



## OAK LAWN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 229

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# LEADING THE FIGHT TO END DUCHENNE

Dear Prospective Sponsors,

Oak Lawn Community High School's Senior Class Board is once again hosting its annual *Dancing with the Spartans* on Friday, March 11, 2011. The purpose of this event is to raise money and increase awareness for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Last year over 1200 people attended the event, helping to raise over \$17,000 for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy affects the son of one of our teachers and is the most common fatal genetic disorder diagnosed in childhood, affecting approximately 1 in every 3,500 live male births (about 20,000 new cases each year). Duchenne results in progressive muscle weakness which leads to serious medical problems, particularly issues relating to the heart and lungs. Young men with Duchenne typically live into their late twenties. 100% of the ticket sales and voting money will be donated to Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, a non-profit organization founded in 1994 by parents of children with muscular dystrophy. PPMD is nationally and internationally recognized as a leader in the Duchenne muscular dystrophy community.

OLCHS's event mirrors the style of *Dancing With The Stars* down to the final detail. Four male teachers and four female teachers were chosen by the students to be paired with professionals for two months of lessons and one night of competition. No detail will be spared: three judges with glittered number panels, a video montage of each dancer's journey, a large projection screen connected to a live-feed camera off stage in the "green room" where the dancers discuss their performance before the judges give their scores, and, of course, a mirror ball trophy. The votes are determined through a combination of judges' scores and the audience votes, which are \$1 per vote. Audience members may vote as many times as they choose.

We expect the event to be as much of a success as last year. The entire school is buzzing about this occasion and friends and family are anxiously awaiting performances. For more information on PPMD, please visit their website at [www.parentprojectmd.org](http://www.parentprojectmd.org).

On behalf of Oak Lawn Community High School, we would like to thank you for supporting our efforts to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy research and increase community awareness about this disease.

**100% of your donation will go directly** to the *Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy* organization to fund MD research, and you may use the **tax i.d. number 311405490**. **Please make checks out the "Parent Project MD"**. Parent project will send you a thank you letter that you can use for your records.

Any support your company can provide would be greatly appreciated.  
Sincerely,

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