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Faith & Service Message from the Principal Best wishes for a Blessed Thanksgiving It truly is amazing how quickly the school year progresses. It seems as if we just greeted our new students and already we are closing in on the end of the first quarter. I love this time of year when we take the time to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for each and every day. This Thanksgiving, as I sit at the dining table

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with my family, I know that I will give thanks for my many blessings, including the opportunity to serve O'Dea, a Catholic faith community of committed students, parents, and educators.

Thanksgiving is a special time of the year for many of us. Some of us travel to be with family and friends, while others spend the occasion as guests of relatives, friends, and acquaintances. I am thankful to be a member of a school community such as O'Dea, where people care about more than themselves. I am thankful that at O'Dea High School we strive to make the season special for the less fortunate, and we continue to do so long after the holidays have passed. I am thankful for a faculty and staff that consistently offer to give more of themselves. And I am thankful for all of you who make this school so special. Thanksgiving is the time of year we all reflect on our many blessings. Although life presents many challenges, this is the time of year we are grateful for the kind people in our lives who love and support us so that our students believe, achieve, and succeed. Never forget that there is much good and right in our world today. I know

that we live in a state of Thanksgiving throughout the year, and for that I am grateful. Best wishes for a Blessed Thanksgiving. James Walker Principal Character, Faith, Service,

Monthly Calendar November 2nd: Second Quarter begins November 4th: Mass for Discipleship/Vocations, St. James Cathedral November 5th: O'Dea High School Open House

Click here to view the full O'Dea calendar!

Athletics

Winning with Honor The O'Dea Fighting Irish defeated Roosevelt and now move on to play Lakes High School on Friday, November

Football

Golf

6th. The challenge will be tough, but the young Irish look

forward to the task in front of them. We have received tremendous play from some very young student-athletes, and the future looks very bright! With a win over Lakes, O'Dea will make a trip east of the mountains to the Tri Cities and a match up with a yet to be determined opponent in the 1st round of the State Playoffs. The continued hard work put forth by the Irish will help shape our success against Lakes. Go Irish!

Cross Country The Cross Country team is in the midst of the Championship season. On Thursday, October 22nd the Metro Championships took place at Lower Woodland. The Irish were led by Sophomore Isaac Mohn's 8th place finish and senior captain Henry Newstrom's 13th place finish. This past weekend the Irish team placed 9th in the District Championships at Lake Sammamish State Park; the team will compete this upcoming Saturday at Sun Willows Golf Course in Pasco in the State Championships. All team and individual results can be found at www.athletic.net. GO IRISH!

advancing on to the State Championships which will take place in May 2016.

Freshmen

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Varsity *TBA

Junior Varsity *TBA

Players must turn in all required paperwork in order to participate.

Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors

*Players will be informed at the end of Tuesday's session their practice time for Wednesday.

were announced at the end of the day on October 8th. We would like to congratulate the following

William Yallup: Dublin Freshmen House Captain. William is in Mr. Reyes's Mentor Group. His favorite activities outside the classroom include running crosscountry, high-performance tennis, and a unique hobby of

hand-crafting long bows. He takes leadership roles

seriously and strongly believes that, as an O'Dea leader, he must take initiative and be responsible for making the

Henry (Hank) Przelenski: Waterford Freshmen House Captain. Hank is in Mr. Kight's Mentor Group. His favorite activities outside the classroom include football, soccer,

Marc Pavlovec: Kilkenny Freshmen House Captain. Marc is in Mr. Greenan's Mentor Group. His favorite

