:	Monday, November 2	7:00 PM	next meeting
11 TH GRADE:	Wednesday, January 13	7:00 PM	
12 TH GRADE:	Wednesday, January 20	7:00 PM	

Unless otherwise announced, College Application Program Workshops meet in the cafeteria.

SAT AND ACT PRACTICE TEST DATES

2009-2010

11 TH GRADE	Saturday, October 17	8:30 AM	(ACT)	next practice test
10 TH GRADE	Saturday, February 20	8:30 AM	(SAT)	
	Saturday, March 20	8:30 AM	(ACT)	

*Please check your Crusader Communicator to see if any of the meeting dates and times change.

College Representatives to visit OLA: Juniors and seniors, are you making your college plans? Do you plan to attend a four-year school? Do you know what college and universities may fit your needs?

- On Tuesday, October 20th, please visit with Rob Lowe an admissions counselor from the Florida Institute of Technology. Mr. Lowe will meet with students at 9:15.

- On Tuesday, November 10 the representative from Gustavus Adolphus University will be here from 9:45 to 10:15.

PTL Meeting Wednesday at 5:30 in the Virtual Lab/Library (see agenda as separate e-mail)

PTL is looking for an experienced librarian (volunteer position)

PTL is heading up the "NEW and IMPROVED" media center (library) at OLA. In doing so we need a volunteer that could possibly coordinate the following...

- Manage the library facility to provide flexible access to the resources at the point of need
- Provide instruction for students and teachers on search strategies
- Promote the enjoyment of reading
- Coordinate and plan the development of long range/strategic library goals and applications
- Maintain, assist, and implement instruction as a resource person to teachers and students
- Collaborate with staff regarding the curriculum development and support
- Coordinate a collection of materials which support OLA

Please send response to: Jena Eggert @ gojena@bellsouth.net

PTL is looking for an IT expert (volunteer position)

PTL is beginning the process of trying to update OLA software. In doing so we need a volunteer to work directly with Mr. Knutson and Mr. Fulford with software updates and installation.

Please send response to: Jena Eggert @ gojena@bellsouth.net

PTL is beginning a campaign to revamp the library at OLA. We are looking for any unwanted books that you might have at home that you would be willing to donate to our school library. Here are a just a few examples...Resource sets/art literature sets/novels...you name it, we can use it! Please have students take the donated books directly to the library. Please stack the books on the table to the left of the door. (Please do not send them to the office, our volunteers will be looking for them in the library.) As Always..Thank You! Your PTL

Important Lunch Information. Parents and students, please check your lunch accounts on PowerSchool weekly. Any student with a negative lunch balance may be denied lunch. You may pay lunch accounts through the school office or the website; www.orlandolutheranacademy.org. Under “Current Students” click “replenish lunch account.” Be sure to type the student name and lunch in the “designation” box. Note: You can set an email reminder for lunch balances in PowerSchool. Click on <email notification>, check the <balance alert box> and set it for “once a week” in the <how often box>. You must also provide your email address in the correct box. The alert is only emailed to you if your balance falls below \$10.

Lunch Menus for October 19-22:

Monday – Papa John Pizza

Tuesday – All Beef Hot Dog, tator tots, pears, pudding

Wednesday – Chicken Noodle Soup, Italian deli-wrap, potato chips

Thursday – Stir Fried Chicken, side of Rice, Dessert

Friday – No School

REMINDER OF OLA LUNCH PROCEDURES:

- **ORDERS:** Please order Chef Scott's Hot Lunch and Chick-fil-A on Fridays or Mondays for the following week. Reminder that pizza Monday needs no pre-order. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday tossed salad, fresh fruit, mac & cheese, or turkey box lunch are available with no pre-order. On Friday tossed salad, fresh fruit, or turkey box lunch are available with no pre-order.

- **Prices for School Lunches:** OLA will charge \$2.00 for the tossed salad, fresh fruit or mac and cheese side dishes, \$3.50 for the Turkey Box Lunch, and \$4.50 for the hot lunch from Chef Scott on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The cost of Monday's Papa John's pizza remains as \$1.50 per slice. The cost of Chick-fil-A is \$3.00 per sandwich or box of nuggets, and \$5.00 for the salad entrée which is available on Friday. Student will need to bring lunch from home when there are no funds in the lunch account.

BASKETBALL MEETINGS:

- All boys interested in playing basketball this upcoming season - high school and middle school - should plan on meeting with Coach Fulford for a few minutes after school on Wednesday, October 21 at 2:45 in the cafeteria.

