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prepared to review the findings.

We are on the final leg of the 2015-2016 school year. Advanced Placement testing, the senior prom, graduation, selecting courses for the upcoming school year, welcoming incoming 9th graders, finalizing facility improvement projects, hiring new teachers, and assisting students suffering from the age-old ailment often referred to as Spring Fever. Whew! The list is daunting. Did I fail to mention how much we enjoy it? Just as spring is a time of renewed optimism, we find the challenge of the spring season invigorating and inspiring. While our "to-do list" is long, there are moments where we need to take the time to reflect and celebrate our shared mission of providing young men with a quality Catholic education. I recently experienced such a moment on a sunny spring afternoon as I pulled a file from my briefcase entitled "Senior Exit Survey" and

As I examined the results of the twelve item instrument, I came across an indicator that gave me a reason to pause. One of the survey inquiries asked seniors to rate their level of agreement with the statement, "I felt that at least one staff member took a genuine interest in me and personally and helped me to be successful throughout my time at O'Dea High School." The response to this query ranked highest on the survey with over ninety percent of the respondents indicating that they "agreed" or "strongly agreed" with the statement. What a revealing and encouraging finding, one that certainly gives reason to rejoice in the realization that we are making an authentic and affirming connection to the young men attending O'Dea. How fantastic it is to receive an acknowledgment from the students that the faculty and staff are a positive part of their lives. In a time where young men so desperately need guidance from wholesome and affirming relationships, knowing that we are having a productive impact on the preparation of

our students to be men of character, faith, and service is extraordinary.

I look forward to seeing you at many of our upcoming events throughout the

remainder of this school year. As always, thank you for the continued support and prayers for our students, their families, our faculty and staff, and the extended O'Dea

community. Go Irish! James Walker Principal Character. Faith. Service. **Monthly Calendar**

May 2nd: Spring Music Concert @ O'Dea May 3rd: Seattle Foundation's GiveBIG May 5th: Mass said by Archbishop Sartain celebrating Blessed Edmund Rice, 10am @ St. James Cathedral June 1st: Class of 2016 Graduation, 7pm @ St. James Cathedral June 20th: Alumni Golf Tournament @ Newcastle Click here to view the full O'Dea calendar! **BGCB's Inspirational 2016 Youth of the Year**

Congratulations David Bingham!

Congratulations to O'Dea senior, David Bingham, on being named the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue 2016 Youth of the Year!

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David participated in the Youth of the Year program along with other incredible candidates from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue's Teen Center. Each candidate wrote and delivered a powerful speech about their experience at Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue, and why they felt they were the best candidate for Youth of the Year. They also had an opportunity to meet individually with a panel of judges from community partners Toyota Financial Services and Best Buy. Candidates were judged on their leadership skills. service to the community, moral character and public speaking. "Youth of the Year is great opportunity for us to celebrate our extraordinary teens, whose

hard work and dedication has earned them the recognition they so deserve. This year's candidate pool was very impressive," said Kathy Haggart, President/CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue. "We are so proud of David's many accomplishments and look forward to seeing all that his bright future holds."

"David has told us that the Teen Center has truly become his home away from home. I've seen a lot of growth from David through his time here at The Club. I now see a very mature young man who has put the work in to succeed academically and we are all very proud of him," said Lance Latimer, BGCB Teen Center Unit Director. In his time as a member of Keystone Advisory, David has logged hundreds of volunteer hours, and his commitment to volunteering isn't just limited to The Club. At O'Dea High

School, he is Co-President of Black Students United for Excellence and Senior House President, where he is responsible for planning events and service projects for a large group of his school's students. Recently, David helped plan and organize a blood-drive at

the school. He is also a volunteer Youth Football Coach and works with Orion Youth

David will be attending Washington State University in Fall 2016 with plans to pursue a degree in Physical Therapy. We congratulate David on his many accomplishments!

Center to help serve meals to homeless teens in our community.

