

2017-18 School Year

To 7th and 8th Grade Parents:

Though your child is still enrolled in middle school many of you are already beginning to make plans for high school. We'd love to have you consider sending your child to Lutheran High School of Orange County after 8th grade graduation for the quality education they provide. To be able to do that involves a significant cost to you which, we know, also enters in to your deliberations. Well, consider this! We have a voucher program that may be able to help you with some of the cost of sending your child to Orange Lutheran.

Hephatha is a part of an association of Lutheran churches that supports Lutheran High School of Orange County. Tuition for 2017-18 if paid all at once (Annual Plan) is as follows:

Non-Association Members = \$15,350

Association Members = -\$13,200

Difference = \$ 2,150 (the amount you save when the "Membership Card" is signed)

In the interest of full disclosure, please also know that for each voucher/membership card signed Hephatha must remit to Lutheran High \$750 from our collected Sunday morning offerings. Your generous weekly offerings added to that of others make us able to provide vouchers. Since this is church assistance we are providing from church funds, Hephatha has understandably set up certain pre-conditions to receive its voucher:

1. The student will have **completed 2 years of confirmation instruction** with pastor during the 7th and 8th grade years in order to become a member of Hephatha, or transferred in as a confirmed member from another Lutheran church. *[Students transferring in to Hephatha from the outside must be a faithful participant at worship services for 6 months before being eligible to apply for Hephatha's Lutheran High voucher.]* If this opportunity was missed for whatever reason, the "confirmed member" expectation could yet be met by your child taking the 10 week *Foundations of the Faith* class starting in his/her 8th grade year after Easter, but he/she would then forfeit the 1st year's eligibility for reduced tuition.

2. The student **must attend Sunday worship services at Hephatha a minimum of two Sundays each month** filling out the attendance card (Get Connected Card) and writing OLU on the card. (For the purpose of this requirement we evaluate your child's attendance from March 1—February 28 based on cards he/she turned in during the preceding year.)

3. The parent and/or student **will contribute significantly to the financial support of Hephatha Lutheran Church through numbered church offering envelopes or online giving.** (If you don't have envelopes contact the church office.) Though we haven't locked down the term "significantly," the parents should remember, as noted above, that each voucher signed costs the church \$750.

4. If your child is a student at Hephatha, **all monies owed the school must first be paid in full.**

Here are a few ways that your child can get involved in the body/life of Hephatha Lutheran Church: being an active member of our youth group (Rooted, Uprising), Praise Band, choir, being a worship vocalist, sound board/lighting/projection tech, VBS volunteer, Bag—It—Up outreach, doSomething outreach event, taking part in Sunday School ministry (being a leader/teacher/substitute) etc.

Vouchers once approved will then be re-evaluated annually for all students. If it is determined that the student no longer qualifies for this voucher by meeting the above mentioned requirements (confirmed member, faithful church attendance, and supporting the ministries of the church with your financial gifts, and if your child is a student at our school your account must be paid in full), Lutheran High will be notified and the student will return to full tuition status.

ALL 7TH & 8TH GRADE PARENTS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND A MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 2017, AT 11:00 A.M. AT THAT MEETING YOU'LL BE ASKED TO TURN IN THIS SIGNED FORM, YOU'LL RECEIVE SOME VITAL INFORMATION ABOUT CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION, THE VOUCHER POLICY AND BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

God's best to you and to your family.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Arthur Andrews

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ABOVE POLICY:

Signed _____ Date _____
(Parent Signature) (Print Parent Name)

1. My child plans to attend OLU My child doesn't plan to attend OLU (Please check one)
2. My child will be enrolled in Confirmation My child won't be enrolled (Please check one)

(Print Student Name)