Quarterly news from O'Dea High School

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Message from the Principal

Thank you!

It is hard to believe how quickly the school year has passed and come to an end. I would like to thank you for your faith, trust, and commitment to O'Dea High School and the Essential Elements of an Edmond Rice Christian Brother Education. It is your continued support and belief of our shared faith-based values that sustain and advance our school programming. We respect the sacrifices each family makes to send their son to O'Dea, and we will continue to place emphasis on supporting all our students to reach their full potential as individual learners. It was a productive and remarkable year and as partners in the educational process you once again accepted an essential role in making it successful.

Although the closing of school is a hectic time of year, it is the time when I most realize how blessed we all are to be part of such a fantastic school community. Parents, teachers, and staff members commit their time and energy daily toward creating a learning environment in which our students mature and thrive. Graduation and the end of another school year is a time for celebration and reflection on the tremendous impact of our continued commitment to educating young men to live their lives grounded in the principles of character, faith, and service. I am proud of how our dedicated faculty and staff convey these principles in ways that empower our students to become contributing, thoughtful, and motivated leaders beyond the halls of O'Dea. I wish our graduating seniors all the best as they journey on to the next chapter of their lives and look forward to meeting our incoming freshman class.

The close of the school year also provides an opportunity to acknowledge the members of the faculty and staff who are completing their service to the O'Dea school community. Dianne Irwin, longtime member of O'Dea's advancement team has decided to retire from her role as Development Director to enjoy her beautiful home and garden in Gig Harbor and to spend time with her many children and grandchildren. Mr. Ben LeFebvre, is retiring from teaching to pursue his many interests including spending time in Montana as a member of a paleontology team working on the Tyrannosaurus Rex project. Ms. Kellie Kutter, dedicated biology instructor and science fair enthusiast, is leaving the lab to focus her love and energy on being a wonderful mother to her new baby boy. Mr. Rittman after many years of service to O'Dea as a math instructor, club moderator, organizer of Encounter Retreats, and facilitator of the infamous "Saturday Math Club" is retiring from teaching. Mr. John Anderson, well-respected theology and math instructor will be teaching next year closer to his home and family in Bremerton. Ms. Christine Naranjo Clarke, Accounting Manager, is leaving O'Dea this summer to pursue new opportunities in the field of financial management. Although each will be missed, their positive influence will live on in the students they taught and families they have served.

The dedication of all our amazing faculty and staff members, along with your continued support of O'Dea, serve as evidence of our shared commitment to advancing O'Dea's mission. With the planning efforts well underway for our next school year, I am excited about the opportunity for our incoming ninth grade class members to foster a deeper appreciation for the Brotherhood of O'Dea, along with a sense of character, faith, and service. As we close one school year I know the new year will provide us with reason to continue to celebrate being part of the O'Dea school community.

I wish all members of the O'Dea community a blessed summer!

Jim Walker
Principal
Character. Faith. Service.

Events Calendar

Important Dates to Remember

June 19th - Annual O'Dea Golf Tournament
June 12th-15th - Fighting Irish Basketball Camp
June 12th-15th - Irish Jazz Camp
June 19th-22nd - Fighting Irish Basketball Camp
June 20th-22nd - Fighting Irish Football Camp
June 26th-28th - Fighting Irish Basketball Camp

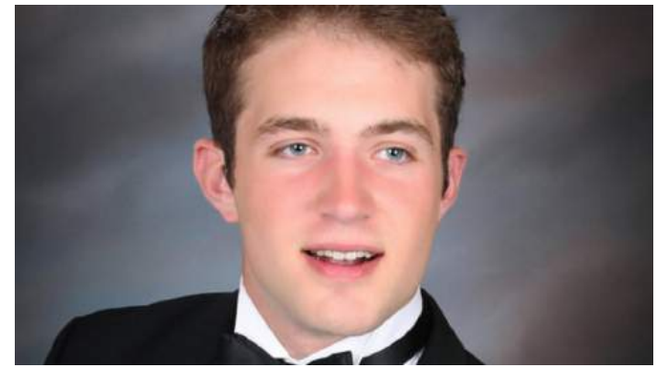
Click here to view the full O'Dea calendar!