David has been coming to BGCB for seven years, since he moved to Bellevue. At first, he just saw the Club as somewhere he could go to get his homework done and hang out with friends. He was facing some challenges at home and wanted to find a place to go after

school. His involvement with Club activities quickly grew – and he's now an active member

in BE GREAT: Graduate, diplomas 2 Degrees, Cooking Club and Keystone Advisory.

David is also a scorekeeper and referee for the Clubs' Athletics programs.

PROGRAM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS O'Dea High School is pleased to announce the Little Irish Program, designed to match a young student (grades K-6) with a football player at O'Dea High School. This program

under the wings of a high school mentor, or "Big Brother."

Free admission for mentee, to all home football games

Participation in events during the football season

The Little Irish \$30 membership includes:

Participation in O'Dea football practices

 O'Dea Little Irish Jersey O'Dea Little Irish ID Card

of excitement for the years to come.

first playoff berth in O'Dea Lacrosse history!

a huge improvement from last year.

Lacrosse

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O'Dea Football

encourages the responsibility in our players to be positive role models not only for the Little Irish but for the entire O'Dea community, and that in turn, your child will flourish

 Individual activities with their O'Dea mentor We encourage you to visit our website and sign-up your son/daughter to be part of the Little Irish Program for the 2016 football season. If you have any questions please contact Joe Cronin, Program Coordinator, at jcronin@odea.org. Baseball The O'Dea Baseball program is wrapping up a very successful regular season with a lot of hope and excitement for the future. The Varsity Baseball team has finished the regular season with a 13-5 record in the Metro League, and the Valley Division #2 seed for this week's Metro League tournament. The Fighting Irish open the tournament on Friday, May 6th at 4:00 pm at Steve Cox Field in Whitecenter. against the winner of Franklin and Seattle Prep. The winner will then play Bainbridge Island on Saturday at 7pm in a winner to state, loser out matchup.

The JV Baseball team, led by Head Coach Vince Maughan '03 and Asst. Coach Andres Calderon '10, have a record of 18-1 going into their last game of the season on Tuesday, May 3rd. The Freshman Baseball team, with Head Coach John Buhrman '09 and Asst. Coach (as well as first year teacher) Dave Watson, have had an exciting season and are making great strides day in and day out. The success of the entire program creates a lot

The O'Dea varsity lacrosse team sits is 6-4 with all losses coming from 4 of the top 10 teams in state. We are currently tied for 1st place in the Metro Conference with 3 games left in the regular season. With an overtime victory against Lakeside we have clinched our

JV is currently 7-2 with their two losses coming from 2 of the top JV teams in state. This is

The future looks bright!! Thank you to all who have put in the effort to make this possible.

The Irish Track and Field team has had a great season and is now gearing up for the post season. We have been led by returning state placers Evan Mafilas and Logan Armstrong. We have also seen a number of athletes move up on the Metro League standings list recently, including fellow sprinters Landon Armstrong and Ben Johnson. Coach Dave Bazzi has his distance crew dropping time every week.

This week Henry Newstrom, Isaac Mohn, and Andrew Hogan all saw improvements. In the throws, Isaiah Carter is the man to beat in Metros and will be making a big push to be on the podium at the state track meet. Peter Jones and Race Porter are both in the Metro league top 5 for the 110 high hurdles and the high jump. And Montineze Johnson currently has the second best triple jump mark in the league. Pole vaulters Ollie DePina

and Qualin Smith are also looking to help the Irish earn points at the Metro League meet. As a team the Irish placed second overall at the Eason Invitational on April 16th; Evan Mafilas was named the Track Athlete of the Meet. This is the second year in a row that an O'Dea athlete has taken home this award.

Finally, we are proud to announce that senior sprinter Logan Armstrong has signed a national letter of intent to compete for Saint Martin's University next year. Great job Logan! We know you will continue to improve as an athlete while getting a great

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education.