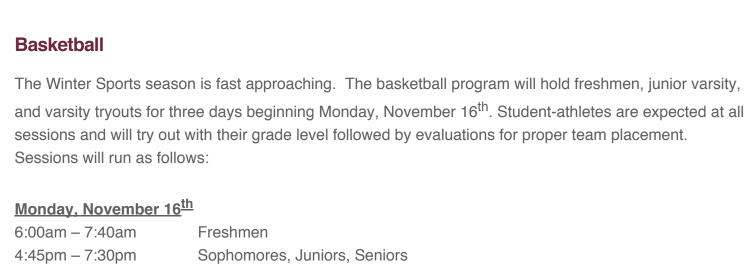
activities outside the classroom include football, baseball,

service projects. "Marc has excellent leadership qualities including being an avid planner and exceptional public speaker. We are really excited to have Marc as the Kilkenny Freshmen House Captain," says Joe Cronin,

and drama, along with being involved with numerous

House Dean. "For example, his goal for service is to

volunteer more than 600 hours by the time he graduates from O'Dea. That is the type of leader we are looking for, and personifies the strong leadership he'll provide for our



The Irish Golf team successfully closed the season with Metros and Districts last week. O'Dea was represented by three seniors at Metros, Jack Fox, Sam Edmonds and Noah Ewert, junior Isaiah Khan, sophomore Garrett Spragins, and freshman Jack Summers. Jack and Sam made it to Districts, with Sam

The team also includes senior Daniel Henry, and sophomores Jake Murray and Stephen Scheer. We have a promising young squad of Irish golfers that should be strong contenders for years to come!

House System Four Houses, One Brotherhood During the week of October 5th - 8th, twelve 9th graders applied and interviewed for the position of 9th Grade House Captain. The students were selected by their House Dean and the new House Captains

candidates:

Tuesday, November 17th

Wednesday, November 18th

6:00am - 7:40am

4:45pm - 7:30pm

12:30pm - 2:30pm

2:30pm - 4:30pm

4:45pm - 7:30pm

best possible decisions for Dublin House and O'Dea. Another quality that stood out in William's application process was his work ethic and his understanding of how leaders must set the example.

riding bikes and his family. He takes his faith seriously and intends to serve his community as a soldier of God. "Hanks positive demeanor, team player attitude and school spirit makes him a great fit to the house leadership team," says Brandon Maul, Dean of Waterford House. "We expect great things from Hank and look forward to his contributions."

Jackson Allison: Limerick Freshmen House Captain. Jackson is in Mr. Lara's Mentor Group. His favorite activities include running cross-country, hiking, biking, skiing, and working outside during the summer. "What impresses me about Jackson is that he sets high goals and works to achieve them," said Daniel P. Mullen, Limerick

Limerick House."

Dean of Kilkenny House.

By Steven Calozzi ('18) The 3 best things that have been introduced to civilization – education, social interaction, and doughnuts can all be found in the next best thing since sliced bread ... Saturday Math! When I walk into room 201 on Saturday mornings, I'm greeted by fellow classmates with a welcoming smile. After a few minutes of socializing and indulging on doughnuts and juice, I settle down to business and am ready to learn. Saturday Math is an unstructured study-hall, and students can work on

At the beginning of the school year I had a hard time balancing school and football. Through hard work, including the time spent and help received on Saturday mornings, I have been able to raise my grade from a "D" to an "A-". Each Saturday, as I leave, I already anxiously begin to anticipate next week's

On Tuesday, October 13th Code.org visited Mr. Lara's class and engaged his 9th grade English class in a

This year marks the second year for the elective course, Introduction to Robotics. Currently, the class is using the Arduino Parallax Boe-Bot to learn how to code and control a robot. The class of 20 students has come a long way this year, with some students having no prior knowledge of coding. So far, the class has made each robot do a loop around the classroom, complete a figure 8 around two desks, and

With the help of Dr. Reinleitner, the students are working in groups of 4 to assemble, code, and test their own robots. Each week, the 5 groups compete against each other in a race to build, code, and test their

groups get slightly lower grades on the task. This builds competitive spirit in the classroom, which helps

robot to complete an assigned challenge. The first group finished gets an A+, while the subsequent

the students focus and learn. Introduction to Robotics has been "abot" of fun this year.

use whisker sensors to avoid obstacles. Currently, the students are adding tank treads to their

robots and in the future will add gripper arms and ultrasonic sensors.

worldwide event called the Hour of Code. Code.org was testing out their newest curriculum with our students, making them all coders for the day. Last year over 100 million students around the world experimented with Code.org's tutorials; our students were thrilled to participate in helping with the prerelease of the newest tutorials. Code.org is a non-profit dedicated to expanding access to computer

assignments, complete or retake tests, or ask for help on things they are unclear about.