- All girls interested in playing basketball this upcoming season - high school and middle school - should plan on meeting with Coach Matt Wheeler for a few minutes after school on Friday, October 16 at 3:10 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Please be on time if you're attending. If you're unable to attend either meeting, please make arrangements to notify Coach Wheeler or Coach Fulford in advance.

MS Basketball Coaches Needed: The Orlando Lutheran Academy is looking for middle school basketball coaches. We are in need of both a girls middle school and boys middle school coach. If you are interested or know someone who may be right for the job, please contact our Middle School Athletic Director Tim Leech (407-275-7750 ex. 35, tleech@orlandolutheranacademy.org) or our Athletic Director Bryan Fulford (407-275-7750 ex. 12, bfulford@orlandolutheranacademy.org).

Letterman Jackets - LAST CHANCE: If you missed the September 28th deadline to order Orlando Lutheran Academy Letterman Jackets, you still have a chance to order jackets before the end of the year. Please pick up, and/or submit an order form by October 19 and you will still have a varsity letterman jacket before Christmas!

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 Now Available: 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.

Crusader Club

Crusader Pride Banners:

Individual Banner: Cost \$100.00 Display proudly a 2.5’ x 4’ banner to brag about your favorite OLA Student or show your support of OLA. (‘Go Emily Smith #20 Spike it! From Mom, Dad, and John’ or ‘Anthony’s Pizza Parlor supports OLA Crusaders’)

Corporate Gym Banner: Cost \$200.00 A full color vinyl 3’ x 6’ banner will be produced and placed in the gymnasium during the 2009-10 season with the design of your choice.

Corporate Field Banner: Cost \$300.00 A full color vinyl 4’ x 6’ banner will be produced and placed on the athletic field fence during the 2009-10 season with the design of your choice. (Receive a \$50.00 discount if you renew your banner or provide your own banner, cost \$250.00)

Sports Media Guide:

Color (limited) and black/white ads are available in the seasonal *Sports Media Guide*, The Orlando Lutheran Academy Crusader athletic program. This limited edition program will be available at home games played at The Orlando Lutheran Academy during the 2009-10 season. Advertise your business or shout your Crusader pride!

Program Advertisement Ad 1-season B/W (Color) Ad 3-season B/W (Color)

Full page: 8’ x 10” \$200 (\$250) \$550 (\$750)

Half page: 8” x 5” \$150 \$400

Quarter page: 4” x 5” \$100 \$250

Game Day Program:

Cost \$300.00 Color 2-sided *GameDay* program viewed by host and guest fans and supporters will feature your company in the middle of rosters of both teams, and color team and individual pictures of The Orlando Lutheran Academy team playing (only applies to: Football, Volleyball, Boys & Girls Basketball, Soccer, Baseball and Flag Football teams). All sponsorship funds go directly to the athletic program.

Sports Passes:

All-Sports Pass (All teams, All seasons)

- Individual (1)- \$100
- Couple* (2)- \$150
- Family* (4)- \$200

* Names associated with each pass must be listed.

* Current OLA students and children 5 and under should not be listed.

Games for the Week Oct. 12-17:

Monday, Oct. 12	Golf at Turtle Creek Golf Club vs. Merritt Island Christian (2:15)	4:00
Tuesday, Oct. 13	MS and Varsity Volleyball at home vs. Windermere Prep	5:00/ 6:30

Wednesday, Oct. 14	Multi-Team Swim Meet at Lake Highland Prep	4:00
	Varsity Volleyball at home vs. Father Lopez High School	6:00
Thursday & Friday, Oct. 15&16	- Golf Mid-Florida Christian Conference Tournament	TBA
Thursday, Oct. 15	Middle School Volleyball at home vs. Trinity Lutheran	4:30
	Varsity Volleyball at home vs. Brevard Christian	5:30
	Middle School Soccer at home vs. Trinity Lutheran	6:00
- Friday, Oct. 16	Football at Cypress Creek High School vs. Pine Castle Christian	7:00
- Saturday, Oct. 17	Middle School Volleyball Playoffs at Faith Christian Academy	TBA

(For directions refer to the OLA web-site/ Student Activites/ Athletics/ Calendar. For the latest news on each OLA team go to OLA web-site/ Student Activites/ Athletics/ Athletic Headlines.)

The Orlando Lutheran Academy 2009-2010 Theme:
“Renewing Minds, Transforming Lives, Living Faith”

“Romans 12:2”



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