Soccer The Irish Soccer program has fought to within a game of clinching the division. With a win in one of the final two season games the Irish will clinch the Sound Division. The boys have fought to a division record of 9 wins, 1 loss and 2 draws. The playoffs will start May 9th with the site and time to be determined. The program has been led by a strong group

of seniors and that have fought hard for each other throughout the season.

Please check the website for updated playoff information and come root on the Irish as

The Holy Names/O'Dea co'ed tennis team begins play in the Metro league team playoffs this Monday, May 2nd, at 3:30pm at Lower Woodland Park. Twelve out of the league's 16

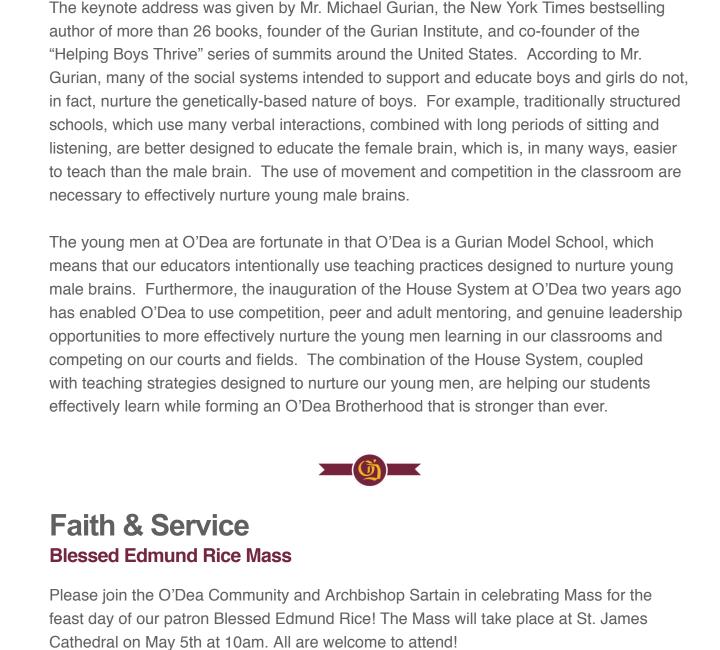
teams will be participating and Holy Names/O'Dea will enter as the 6th seed. Our first

quarterfinals to play against 3rd seeded Bainbridge. The boys team has been led by freshman Will Yallup who enters the tournament with a 6-1 league record at #1 singles. Freshman John Misel has also had a great season as he has moved into the #3 singles

match will be against West Seattle High School. If successful we move on to the

they fight for the Metro and State title. Thank you for all your support and Go Irish!

position and had impressive wins against Eastside Catholic and Roosevelt. The Metro league individual playoffs begin this Friday after the completion of the team event. In the individual playoffs two singles players and two doubles teams will complete to earn a spot in the state tournament which begins on Friday May 27th in Kennewick Washington. Inside the Classroom "Helping Boys Thrive" - A Gurian Model of Teaching On Saturday, April 24, Lawrence Kight—Counselor (9-12), English Teacher, and Librarian —represented O'Dea at the "Helping Boys Thrive" summit at Shoreline Community College. The one day summit, sponsored by the Washington Association for Middle Level Education (WAMLE) and the Gurian Institute, provided educators, parents, and concerned citizens with a thoughtful analysis of the crisis facing many of our boys and young men



Welcoming New Members to the Catholic Church!

These young men had spent nearly two years in preparing themselves both in knowledge and in the Spirit to reach this moment. What a great witness they have been to the whole O'Dea Community and the Church as they "Yes!" to Christ! Please continue to keep these young men, and all members of our O'Dea community, in your prayers! Live Jesus, in Our Hearts, Forever! Mr. Davin Reyes **Encountering the Word of God** On April 6th Mr. Schutte brought guest speaker Mr. Brad Neary to O'Dea to present on the spectacular beauty of the St. John's Bible to the Senior Theology IV classes. The St. John's Bible is a masterpiece of hand written illuminated text of the Old and New Testament for the 21st century. It ignites the spiritual imagination with original hand calligraphy from Donald Jackson, scribe to the Queen of England. This 16 year project of world class art was recently presented to Pope Francis with great fanfare. It flawlessly