Inside the Classroom

Saturday Math

adventure at "Saturday Math".

Introduction to Robotics - "Abot" of Fun!

By Matthew Fricke ('17) and Brendan Sailer ('17)

Coding

science.

Faith & Service Growing in the Faith What is RCIA? The initials R.C.I.A. stand for the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults". The RCIA is a program of the Catholic Church that is oriented towards those who are searching and inquiring about the Catholic way of life. While this program is oriented for adults, it accepts teenagers who are mature enough to participate. During the 2014-2015 year, three young O'Dea men, Shea Carstens, Jonathan Anderson (not pictured above), and Jack Gillingham, approached Mr. Davin Reyes and expressed their desire to join the

Church. It was through this worthy quest that O'Dea High School began a joint RCIA program with the Faith Formation Program of St. James Cathedral. These young men were formed in the Catholic faith,

We were blessed to have these young men lead us in beginning a program that can benefit so many

Please continue to keep these young men, and all members of our O'Dea community, in your prayers!

O'Dea's Annual Canned Food drive begins with a Relaxed Dress day on Friday, November 13th and runs to November 25th. On Friday the 13th, students who wish to wear relaxed dress can bring either \$5 or 5

items of canned food to their Mentor Group room. All canned food and monetary donations go to

Northwest Harvest food bank. The foods they need the most are beef stew, chili, canned fruit, canned fish or meat, peanut butter, canned vegetables, brown rice, whole grain pastas, tomato products and

canned sauces. O'Dea's generosity is known in the service community and leaders at Northwest Harvest have stated that we run the most successful high school food drive for their organization. We hope to

Markowitz, who are in the midst of their RCIA classes. They have begun to formalize their journey towards joining the Church during the Rites of Acceptance and Welcome, which was celebrated with

young men in their faith formation. This year they will be joined by Dakota Cruz, Brandon Duffy, and Jack

had their questions answered, and in the end freely chose to join the Church.

family, friends, and members of our school community on October 29th.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts, Forever!

continue the tradition. Go Irish!

On Saturday, October 24th, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society hosted their annual Light the Night

Valcik, Basil Dizard and Theo

make this event a success. The

meetings.

Mall.

The Film Club visits the Cinerama!

space exploration in general.

VII: The Force Awakens."

Counseling Office

End of First Quarter

the Academics section.

Thursday, November 19th

Friday, November 20th

12:30 - 2:30pm

12:30 - 2:30pm, 3:00 - 5:00pm, 6:00 - 8:00pm

at jeulberg@odea.org or (206) 923-7546.

By Isaac Ipsen ('16), President, O'Dea Film Club

On Wednesday, October 14th, ten members of O'Dea Film Club attended the 3:15 matinee of "The Martian" at Paul Allen's historic Cinerama Movie Theater, near the

Space Needle. Before attending the film, club members discussed their favorite

"The Martian", directed by Ridley Scott, scored big at the box office this fall. Its release nearly beat the opening weekend revenue of "Gravity," raking in about 54 million dollars during its opening weekend. This film boasts a stellar cast, including Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain, and Jeff Daniels. "The Martian" opened to positive reviews and was number one at the box office for several weeks. As many have noted, the real science, such as biology and physics, used in the film has not only increased interest in the film, but also in learning more about biology, physics, and