Academics

National Honors Society

Congratulations to the National Honor Society officers for the 2017-2018 school year: **Joshua Wu** (Secretary), **Steven Calozzi** (Treasurer), **Jack Markowitz** (Historian), **Christian Sailer** (President), **Sean Lewis** (Vice President) and **Mason Watrous** (recording Secretary).

NW Catholic Student of the Month



Congratulations to senior, Tony Flor, on being named Northwest Catholic's Student of the Month for the month of June! Tony is an outstanding member of the O'Dea community. He leads by example always. Tony is the captain of O'Dea's Kilkenny House and has a 3.69 GPA. He was a first-team all-league offensive tackle and linebacker and defensive MVP for O'Dea's football team, which made it to the 3A state championship game in 2016. He is also an All-American lacrosse player and an extraordinary minister of holy Communion at St. Luke Parish in Shoreline.

Distinguished Service to Youth Award!

Congratulations to our very own, Dr. Jeanne Eulberg, who was awarded the **Sister Shawn Marie Barry Distinguished Service to Youth Award** at the annual PNACAC (Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling) Conference in Boise. Dr. Eulberg received this award in front of roughly 350 college counseling/admission colleagues from all over the country.

This award is named for the St. Mary's Academy of Portland's former college counselor who lost her battle with cancer in 1995. Recipients of the award must have a minimum of ten years of high school or college teaching and/or counseling experience with at least three years in their current position. They must be currently engaged in counseling and be recognized as "those who have given outstanding and faithful service to youth."

The O'Dea community is grateful for all of Dr. Eulberg's hard work and helping prepare our young men for college and beyond!

Athletics

2017 Scholar Athletes

Congratulations to our 2017 Scholar Athletes, **Jason Wong '17**, **Tony Flor '17**, and **Dominique Gates '17**. These young men were acknowledged by "the 101 club", formed 80 years ago by members of the Washington State Athletic Club, in an effort to support amateur athletes. Jason, Tony and Dominique were recognized for their hard work, commitment, and leadership both on and off the field! Congratulations to these young men for receiving this honor. Go Irish!

O'Dea Lacrosse - 2017 San Diego Trip

The O'Dea Lacrosse Team worked hard to raise funds for an organized trip to San Diego over spring break. In addition to daily practices, two games, and team building exercises, Coach Craig Snyder (U.S. Naval Academy graduate) was able to secure a visit to the Navy Seal Special Warfare Training Center. This was an exceptional opportunity for our young student-athletes to learn about personal accountability and responsibility, leadership development, and to strengthen their brotherhood.

O'Dea Track & Field - 2017 Los Angeles Trip

The Fighting Irish Track & Field Team brought a small but talented group of athletes to compete in the Mt. SAC Relays in Los Angeles midway through the season. It was a positive experience that paved the way for their strong run in the postseason.

Spring Sports Recap

The Fighting Irish Lacrosse Team, in just its 4th year of the program, made it to the State

Championship game! What an incredible accomplishment! The Lacrosse team had five Division 1 Metro All-Conference players this season (four 1st team and one 2nd team). Congratulations to **Ben Luke '19**, **Connor Gregoire '18**, **Tony Flor '17**, **Sam Dracobly '18**, and **Kenny Snyder '19**. Tony Flor was also named an All-American, the first ever All-American Lacrosse player from O'Dea High School! Thank you to our seniors for their efforts in helping to establish a solid lacrosse program at O'Dea: Tony Flor, Carter Cedergreen, Joey Oliver, Hunter Franco, Nils Andersson, and Dominic Gjurasic.

Congratulations to the 2017 Track & Field Metro Champions! The balanced team was led by **Evan Mafilas '17** who won both the 200 and 400 at State, and placed 2nd in the 100 by .10 of a second. This is the third time that Evan has been crowned state champion in the 400. We wish our graduating seniors the best of luck as they continue their pursuit of excellence in college, and have much to look forward to with the talent returning to the team in 2018!