combines art, science, faith with the eternal wonder of God's holy Word. Images from the DNA double helix, the Hubble satellite, and 9/11 Trade Towers are woven into the pages of

museums and the Smithsonian calls "one of the extraordinary undertakings of our times." Pages are illuminated so the Word of God jumps off the page to showcase the splendor of God's revelation. Mr. Neary presented one of the seven oversized 2'x 3' volumes on the Gospels and Acts to our seniors. They were moved and awestruck by the transcendent power that radiates from the pages of this timeless spiritual masterpiece. The St. John's Bible Heritage Edition project offers a special program titled "A Year with the St. John's Bible" where schools/parishes can showcase one volume of their faith education for a

This year, the Kilkenny House put on the Spring Spirit Assembly. The assembly featured the spring sport captains talking about their achievements so far this season, as well as

some great performances by the band. The Basketball team's 2nd place finish in the State Tournament was also recognized. Though many students had to leave early for practices and games, there was still a successful dodgeball game between the all-stars from each house. In all, this assembly was a great way to honor the many achievements by O'Dea

Scripture written in an exquisitely precise and unique script. It has toured numerous

year. For more information email tschutte@odea.org

Student Life

students.

Winter Spirit Assembly

Article written by Jacob Cepollina, '16

In it's second year, the R.C.I.A. program at O'Dea High School, and the whole O'Dea

Cruz '17, Brandon Duffy '18, and Jack Markowitz '18. Dakota was received into the

Church at the Easter Vigil Mass at St. James Cathedral and received the three

Community, were pleased to welcome three new members to the Catholic Church: Dakota

Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Having been Baptized already, Brandon and Jack were received into the Church at our school Mass on April 20, 2016 and received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

O'Dea freshman. As the night came to a close, nothing but positive feedback was heard on the way out of the gym. "Our Limerick leaders did a fine job with Holy Names leaders to organize a successful new format for the Spring Fling this year," said Daniel P. Mullen, Limerick House Dean. **JSA Spring Convention**

In the lively spirit of springtime, the O'Dea Limerick Leadership team hosted the Spring Fling Olympics social and dance on the warm Saturday evening of April 16th. With

various "Olympic-themed" activities to partake in, Holy Names and O'Dea students alike enjoyed the evening and danced the night away, some with "golden" Olympic medals

hanging from their necks. Food and refreshments, an assortment of games, and music by a talented DJ all came complimentary with a ticket to the dance. "It was a fun time playing

basketball with my friends and meeting a bunch of new people," said Ray Sifferman,

On high school campuses across the country, and at ours in Seattle at O'Dea, there are students concerned with what is happening in the world in both politics and government. the law and education. The Junior State of America (JSA) is one of many clubs at our school, and is a part of a national organization which includes such students. It was

founded in 1934 and over a half a million students have been involved since its inception.

Three times during the school year, we get together with the other Pacific Northwest

chapters of JSA at regional conventions. During the conferences, students from various high schools exchange ideas through stimulating student debates, thought talks, problem

solving, and a variety of simulations. By participating in these activities, each member gains a more intelligent and informed viewpoint. We don't all agree, but we hear others' points of view and learn a lot about different topics that are real world issues of today.

In April, the O'Dea chapter took part in the JSA Spring State Conference. A total of 12 students made the trip from O'Dea; for three of them, it was their last JSA Conference. The three young men included the Chapter President, Thomas Badart, Vice President, Jack Fox, as well as a first year debater, Quincy Milton. During this conference, we say good-bye to all the JSA Club Seniors from our region and hold elections for next years' leaders of the state and region. From O'Dea, Owen Macaulay and Matthew Frikke both ran for GPR Mayor, and placed runner-up and third. This was a great accomplishment as they sustained three month campaigns prior to the Conference. Conference highlights also included a speech moderated by Emmett Lockhart and a strong debate by Thomas Badart. Debate topics included markets in a free economy, health care in our country, and

Monday, following the Conference, the O'Dea Chapter held its own elections. The election results were: President, Owen Macaulay, Vice President, Emmett Lockhart,

in the coming school year as the members see it as a worthwhile Club.

