



O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 30, 2017 - NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Weekly Schedule

Monday, October 30th - Gold

IB: House Unity Day

Tuesday, October 31st - Maroon

Wednesday, November 1st - Gold MM

IB: All Saint's Day Mass

*Freshmen Football vs. Eastlake, 5pm @ Eastlake

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

Thursday, November 2nd - Maroon

Friday, November 3rd - Gold (Relaxed Dress)

IB: General Interest & Service

*Football District Playoffs (TBD)

Saturday, November 4th

*Alumni Memorial Mass, 11am @ St. James Cathedral

*Football District Playoffs (TBD)

*Cross Country Championship Meet, 2pm @ Sun Willows Golf Course (Pasco)

Click [here](#) to view the entire O'Dea Calendar for most up to date event details!

Main Office

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up on Wednesday, November 15th, Thursday, November 16th, and Friday, November 17th. Conference sign-ups will be done online through SignUp Genius and will begin on Monday, November 6th at 8:00am and will end on Sunday, November 12th at 11:30pm. You will need the names of your son's teachers before you begin the sign-up process. The link to SignUp Genius will be available on the O'Dea homepage under Announcements beginning Monday morning, November 6th. Click [HERE](#) for more information regarding the times of the individual sessions. Please contact O'Dea Registrar, [Barbara Verzemnieks](#), with any questions. Thank you!

2017-2018 Financial Aid Families

All families receiving financial aid for the 2017-2018 school year must check their financial aid account. Many of you have not uploaded your 2016 1040 Form which is a requirement for receiving financial aid. Families must email [Linda Thornton](#), Director of Financial Aid, when you have completed this upload. **Your financial aid award will be removed if the required documents are not uploaded.** If you have difficulty please call customer service at 1-800-344-8328 and let them know these documents are for your 2017-2018 financial aid account. Please also check your SSS account to make sure your phone number and email is correct. If there have been changes please correct your account.

Finally, a reminder that the 2018-2019 dashboard is now open and the deadline for applications is December 31, 2017. The Fulcrum Foundation applications are also open for the 2018-2019 year. If you have questions, please email [Linda Thornton](#).

Cookies Needed for Open House!

The O'Dea Admissions Team would again like to ask all Freshmen and Sophomore families to provide us with cookies for this year's Fall Open House on Wednesday, November 8th. These cookies will be given to all prospective students and families that attend. Please bring in three dozen cookies to the Main Office on the morning of **Wednesday, November 8th**. Thank you for your help in making this event a success!

Academics & Counseling

Family Tech Orientation

On Monday, October 30th, O'Dea will host an afternoon and an evening session for parents and guardians to help you learn how to support your son's learning in our technological environment. During the session you will learn how to access assignments and texts, learn which technology tools are being used in the classroom, and receive information and tips on using the Surface Tablet. These sessions will held in the O'Dea Library from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Please access the library via the elevator.

Tutoring Program

O'Dea is starting a group tutoring program. Students in the same classes will work together on assignments and have access to a peer tutor. Tutoring will be available for Spanish I and II on Tuesday mornings from 7:30am-8:00am in Room 207, and for Geometry, Algebra I and Algebra II on Thursday mornings from 7:30am-8:00am in Room 207. If you would like to enroll your son please contact [Dr. Cox](#).

Student Educational Technology Internship

O'Dea students have the opportunity to participate in an Educational Technology Internship Program. Interns will work directly with the Director of Educational Technology, David Olinger, to develop their technology skills and provide feedback about the student ed tech experience. Interns will be expected to commit to meet Wednesdays between 2:30pm and 3:30pm. They may also be asked to work with Ed Tech Leaders during occasional Irish Blocks. Applications are due by November 7th at midnight and can be found [HERE](#). Please contact [David Olinger](#) with questions.

College and University Visits

Various colleges and universities from all over the United States have begun their visits to O'Dea High School. These visits are open to all Juniors and Seniors and offer a great opportunity for students to learn more about schools that they may wish to attend after graduation. Students must sign up for these visits in Family Connection and have their teacher sign a [Permission Form](#) excusing them from their scheduled class. This form must be returned to Dr. Eulberg no later than the day prior to the scheduled visit.

For a complete list of college visits, please refer to Family Connection. Below are the colleges scheduled to visit the week of October 30th. If you have any questions, please contact [Dr. Jeanne Eulberg](#).

