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O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 24, 2016 - OCTOBER 30, 2016

Weekly Schedule

[Monday, October 24th](#) - Maroon

[Tuesday, October 25th](#) - Gold MM

IB: Faith and Service Clubs

*Financial Aid Meeting, 6:30pm @ O'Dea Library

*Golf District Tournament, 9:30am @ Riverbend Golf Course

[Wednesday, October 26th](#) - Maroon

*Fall Choir Concert, 7:30pm @ Frye Art Museum

[Thursday, October 27th](#) - Gold

IB: Non-Club

*Cross Country District Tournament, 2:30pm @ Woodland Park

[Friday, October 28th](#) - Maroon (End of 1st Quarter)

*Varsity Football Metro Championships @ Memorial Stadium (TBD)

[Saturday, October 29th](#)

*Freshman Football vs. West Seattle, 6:30pm @ Hiawatha

Main Office

Inclement Weather Procedures

In the case of inclement weather, O'Dea will communicate changes to the school schedule through *PowerAnnouncement*. Depending on the *PowerAnnouncement* option(s) your family selected, you may receive an e-mail, voicemail, or text message specifying a change of schedule or school closure.

You can also access schedule change information by logging onto the [homepage](#) of our website. In the event of a late start, there will be no zero period, and first-period classes will begin two hours late. We will determine any change in scheduled athletic practices or evening events on a case-by-case basis.

Our primary concern is for the safety of our students, our families, and our staff. The weather in the Puget Sound region can vary considerably. A student's parent or guardian should always make the final decision concerning the safety of their son traveling to school.

Freshman and Sophomore Parents - Cookies needed!

Every year Freshman and Sophomore families each provide three dozen cookies for the prospective students and families that attend our Fall Open House. We ask that you please drop off your cookies in the Main Office on the morning of Thursday, November 3rd. Thank you!

Financial Aid

All families that are applying for financial aid for the upcoming school year must re-apply each year. **The application system is open to apply for the 2017-2018 school year beginning on October 24th.** The deadline for completing the application is December 31, 2016.

On Tuesday, October 25th from 6:30 -7:30 PM, our representatives from SSS/NAIS will be here in the library to give a presentation on how to complete the SSS application. This presentation is not to be confused with the financial aid night on October 18th which is for college financial aid.

Please email [Linda Thornton](#) if you plan to attend the presentation on October 25th. The elevator will be set for you to go up to the library. We hope to see you there!

Student Life

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognized by one of our faculty/staff by earning a "**SUPER CITIZENSHIP CARD.**" These cards are given to students who go above and beyond in the areas of *character, faith, or service*, and count towards **Citizenship Points** with the Irish Cup.

Congrats to:

DUBLIN: Jason Wong, Izzy Gayan, Aidan Cleary, Blake Hemmingson

LIMERICK: Raphael Runez

WATERFORD: Mikael-Adrian Corcoro-Coolley, Jacob Parmer

KILKENNY: Tony Flor

Academics & Counseling

Accreditation Update & Parent Survey

O'Dea High School is going through a process of accreditation to be completed in the 2016-2017 academic year. This process sanctions the merit of our organization to the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA). More importantly, it helps us identify our areas of strength and weakness, and to develop a plan to improve.

The first stage of the accreditation process is a self-study including an introduction to the school and the school's purpose as well as the findings about where the school now stands with respect to the WCEA Standards of Ensuring Educational Excellence. These findings will be the result of several hundred surveys and open ended questions which must be gathered from a wide range of different constituencies, including parents and guardians. Please complete this [parent survey](#) by **Friday, October 28th**. If you have any questions about this, please contact [Dr. Cox](#).

Thank you in advance for your contributions to this process, and let me express my deep appreciation for the hard work all parties involved have invested. It is my confident expectation that this investment of time and effort will yield a school community even better able to meet the needs of our students.

Faith & Service

Junior Encounter

The application deadline for the Junior Encounter is **November 11th**. This encounter is an amazing opportunity for spiritual and personal growth, bonding with fellow students and teachers, and spending time reflecting on the kind of man they want to be. It's also just a ton of fun for students and teachers alike. You can find the permission form [here](#).

So far here is who has signed up: Aidan Cleary, William Malloy, Charles Long, Andrew Hogan, Ben Larson, Connor Gregoire, Zion Tay, Aaron Fant, Leo Rivera, Bobby Knutson, Sam Regimbal, Joshua Wu and Makai Santos-Magee.

Alumni Memorial Mass

O'Dea family and friends are invited to honor the deceased graduates of O'Dea High School at our annual Alumni Memorial Mass on **Saturday, November 12**, 11:00 AM, St. James Cathedral. Complimentary lunch will be provided after Mass in the Isaac Orr Center, 910 Marion St. Please RSVP to [Dianne Irwin](#) in the Development Office if you wish to attend by Tuesday, November 8th.