During the walk back to school following the film, club members shared the opinion that the film was both visually impressive and thought provoking. Several members also compared how the film stood up against the popular book, "The Martian," by

Andy Weir. The club plans to return to Cinerama in the near future to see "Star Wars

films, actors, and directors while eating lunch at Johnny Rockets in the Pacific Place

Walk at the Seattle Center. Five O'Dea students representing Dublin House, (Jack Gillingham, Charlie Bruce, Eli

Roffey), volunteered their services and joined over 1,000 other participants to

Light the Night Walk

St. Vincent de Paul - Can Food Drive

Mr. Davin Reyes

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is currently on track to exceed their goal of \$600,000 in funds raised for blood cancer research, patient services and advocacy. Thank you for representing O'Dea. Job well done gentlemen. **Student Life** O'Dea High School Club Fair By Nick Sadigh ('16), School Journalist On October 8th, the House Leaders hosted a Club Fair. All O'Dea students met in the gymnasium during Irish Block to see all of the many clubs and activities O'Dea has to offer. Club leaders set up stands around the gym for students to visit and learn about the clubs. There was also a tablet station for students to electronically sign up to attend clubs on the spot. The club fair went very well, now having over 300 students signed up for the various Irish Block co-curricular activities and

On Monday, October 26th, the O'Dea High School Choir put on their first concert of the season at the Frye Art Museum. The young men did an incredible job sharing their talents with a crowded audience. For a portion of the evening, the O'Dea gentleman were joined by the talented and beautiful Holy Names Academy (HNA) choir. Together the choirs were able to harmonize their voices and blow the roof off the art museum. "Being in the Choir is something special," says Theo Cordero ('16). "As a student at O'Dea, it's scary speaking in front of the school body, or even a class. But, when I sing, I can express myself and change peoples' perspectives about me. That's why I love to sing!"

O'Dea High School Choir Blows the Roof at the Frye Art Museum

student has transferred to O'Dea from another high school, those grades are not included on our transcript or used to calculate the cumulative GPA. Also, if a student takes courses at another institution for enhancement to our curriculum, those courses will not appear on our transcript. Some high schools use a grading system that adds extra value or weight to the grades earned in honors or AP classes. O'Dea High School does not do this because we have learned from many colleges that they actually recalculate the students' grades using their own system. They prefer our current system. There is a complete outline of our grading system and graduation requirements on the O'Dea website in

For further information, please contact Dr. Jeanne Eulberg, Assistant Principal for Student Services,

We have just completed the first quarter of the 2015-2016 school year! The first and third quarter grades

are "Progress Reports" indicating the student's standing in each course at the mid-way point of the semester. The quarter grades should be used to focus on completing the semester successfully.

The cumulative grade point average (GPA) is calculated using all of the semester grades in all of the

courses taken at O'Dea High School. We only include courses taken at O'Dea on our transcript. So, if a

12:30 - 2:30pm, 3:00 - 5:00pm, 6:00 - 8:00pm

For further information, please contact Barbara Verzemnieks, Registrar, at barbarav@odea.org, or (206)

Admissions Fall Open House Prospective students and families, please join us for our Fall Open House on Thursday, November 5th, from 6-9 PM at O'Dea. Learn about our Catholic Education, College-Preparatory Academics, Brotherhood, Student Life, and rich tradition of Winning, with Honor. O'Dea will validate parking at the Cabrini Center Garage located across the street from the O'Dea parking lot on Marion Street. **Looking Ahead**

Office of the Registrar Parent/Teacher Conferences Parent/Teacher Conferences are quickly approaching. Please sign up online between Tuesday, November 10th and Sunday, November 15th using SignUp Genius. Beginning on November 10th there will be a link on O'Dea's homepage, www.odea.org, which will take you to instructions for how to use SignUp Genius. Conference dates: Wednesday, November 18th

622-6596.