The Fighting Irish Soccer Team wrapped a successful season finishing the regular season in second place and leading the league in goals scored. The Irish were led by 2017 Star Times All Star, **Johnny Swan '17** and Metro League MVP **Banks Telkamp '18**. Congratulations to all of our student-athletes on a great season!

The O'Dea Baseball program had another impressive season led by an experienced group of seniors and gutty underclassmen. The Irish grinded out regular season wins against tough opponents and finished the Metro regular season as the #1 seed. The Fighting Irish then placed 3rd in the Metro tournament, earning a Regional seed in Pasco, WA. After winning their first game of Regionals, the Irish fell just short and were eliminated in the State Quarterfinals. Congratulations to **Dominique Gates '17** and **JJ Engman '18** for being named to First Team All Metro, and **Gabe Orint '17**, **Holden Jeffries '17**, and **Marques Titialii '17** for being named to Second Team All Metro! GO IRISH!

Congratulations to the O'Dea boys tennis team as they completed their first season independently from the ladies of Holy Names Academy. The boys were strong competitors, playing in the toughest league in the state. Returning sophomores **Cody Pederson** and **John Misel** had an excellent season at #2 doubles winning their last two matches of the season and the #1 doubles team of senior **Adam Kures** and junior **Charles Long** also played extremely well. We are looking forward to another great season next year as our boys tennis program continues to grow and improve.

2017 Emerald City Kickoff Classic

The WIAA recently announced the 8 teams that will be participating in the 2017 Emerald City Kickoff Classic at Husky Stadium on **Saturday, September 2nd**. O'Dea will play Lincoln High School, the team we beat 28-20 to advance to the 2016 State Championship. Here is the lineup for the day:

10 a.m. – Pullman vs. Fife
1 p.m. – Kennedy Catholic vs. Seattle Prep
4 p.m. – O'Dea vs. Lincoln
7 p.m. – Gonzaga Prep vs. Eastside Catholic

Tickets for the event are $15 for adults, $10 for students (with a valid ASB card) and children under the age of 5 are free! Please mark your calendars now to cheer on the Fighting Irish as they begin the 2017 season! GO IRISH!

Summer Camps

It's not too late to get your applications in for the Fighting Irish summer camps. Please pass the word along to any boys that might be interested in participating. Applications and camp descriptions can be found on our website or by clicking below!

Fighting Irish Football Camp
June 20, 21, & 22

Fighting Irish Basketball Camp
June 12-15
June 19-22

June 26-28

ATHLETICS

Frosh Fundamentals
Mondays and Wednesdays
June 5th - June 26th

Student Life

House Spirit Day

Congratulations to Kilkenny House for winning the 2016-2017 Irish Cup! Under the leadership of House Dean, Joe Cronin, and Senior House Captain, Tony Flor, Kilkenny House finished 40 points ahead of second-place Waterford House.It was a close battle all year and the Irish Cup ceremony was just one highlight of a fabulously fun House Spirit Day full of brotherhood and connectedness within our O'Dea community.

O'Dea Eagle Scouts

O'Dea High School is proud of the growing number of Eagle Scouts representing our school community. Five of these young men attended the Chief Sealth Eagle recognition dinner.

Pictured here: **Johnathan Emerson '17**, **Marcus Pappas '17**, and **Sean Lewis '18**.

O'Dea Mountain Bikers

O'Dea boys, **Simon Patamia '18** and **Ben Kuroiwa '20**, represent at the NW Cup downhill mountain bike competition in Port Angeles.

Junior State of America (JSA) - Spring Convention

This spring the O'Dea JSA Chapter attended the Spring State Convention. These young men had a great showing with many of the members participating in key debates. O'Dea's very own president, **Owen Macaulay '17**, won the coveted best speaker gavel, his third one to date.