We are in need of [student volunteers](#) to help with Mass as well. We would like to have student greeters (3 – 4) in the parking lot at 10:30, assistants at the Mass (at least 2 – 3 EM's and 3 altar servers), and if possible, students (3 – 4) to guide guests to the Orr Center for lunch after Mass. Student volunteers are welcome to join us for lunch. If interested please contact [Mrs. Irwin](#).

Service Opportunity - EarthCorps West Seattle

Longfellow Creek is the second largest Salmon bearing creek in Seattle (Thornton Creek being the largest). Every year, salmon return to the creek but few make it all the way to spawning due to threatened habitat. We need your help! We are working to restore the habitat along the creek as well as in adjacent greenspaces to improve water quality and provide habitat. Our work will help us address storm water pollution issues that face the city. Please join us to help on **Saturday, October 22nd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. If interested please sign up in the House Hub.

Service Opportunity - Women's Enterprises

Women's Enterprises is looking for volunteers to help serve food and remove dishes from tables on **Saturday, October 29th** from 5pm-10pm. The event is an upscale fundraiser for Women's Enterprises International and will be held at the Seattle Design Center (5701 6th Ave S). The attire is black pants with a white shirt and dinner will be provided. Please contact [Krissie](#) if you are interested.

The Arts

Music Ensemble Schedules

Instrumental Ensembles

October 24 – Band – 7:05am

October 25 – Drum Line – 7:30am

October 26 – Band - 7:05am

October 27 – Band – 7:05am

October 28 – Band - 7:05am (Football game: meet in band room @ 4:30)

Vocal Ensembles

Liturgical Choir: Students who are not signed up for the Choir class are still able to sing with us at school masses. If your son is interested, please talk to Mr. Ruitter.

October 24 – M3 Choir

October 26 – M3 Choir

(Choir Concert @ the Frye @ 7:30pm, meet in the auditorium @ 6:30pm)

October 27 - 9am-1pm - Choir Festival @ St. James

October 28 - M3 Choir

Advancement Office

O'Dea Fundraising Campaigns

Thank you for your support of O'Dea High School's fundraising campaigns, which together help enhance our school in so many ways! As a reminder this year's campaigns are as follows:

- Annual Campaign:** Each family is required to make a donation of ANY level to be paid by June 30, 2017. This campaign helps cover the cost of educating our students, including support for our faculty.
- Fall Fundraiser:** Each family is required to participate by reaching out to at least ten people you know and asking for their support or making a \$300 donation. This campaign helps enhance our athletic and co-curricular programs.
- POSH Auction:** Each family is asked to donate at a level of \$150 or more and are encouraged to reach out to businesses in your community for a contribution. This campaign supports financial aid and special projects. Please note, students will not be asked to sell raffle tickets this year!

Thank you for your support of our fundraising campaigns! Go Irish!

POSH Gala Auction

We are excited about our gala auction on Saturday, March 18th under the leadership of Megan Fricke, our auction chair! All parents are invited to join us at our next auction meeting, Tuesday, November 2, 5:30 PM in the library. Contact [Dianne Irwin](#) in the Advancement Office if you have any questions and to RSVP: 206-622-7151. We are looking forward to a great meeting and event!

Support our Spirit!

This is a reminder that our fall student fundraiser is well underway. Thanks to all who have participated; we still have a week to go! Mentor teachers are collecting information from our students weekly to track progress. As a reminder, [we require 100% participation of our students and families](#). So far we have collected \$20,000 Please click [here](#) for a copy of the important information we sent to your students on October 3rd. Thank you for *Supporting our Spirit!*

Mothers' Club

Wreath Sales

In preparation for the Christmas season, we will be selling Christmas wreaths! We will offer fresh, locally grown wreaths from Hood Canal Evergreens. These beautiful holiday wreaths will provide instant cheer to your home. They can also make beautiful gifts for your friends and family. Ordering options will include a unique O'Dea wreath decoration. What a spirited way to usher in this season of joy and celebration! Pricing and ordering information can be found [here](#) or you may purchase online [here](#).

Looking Ahead

Important Dates to Remember

[Wednesday, November 2nd](#) - Fathers' Club Meeting, Biology Lab @ 6:30pm

[Thursday, November 3rd](#) - Fall Open House

[Friday, November 11th](#) - No School, Veteran's Day

[Saturday, November 12th](#) - Alumni Memorial Mass, 11am @ St. James Cathedral

[Monday, November 14th](#) - Winter Sports Begin

[November 16th, 17th & 18th](#) - Parent Teacher Conferences

[November 24 & 25](#) - No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

[Click here to view the full O'Dea calendar!](#)

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