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Weekly news for current families of O'Dea High School

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O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 3, 2016 - OCTOBER 9, 2016

Weekly Schedule

[Monday, October 3rd](#) - Gold PM/IB

IB: Fall Fundraiser Kick-off

*Varsity Golf vs. Blanchet, 3:30pm @ Jefferson Park Golf Course

*JV Football vs. Seattle Prep, 3:30pm @ Soundview

[Tuesday, October 4th](#) - Maroon MM

[Wednesday, October 5th](#) - Gold

IB: General Interest Clubs

*Varsity Cross Country, 3:40pm @ Magnuson Park

*Fathers' Club Meeting, Biology Lab @ 6:30pm

[Thursday, October 6th](#) - Maroon

*Freshman Football vs. Seattle Prep, 3:15pm @ Soundview

*Varsity Golf vs. Lakeside, 3:30pm @ West Seattle Golf Course

[Friday, October 7th](#) - No School, Teacher Excellence Day

*Varsity Football vs. Bainbridge, 7pm @ Bainbridge

Main Office

Thank you from our Students!



Thank you to everyone who supported last year's Fall Fundraiser and helped purchase our two new buses! They arrived in August and have been safely transporting your sons to activities since then. Not only that but we guarantee the bonds of brotherhood have been growing stronger as well! GO IRISH!

Student Life

Fall Fundraiser - Support our Spirit!

As all parents and those who work with teenagers know, high school life is more than just hitting the books. Starting next week, O'Dea's Fall Fundraiser will support those aspects of high school life that, for some, may form the most memorable times of their whole experiences at O'Dea. Please watch the below video that highlights those areas that will benefit from the fundraiser: athletics, clubs, House activities, retreats, and more. Details on how students are expected to participate can be found below from the [Advancement Office](#). Thank you for your support! GO IRISH!



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Chess Club

The Chess Club will meet every Wednesday in the Biology Lab (Room 103) from 2:30 - 3:30pm. The Chess Club is coached by Mr. Barrett Corrigan, a former long-time O'Dea teacher and a participant in the Metro Chess League. Students of all ability levels are welcomed to join the chess club. If you have any questions, please email [Mr. Rittman](#).

Freshman Leadership Opportunities

A tremendous opportunity awaits: This week House Deans and student leaders are speaking to each mentor group to encourage all freshmen interested in a school leadership role to apply for the **Freshman House Captain** position. The process includes completing [an online application](#) (due Oct. 14) and interviewing with the House Dean and student leaders. One freshmen from each House will be selected, with decisions announced on Oct. 28. Students should talk with their House Dean for any questions.

Academics & Counseling

Backpacks

Students should use only one backpack for all books! Many students have been bringing one backpack with only their Maroon books on Maroon days and one backpack for Gold days. This does not work well especially when there is study time during Irish Block and the student does not have all of the books needed to complete work for all of his classes. In addition, a student may need to ask a teacher a question about Gold day work on a Maroon Day, and vice versa. It is the counseling departments recommendation that students use **one** backpack and use their locker to store their books during the school day. Thank you!

Minority Student Medical Career Fair

The Association of American Medical Colleges will be hosting a Minority Student Medical Career Fair on Saturday November 12, 2016 from 8:00am-4:00pm at the Washington State Convention Center. This event is open to all high school students and their families. Registration for this event is open now at:

www.aamc.org/medicalcareerfaireattle

ACE Mentor Program

If your son is interested in Architecture, Construction Management, or Engineering, the ACE Mentor program is a great opportunity to work with local professionals. A team of mentors and a team of students meet once every two weeks from 4-6 pm at the local mentor offices. Over the course of the year, teams explore mentors' careers by working on an actual design project. Team sessions also include hands-on activities, office tours and site trips. The program runs from late October through May and is open to students in grades 9-12. At the end of the year the students present their projects to peers, teachers, and parents. There is no cost for this program. Registration is due by October 17, 2016. For more information and to register please click [here](#).

The Arts

Music Ensemble Schedules

Instrumental Ensembles

October 3 – Band – 7:05am

October 4 – Drum Line – 7:30am

October 5 – Band – 7:05am

October 6 – Band – 7:05am

October 7 – No band

Away football game: band not attending.

Vocal Ensembles

A note about 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, they should talk to Mr. Ruiter.

October 4 – M3 Choir

October 6 – M3 Choir

Advancement Office

Fall Fundraiser - Support our Spirit!

This week families will be receiving an email and letter about our fall fundraising campaign, **Support Our Spirit!** This campaign will be taking place from October 3rd – 28th and will help us fund the many needs of our athletic and co-curricular programs. Please click [here](#) for a copy of the parent letter and [here](#) for a copy of the information we will be emailing to students on October 3rd. Please contact Dianne Irwin in the Advancement Office at dirwin@odea.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your participation! GO IRISH!

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 intricate cheer to your home. They can also make beautiful decorations 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 will be available soon.

October 12th Meeting

We are excited to announce that our guest speaker for the 10/12 meeting will be none other than Mr. Greg Cox, the Assistant Principal of Academics. He will provide an overview of his role and be available for questions. Please feel free to arrive any time after 6pm. We will kick off the structured part of the meeting promptly at 7pm.

Volunteer Opportunities

We need your help!

Open House: Our first Open House is coming up on November 3rd and the Mothers' Club needs some energetic mom's to help with set up, tear down and to answer questions from prospective O'Dea families. This event is held in the evening. Please e-mail the [Mothers' Club](#) if you are interested in helping out.

Annual Campaign Phonathon: Students and parents will be calling alumni and past parents to ask for their participation in the Annual Giving Campaign. The Phonathon dates/times are: 4:00 – 7:00 PM on Sundays, October 2 & 9; and 2:30 – 4:00 or 5:30 – 7:00 on the following weekdays: Wednesday October 5; Thursday October 6; Wednesday October 12. Please contact the Advancement Office at 206-622-7151 or dirwin@odea.org if you or your son will be available to help.

Homecoming BBQ: On Friday, October 21st the Homecoming BBQ will be taking place at West Seattle Stadium from 5:00 – 6:30. Parent volunteers are needed to help setup at 4:00, prepare food and serve from 5:00 – 6:30, or cleanup from 6:30 – 7:00. Please contact the Advancement Office at 206-622-7151 or dirwin@odea.org if you will be available to help.

Looking Ahead

Important Dates to Remember

[Tuesday, October 11th](#) - Sophomore Retreat

[Wednesday, October 12th](#) - Mothers' Club Meeting, O'Dea Library @ 6pm

[Wed, October 13th](#) - Sophomore Retreat

[Thurs, October 19th](#) - Alumni Senior Breakfast, 8:30am @ Washington Athletic Club

[Thurs, October 20th](#) - Wall of Honor Inductee Celebration, 6pm @ O'Dea Gym

[October 17th - 22nd](#) - Homecoming Week

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

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