Faith & Service

Northwest Sarcoma Foundation - Dragonslayer Walk

In memory of fellow O'Dea brother, Josh Dickerson, and the other young teens that have lost their battle with cancer, the O'Dea Baseball team once again participated in the 13th

Annual Dragonslayer Walk to help with the fight against sarcoma.

Catholic Community Services

Waterford House students **Brendan Cabrera, Hank Prezelenski, Matthew Suk, Juan Pablo, Jack Markowitz** and House Dean, Brandon Maul, partnered up with Catholic Community Service's to help out a Mercer Island resident clean up their yard.

Senior Retreat

The Class of 2017 came together for a final day of service and helped pack 11,100

pounds of rice and beans which will provide approximately 8,538 meals throughout the state. Giving back is such an important element to moving forward. We will miss our seniors!

Environmental Science Class helps City of Seattle

Mrs. Kellie Kutter's environmental science class spent a morning stenciling storm drains for the City of Seattle to help raise awareness that any hazardous waste put into storm drains goes directly to the nearest stream, lake, or sound.

O'Dea Junior Guild

The O'Dea Junior Guild was featured in the Seattle Children's quarterly news publication, *Connection*. Check out an excerpt from the publication below!

Kids Have the Power

Children and teens have found creative ways to give back to Seattle Children's — and change the world.

Whether kids are past patients, know someone who was a patient or just want to help others, they host toy drives, fundraisers, races, lemonade stands, bake sales and other events each year to support Seattle Children's.

Meet Jackson Burrow

Over the last three years, Jackson Burrow has donated his piggy bank contents and sold lemonade, cookies and rock creations to aid the Ben Towne Center for Childhood Cancer Research, which was named after his cousin who died from cancer.

Jackson, 7, wants to grow up to be like Dr. Mike Jensen, the center's director. For now, he will continue raising money to help kids.

"I like that he's doing a lot of this on his own," said Julie Burrow, Jackson's mom. "It's important to instill from a young age the idea that we have a responsibility to each other."

Meet the O'Dea Junior Guild

Seattle's O'Dea High School has held its annual "Beards for Bros" campaign since 2015 to support Seattle Children's Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Program.

Each March, students at the all-boys school collect donations and find sponsors so they can grow facial hair during that month. More than $20,000 has been raised from sponsorships, donations and merchandise sales.

"We have the power to help," said Dominique Gates, 17, president of the O'Dea Fighting Irish, Fighting Cancer Junior Guild. "This is a way to give back because we've had brothers who have suffered from cancer."

The 23 fundraising guilds at Seattle Children's led by children and teens raised about $165,000 last year.

Meet Makenna Schwab

Since birth, Makenna Schwab, 14, has had a personal connection to Seattle Children's, where she has undergone 15 surgeries for a rare disorder that causes bone dislocations throughout her body.

Since 2011, Makenna has raised about $73,000 for Seattle Children's, collected nearly 2,600 toys for patients and created about 500 supply packs for patient families. Recently, her fundraising efforts helped purchase new orthopedic equipment.

"Children's has performed life-changing and lifesaving surgeries," said Makenna. "My goal is to help Children's and inspire others to volunteer. We have the power to change the world."

The Arts

Spring Concert

The O'Dea Music Department hosted the 7th Annual Spring Concert in O'Dea's Bishop Thomas Gill Gymnasium. The program featured the Band, Choir, and Drum Line with an exciting set of music including the jazz classic "Sing, Sing, Sing", as well as music from the films "Skyfall" and the "Hobbit." Thanks to all those who were able to attend!

Jazz Camp

For the third year in a row, O'Dea is proud to be offering the Fighting Irish Jazz Camp! This camp helps prepare students for high school music programs by giving them expert instruction on fundamentals and improvisation. Both boys and girls entering into grades 6th - 9th are welcome at this four day camp, June 12th-15th from 5:00pm-7:30pm. Please click here to view the registration form!

Main Office

Accounting Manager Needed!

O'Dea High School is looking for a full time Accounting Manager beginning this summer. The ideal candidate will have a strong accounting background, be able to work well with many people, and multi-task. The full job description and hiring instructions can be found here. Please share this position with anyone you know who may be qualified!