Class of 2020 Placement Exam: December 5 or December 12 (register online at odea.org) Class of 2020 Application Deadline: January 11, 2016

Go Irish! For further information, please contact Kristian Patterson, Director of Admissions, at

kpatterson@odea.org or (206) 622-1308. **Alumni Alumni Senior Breakfast**

Thank you to those of you who attended our 2nd Annual O'Dea High School Alumni Senior Class Breakfast. This event took place at the Washington Athletic Club on October 14th and was a tremendous celebration of our lifelong Brotherhood here at O'Dea High School.

Pictured below, left to right, front row: David Livingston (father of four O'Dea Alumni), Dave Pellegrini '70, Gene Kranc '61, Mario Sweet '98, Jim Fuda '70, John DeRocco '74, Juan Cotto '83 & Michael Butler '78. Back row: Brian Bruce '89, Tom Goedde '88, Damisi Velasquez '92, Ken Wiseman '77 and David Whitfield '01. Not pictured but in attendance: John Platt '79 & Marc Bailly '92 and sponsors unable to attend: Jerry Mascio '70, Tom McDonough '71 & Bill Shanks '79. The O'Dea Class of 2016 enjoyed inspirational talks from these O'Dea men, including a spirited speech given by speaker, Juan Cotto '83. Go Irish!

To update your contact information, or to participate in next year's event, please contact David Mazzeo, Alumni Director, at dmazzeo@odea.org or (206) 622-0722.

The O'Dea community will celebrate the lasting legacy of the deceased members of the O'Dea family at the sixth annual Memorial Mass for deceased O'Dea graduates, on Saturday, November 7th, 11:00am, at

complimentary lunch will be provided after mass at the Parish Outreach Center. Friends and alumni are welcome to attend the mass and/or the luncheon. Please RSVP by Monday, November 2nd to Dianne

When the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, and his wife, Sabina, recently traveled to Seattle, it was no wonder there was a strong Fighting Irish presence at the Irish Community Reception held in their

Daniel Mullen, Celtic Heritage Club moderator and Limerick House Dean, and Matthew Fricke ('17) were able to greet the president and let him know about Seattle's O'Dea Fighting Irish and our Edmund Rice

Christian Brother heritage. Father's Club member, Terry Lynch, an active member of the local Irish

(a noted poet) offered to send an autographed copy of his poetry books to be held in our Academic

Brian ('89) and Conne Bruce, and alumnus Pat Burns ('55) and Mike Green ('71).

community, attended with wife Laura and sons Daniel ('13) and Trevor ('16), as well as current parents

At the conclusion of the event, the O'Dea contingent was honored to learn that the office of the President

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

John McKay '03 has been working for the Emmy-winning comedy video website and film/TV production,

Thomas Kearney '74 recently opened a new Barbershop on 4th and Spring in downtown, MRoom Seattle. MRoom is the largest group of barbershops in Europe, and this shop is the first in the Western

Fr. Thomas J. Marti, MM '55, celebrated his 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood this past summer. There were two Jubilee Celebrations held at St. Edward's in Seattle and St. Cecilia's in

Congratulations to O'Dea Baseball Coach, Michael Doyle '97, on being named the 2015 Washington

Myles Gaskin '15, a true freshman, earned the starting tailback position for the University of Washington Football team. Gaskin, through 8 games, has 108 carries for 655 yards and 6 touchdowns, including a 72

It's been a busy school year for the Fathers' Club so far! We "old hands" have been very happy to meet the new freshman and sophomore dads attending the monthly meetings and lending a hand at football games and other events. Already we're seeing new friendships being formed, dads bonding over their

The rest of this calendar year will be quieter than the first few months, but do plan on attending the

monthly meetings on November 4 and December 2 (6:30 in the Biology lab) for a light dinner, social hour

Looking ahead, please put Saturday, January 30 on your calendar for the annual Italian Dinner, hosted

