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With the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year completed, the time feels right to be able to catch one's breath after a hectic finish to the semester. My encouragement to you is to take the time to do what is really important during this Christmas season: Spend time in church celebrating the birth of our Savior; cherish the opportunity to gather with family and friends; and enjoy the chance to recharge your energy level with some extra time to rest and relax.

I am so very thankful to be a part of the ministry here at The Orlando Lutheran Academy. I serve with the most dedicated and servant-minded faculty and staff that I have ever been a part of. Our families and students have shown their great love for our school through their heartfelt response to our "Finish Strong" campaign.

As you ponder the miracle of the baby born in a lonely manger who was sent to save us from our sins, I would remind you that miracles happen all the time. Believe it. Your faith can move mountains and even save schools from closing. It is my hope that this Christmas season will bring you all great peace and joy.

*Jeffrey R. Knutson
Principal*

Word for the Week: CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas to the Entire OLA Family!

The blessings from above just continue to come through the faithfulness of our OLA families and friends. I am so encouraged by your gracious outpouring of support to the ministry of Orlando Lutheran Academy.

Last Thursday night we did our phone-a-thon, and many of your phones were a ringing! We had a great group of volunteers reaching out to our OLA families and alumni so that we all have an opportunity to support the “Finish Strong” Campaign.

After just two weeks, I am proud to announce that we have over \$83,000 committed in gifts and pledges to the ministry of OLA. While this is a huge accomplishment, we still have matching money that is not matched. So if you have yet to pledge your support to Orlando Lutheran Academy, now is the time! You are welcome to make a year end gift to take advantage of a tax deduction for 2009. Or you can make a pledge today and monthly payments from January through May. However you decide to support Orlando Lutheran Academy, it is much appreciated!

As the students and teachers take a well deserved vacation, please enjoy your family time together. May your hearts be turned to the real meaning of Christmas, a babe in the manger who gave his life to save each one of us! And please continue to pray for the ministry of OLA, so that we can “Finish Strong!”
Nikki Rach, Vice President, OLA Board of Directors

2010-2011 Re-Registration Process: We are proud of your child's accomplishments this semester and look forward to the second semester of the 2009-2010 school year with high expectations. Watch for further information in the near future about 2010-2011 school year re-registration process.

Christmas Break Office Hours: The school office will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

Financial Accounts: With the end of the semester approaching quickly, this is a reminder to make your account current with the Business Office. This would include obligations such as tuition, lunch account, and athletic fees. First semester report cards will be sent the week of December 21 to all families whose accounts are current.

School Resumes on Monday, January 4th at 8:00 a.m.

Thank You PTL and Families: A great big THANK YOU SO MUCH goes to Mrs. Eggert and all her PTL helpers for all the work of collecting the secret Angel Christmas Tree gift cards for the faculty Christmas gift and setting up and preparing the dinner for the faculty Christmas party. **Thank you to all the families who participated** in this project and made this a very special time for your child's teachers!

The results of the AMC-8 are in! Congratulations to the following students for their efforts on this Mathematics Competition. Third highest score was earned by seventh grader Bo Alexander. Tying for 2nd are sixth grader Garrett Gill and eighth grader Harrison Jarman. Taking top honors this year is eighth grader Jamison Freeburg. Way to go Crusaders!

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 November 2009 include:

Math Department – Harrison Jarman (8th), Rubina Kandiah (12th)

Science Department – Hallie Jewell (6th), Max Crawford (11th), Libby DeLemos (10th)

English Department – Christopher Nix (8th), Emma Eggert (10th)

Reading Department – Dominic Brignoni (8th)

Social Studies Department - Hector Velazquez (8th), Michael Johnstone (9th)

Theology Department – Jonathan Rach (8th), Natalie Duda (10th)

Art Department – Kailey Jewell (12th)

Music Department – Jeremy Neumann (7th), Sanaan Khattak (12th)

Foreign Language Department – JuliAnne Rach (6th), Jamison Freeburg (8th)

Practical Arts Department – Zachary DaSilva (6th), Natalie Lehenbauer (10th)

SPIRIT NIGHT @ Buffalo Wild Wings: The next night is Tuesday, January 5th - Remind your friends and family to come to Buffalo Wild Wings at Waterford Lakes from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. to eat, fellowship, and support The Orlando Lutheran Academy every 1st Tuesday of the Month! 20% of your bill goes back to a specific department, class, team or group hosting. This month - all proceeds with benefit the Athletic Department and Crusader Club. Show your Crusader Pride and be prepared to eat some wings!

OLA Recycling Projects:

In efforts to help our wonderful school, I am willing to collect cans and old Christmas lights or wire to take it to the recycling place. Please save them over the holiday break and bring them in when school starts.