Secretary, Andrew Walker, and Treasurer, Christopher Walker. The Chapter looks to grow

For me personally, I have really enjoyed getting to know people my own age that take their

sharing their views on a variety of topics. It is also another opportunity to represent O'Dea High School as a student-leader and have a positive, well supervised, experience away

education seriously, have some good future career goals, and are passionate about

As members of JSA, we practice to become active, informed citizens.

A Gold Medal for the Spring Fling Olympics

Article written by Andrew Walker '17

safety on college campuses.

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occasions to be celebrated:

for more information.

Article written by Zach Gerhardt, Limerick House Journalist

Alumni 30th Annual O'Dea Golf Tournament Registration for the 30th Annual O'Dea Golf Tournament is now open! When: Monday, June 20, 2016 Where: Golf Club at Newcastle Time: 1:30PM Shotgun Start Cost: \$175/golfer The last three years we have sold out, so make sure to get your registration in soon! This event is open to anybody 21 years and older. Please register now on our website: http://www.odea.org/alumni/golf-tournament/. Not a golfer? Become a Tournament Sponsor with a tax-deductible gift. Proceeds from the tournament will fund the Edmund Rice Leadership Awards; individual \$1,000 awards to be presented to young men graduating from a Catholic grade school who will be entering O'Dea in the fall. The awards will be granted for excellence in the classroom and service in the community and will be applied to each student's tuition during their Freshman year at O'Dea. To date, 30 students have received \$1,000 scholarships. Please contact David Mazzeo at dmazzeo@odea.org or 206.622.0722 for more

O'Dea Alumni everywhere are celebrating milestones and making positive impacts in their

Maikoiyo Alley-Barnes '95 is guest curator of, 'Young Blood: Noah Davis, Kahlil Joseph,

Kahlil, were O'Dea students in the mid-late 90s. The exhibit runs through June. Click here

Check out Nate Burleson '99, flexing his emcee skills on NFL Network with his, "2015:

The Season Rap Recap." https://youtu.be/1TY-pG69C6Q.

communities. Here are just a few of the more recent accomplishments or momentous

The Underground Museum' at the Frye Art Museum. Brothers, Noah (deceased) and

Congratulations Conor Mullen '05, who recently got engaged to Alexandra Doubrava.

helping us meet our 2015-16 Annual Giving goals. If you have already made your donation this year, please look ahead and make your 2016-17 Annual Giving donation now through this year's GiveBIG. Plus, gifts given that day will receive a portion of stretch dollars from Seattle Foundation which will make your dollar go even further! These funds help support financial aid and the many programs here at O'Dea.

Jake Crocker '13, who along with local rap artist, Sam Lachow, put out an album that hit

The Seattle Foundation has given us a great opportunity to stretch your donation dollars with the 6th Annual GiveBIG event on May 3, 2016. Your donation will go a long way in

#2 on the iTunes "Top Albums" charts.

GiveBIG! "Together We Can Make an Impact"

Dear Parents, Alumni, and Friends of O'Dea:

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Our mailing address is: 802 Terry Ave, Seattle, WA 98104

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Here's some more great news! You don't have to wait until May 3rd to participate in GiveBIG. You can go to our profile page NOW and make a pledge. Your credit card won't be billed until May 3, 2016 on GiveBIG day. Please GiveBIG to O'Dea Here We hope you will join the many parents, alumni and friends who have already made their gift to the 2015-16 Annual Fund. Your prayerful consideration of this fully tax deductible gift is greatly appreciated. GO IRISH! ODEA.ORG Character. Faith. Service. Copyright © 2016 O'Dea High School, All rights reserved. unsubscribe from this list update subscription preferences