On October 24th O'Dea hosted the 25th annual Bite of O'Dea put on by the Mothers' Club. This event connects the ladies of O'Dea while also serving as a fundraiser to support the Mothers' Club mission: to

attending O'Dea High School. The food was amazing, student volunteers did a wonderful job helping with every aspect of the event, and some great items were raffled off. There was an infectious energy around

We were honored to have special guest Eamon Sylvester speak at the event. The O'Dea Mothers' Club played an important role in supporting Eamon Sylvester ('00) and his brother Michael ('03) when they were students. Eamon generously shared his story, which was an incredibly moving and inspiring

Also in attendance was Sandia Lell, the mother of an O'Dea alum, who 25 years ago had an idea for an event to help raise funds for our students. Here we are today, so many years later, keeping the tradition

Thank you to all the folks that helped make this event a HUGE SUCCESS! This would not have been possible without your creativity, leadership and can-do attitude. We look forward to seeing you all next

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Annual Giving Campaign and to those parents and students who participated in the Phonathon. Thus far, all pledges and gifts total \$253,000, more than halfway to

If you have not already done so, please consider donating. Your generosity allows for us to maintain a culturally, ethnically, and socio-economically diverse student body and directly impacts and enhances the

To learn more about the Annual Giving Campaign, or to make a donation, please visit our website at

odea.org/giving/annual-giving/. You may also contact Dianne Irwin, Director of Development, at

Please plan to attend either Friday night in the O'Dea gym, or Saturday night's gala auction at the Washington State Convention Center. All current O'Dea families are asked to make a contribution or donate an item to the auction. Please visit our website at odea.org/giving/posh-auction for ideas or to fill

We are still looking for sponsors! Sponsorships help cover auction expenses allowing for a greater

Finally, if you are interested in volunteering, please contact auction coordinators, Maureen Kures

Thank you for all of your support in helping to make this a successful weekend for O'Dea High School!

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percentage of the proceeds to directly benefit the young men of O'Dea High School. Sponsorships are available at the following levels: \$3,500, \$5,000, \$10,000 or more, and include a complimentary table of ten at the Saturday night auction. If you are interested in sponsoring please contact Dianne Irwin, Director

quality of education at O'Dea High School. Every gift makes a difference!

provide students with items they are unable to purchase on their own to ensure their success while

sons' O'Dea experience and lots of talk about O'Dea sports, of course!

The Seattle Times - "Washington running back Myles Gaskin steps to forefront"

Here are just a few of the more recent accomplishments or momentous occasions to be celebrated:

Congratulations **Stephen White '81** & wife, Diana, who recently celebrated their 25^{th} wedding

Funny Or Die, founded by Will Ferrell and Adam McKay.

St. James Cathedral. Father Michael G. Ryan, St. James pastor, will be the main celebrant. A

6th Annual Memorial Mass for O'Dea Alumni

Irish Reception

Resource Center.

Alumni Class Notes

Hemisphere, but far from the last.

State High School Baseball Coach of the Year.

yard touchdown run against Oregon.

Fathers' Club

Italian Dinner

and speaker.

Travis and Marcel

Mothers' Club

Best,

alive.

year. Let's Hear it for the BOYS!!!

Development

our goal of \$500,000!

POSH Auction

out a donation form.

(d.sulli@live.com).

Annual Giving Campaign

dirwin@odea.org, or (206) 622-7151.

We hope by now you have saved the date for this year's POSH Auction, We Create Great! This is a great opportunity for community members to come together and celebrate the young men of O'Dea High School, and to raise money in an effort to continue making O'Dea a premiere place for

students to receive a first-class, Catholic education.

of Development, at 206-622-7151 or dirwin@odea.org.

and staffed by the O'Dea Fathers' Club.

Bite of O'Dea - Let's Hear it for the BOYS!!

the room that was felt by all 170 ladies in attendance!

speech that created a lot of happy tears across the room.

anniversary.

Stanwood

honor at McCaw Hall on October 22.

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