Drop your collection by the dumpsters and I'll pick them up between 8 and 8:30 AM. The aluminum cans will bring in \$.40 a pound and wire or lights bring in around \$.75 a pound. It's not a lot of money but it is at no cost to anyone and it brings in some money.

I believe that God can multiply just as Jesus multiplied the fish for the hungry. Save and bring in what you can. My neighbors and I will do the same. God Bless and have a Happy Holiday, Tina Crampton 407-448-6023. (P.S. We also collect Box Tops for Education labels - they can be turned in to the office - and recycle empty printer ink cartridges and old cell phones.)

Emerald Evening 2010 Cancelled: The OLA Board of Directors has accepted a recommendation from the Emerald Evening Committee to cancel the 2010 event scheduled for February 20th. The Committee felt that it was more important to focus on the financial appeal currently underway and not distract our friends, families and major donors from the task at hand. We plan to be back in 2011 with another fantastic event. Thanks to all of you who supported this event in the past.

Christmas Market & Tree Sales: Thank you to Mrs. Eggert and all the parents, faculty, students and friends who helped with the Christmas Market! Mrs. Shea and her crew had a very successful Christmas tree sale this year – thank you for your support and we'll be glad to sell you a tree next year!

Music Concerts: Thank you to Mr. Eric Coomer for the great high school and middle school concerts this month. Congratulations to the Academy Band and Academy Choir and the Middle School Band and Choir for all their hard work!

Crusader Pride Friday T-Shirts (Begins Friday, January 8th) The first official day that students may begin to wear their new Crusader Pride T-Shirt and Jeans is Friday, January 8th, 2009. On Friday, December 11th, our Crusader Pride Friday T-Shirt artist (winner), senior Kailey Jewell was recognized in Chapel. Great job, Kailey! Your PTL

Florida Bright Futures Scholarships: Seniors are reminded that the 2010-11 Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) is available online. Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org and select State Grants, Scholarships and Applications and Apply Here to complete the online application. Submitting the FFAA is the only method of applying for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship.

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

11TH GRADE:	Wednesday, January 13	7:00 PM	(next meeting)
12TH 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

10TH GRADE	Saturday, February 20	8:30 AM	(SAT)
	Saturday, March 20	8:30 AM	(ACT)

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.

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.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Crusader Christmas Shootout (Basketball Tournament)

The Orlando Lutheran Academy Girls & Boys basketball programs will be hosting the 1st Annual Crusader Christmas Shootout on December 22-23, 2009 in the Steiger Fieldhouse. Featuring teams from around Central Florida, Lakeland and Jacksonville, the Crusader Christmas Shootout will be the perfect opportunity to see some good basketball over the holiday break.

Games begin at 2:30pm on Tuesday December 22, and continue on with the Lady Crusaders playing at 5:30pm against (Jacksonville) Raines and the boys playing East River at 7pm.

Daily admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and children ages 5 and older. All-tournament passes may be purchased for \$10 & \$8 - adults and students/children, respectively. OLA Faculty and Students will be admitted FREE with 2009-2010 school ID.

Crusader Christmas Shootout

Tournament Game Schedule

All games in bold are the Girls games.

Games in italics are the Boys games

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

GAME 1	2:30 PM:	Timber Creek vs. Harmony
GAME 2	4:00 PM:	<i>Tavares vs Santa Fe Catholic (Lakeland)</i>
GAME 3	5:30 PM:	Raines (Jacksonville) vs. Orlando Lutheran Academy
GAME 4	7:00 PM:	<i>East River vs. Orlando Lutheran Academy</i>

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

2:30 PM:	Loser of Game 1 vs. Loser of Game 3
4:00 PM:	<i>Loser of Game 2 vs. Loser of Game 4</i>
5:30 PM:	Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 3
7:00 PM:	<i>Winner of Game 2 vs. Winner of Game 4</i>

Visiting teams are listed first, wear dark uniforms

Host: The Orlando Lutheran Academy

Address: 550 N. Econlockhatchee Trail
Orlando, FL 32825

Admission: (1 day) \$6 adults, \$5 children (5+) and students
(2 day) \$10 adults, \$8 children (5+) and students

Tournament Director: Bryan Fulford, Athletic Director

Contact: (407) 275-7750 ext. 12
(407) 733-6714 – cell
(407) 277-1288 – fax
bfulford@orlandolutheranacademy.org

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.

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.

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.

The Orlando Lutheran Academy 2009-2010 Theme:

“Renewing Minds, Transforming Lives, Living Faith”

“Romans 12:2”



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