Advancement

Norcliffe Foundation Grant!

We are pleased to announce the Norcliffe Foundation awarded O'Dea High School with a $500,000 grant to support our upcoming capital projects. The Norcliffe Foundation is a private Seattle based family foundation established in 1952 by Mr. Paul Pigott. The Foundation board members are firm believers in Catholic education and are impressed with all we are doing at O'Dea! What an amazing gift and great acknowledgement of the importance of an O'Dea education!

Annual O'Dea Golf Tournament - SOLD OUT!

The 31st Annual O'Dea Golf Tournament is coming up on Monday, June 19, 2017, at the beautiful Golf Club at Newcastle. The tournament is sold out, but if you would like to be added to the waitlist please email David Mazzeo.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available! Check them out HERE! Proceeds from the tournament will help fund the Edmund Rice Leadership Awards, individual $4,000 awards presented to young men graduating from a Catholic grade school who will be entering O'Dea in 2018. The awards are granted for excellence in the classroom and service in the community. $1,000 is applied to each student's tuition annually in each of the four years they are a student at O'Dea.

Alumni

Alumni Association Board Update

The Alumni Board has been working hard to further enrich the O'Dea alumni experience. A recent survey was sent to over 2,500 alumni and over 22% responded, an incredible result! Next year we hope to resurrect the O'Dea Hall of Fame and add new events, such as Career Day, for the entire student body. We are also bringing alums into the classrooms to talk to current students about their careers and how their O'Dea experience helped them accomplish their professional goals. If you are interested in becoming more involved with O'Dea, please email Alumni Director, David Mazzeo.

Thank you to our departing Alumni Board President, **Mr. Ken Wiseman '77**, for your years of service. Welcome to the new officers for the 2017-18 school year, **Tom Goedde '88**, President, and **Albert Jaimes '99**, Vice President. Brotherhood for Life!

Where are they now?

O'Dea Alumni seem to be everywhere, making positive impacts in their communities and with their families. Here are just some of our more recent accomplishments or momentous occasions from our graduated Fighting Irish:

Check out our newest Alums, **Class of 2017**, enjoying a BBQ on their last day of school!

Congratulations **Father Tom Marti '55,** on celebrating his 80th birthday this year as well as his retirement from the Maryknoll Mission Movement.

Congratulations **Kurth Connell '95** and wife, Anna, on the birth of their child, Alexandria Imani Connell, born April 2, 2017, weighing 7lbs, 12.5 ounces and 20" long.

George Skarich '55 and his family visit O'Dea to celebrate George's birthday.

O’Dea’s, "The Voice," better known as, **Mr. Patrick Lagreid ’96,** was named the WNBA Phoenix Mercury's new Public Address Announcer.

Nate Burleson ’99 will be joining The NFL Today, Sunday mornings on CBS for the 2017 season. Burleson will continue to co-host NFL Network's Emmy Nominated morning program, Good Morning Football, Monday-Fridays.

Colin Parrish ’03, was ordained into the Priesthood on June 3rd at St. James Cathedral. Colin is the youngest O’Dea Alum currently serving in the Priesthood! What a tremendous accomplishment!

Matthew Tullis ’99, is the founder of Make the Way, a program that connects high school students with professionals in the community. The goal is to better understand a student's professional interest and then prepare them for the workforce with informational interviews, company tours, etc. prior to graduation. Great job, Matt!

Congratulations **Michael Allen ’04,** on starting his new job, Director of Marketing and Sales, at Queen Ann Manor. In addition, Allen was recently in the studio recording vocals with Seattle superstar producer, Ryan Lewis!

Since winning the starting position at South Dakota School of Mines as a true freshman, **Robbie Jo Gerarden ’15** has continued to dominate both on the field and in the classroom. Gerarden continues to be on the All-Academic RMAC Honor Roll as he pursues a degree in mechanical engineering, and now holds two school kicking records!

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