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS FOR October 30-November 5

College	Date	Time	Location
Montana State U	10/30/17	8:10-8:45am (G1)	Counseling Conference Room
Xavier U-Ohio	10/30/17	11:40-12:20pm (G2)	Counseling Conference Room
Illinois Institute of Technology	10/30/17	12:25-1:00pm (G2)	Counseling Conference Room
U of Oregon	10/31/17	8:50-9:30am (M1)	Counseling Conference Room
Seattle Pacific U	10/31/17	1:05-1:40pm (M4)	Counseling Conference Room
Westminster College	11/1/17	9:30-10:00am (G1)	Counseling Conference Room
U of Alabama	11/1/17	7:00pm	Heathman Hotel, Kirkland
Portland State U	11/2/17	11:40-12:20pm (M3)	Counseling Conference Room
St. John's U-New York	11/3/17	8:50-9:30am (G1)	Counseling Conference Room

Student Life

Freshmen House Leadership Opportunities

Calling all freshmen leaders! All freshmen interested in a school leadership role are encouraged to apply for the **Freshman House Captain** position. We have a strong legacy of excellent leadership at O'Dea and are seeking to recruit our up-and-coming leaders passionate about O'Dea and the House System. House Captains work closely with their House Deans to plan and execute House events, such as assemblies, dances, and other House-related activities, as well as help to create a positive and spirited House culture and identity within their grade level. One captain per House will be chosen.

Interested freshmen need to complete the online application [HERE](#) by November 10th. All candidates will then interview with their House Dean and student leaders, with decisions announced on November 17th. Students should talk with their House Dean or House Director, [Mr. Mullen](#), for any questions.

House Unity Day

On Monday, October 30th, students, faculty, and staff should all **wear their House t-shirts** with pride! During Irish Block on this day, each House will gather together to recognize student achievements, discuss service opportunities, learn about upcoming House activities, and engage in games and friendly competitions. House Unity Days are all about celebrating each House and the O'Dea Brotherhood!

Irish Cup Standings

Dublin House is currently leading the race for the Irish Cup with 140 points, bolstered by sweeping the Homecoming Assembly competitions of Limbo, Musical Basketball, and Spikeball and earning top Spirit points. **Limerick House** is next with 110 points, then defending Irish Cup champions **Kilkenny House** with 80 points, and **Waterford House** with 70 points. Keep up the great work, gentlemen!

O'Dea House is on Twitter!

You can now follow [@ODeaHouseSystem](#) for updates, news, photos, and info on the latest House activities happening across Dublin, Limerick, Waterford, and Kilkenny.

Faith & Service

Alumni Memorial Mass

On Saturday, November 4th at 11:00am, O'Dea High School will celebrate its annual Alumni Memorial Mass in St. James Cathedral to honor deceased graduates. Father Michael G. Ryan, pastor of St. James, will be the celebrant of the Mass. After Mass a complimentary lunch will be offered in the Isaac Orr Center, 910 Marion St. If you wish to attend lunch, please respond by Wednesday, November 1st to [Allie DeLong](#), Advancement Director.

This is also a great service opportunity for current students. We are seeking readers, greeters and gift bearers for this mass. If your son is interested please have him check in with [Taylor Thornton](#) in the Advancement/Main Office.

Canned Food Drive

Beginning November 6th, students can bring in canned food items to their Mentor Group to support Northwest Harvest and the people in our community who need it most. Northwest Harvest provides 2 million meals a month through a network of 375 food banks statewide. Our annual canned food drive begins November 6th and runs until November 21st. This is a House competition for [SERVICE POINTS](#) for the Irish Cup – the House with the highest weight in food wins! Next week, we will also announce an exciting new challenge this year and the incentives for whichever side wins, so stay tuned.

Service Trip to New Orleans - Summer 2018

Shirts Across America is a local non-profit that has been bringing students to New Orleans for many years to rebuild houses after Hurricane Katrina. On the trip they also engage with the New Orleans community to learn about the struggles people face and the importance of community. This year's trip is from June 23 - June 30, 2018. If your son is interested in applying there is a mandatory meeting at St. Joseph's on October 25th at 7:00pm. Applications for the trip are due October 30th. Please click [HERE](#) for more information on Shirts Across America and their mission to rebuild New Orleans.

Athletics

Basketball Tryouts

Basketball tryouts will take place from November 13th - 15th at the following times: 4:30-6:30pm (Freshmen), 6:00-8:30pm (Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors). Cuts will be announced at the end of the 3rd day of tryouts. There may be a need to extend a few of the last selections until the end of practice on Friday. Final rosters will be announced at the end of practice on Friday, November 17th. Please note that there are some football players that intend to play basketball as well. Because the football season often goes deep into the playoffs there will be an additional round of tryouts once football has completed their season. This could be as late as the State Championship on December 1st. **Roster positions are not final until all tryouts have been completed.**

All athletes are required to have the following paperwork turned into the Main Office in order to participate in tryouts:

- Physical Form
- Parental Approval & Student Information Form
- Student Emergency Information & Disaster Form
- Concussion Information
- Sudden Cardiac Acknowledgement Form

All forms can be found on the [O'Dea Website](#). Please contact Athletic Director, [Monte Kohler](#), regarding any questions you may have regarding paperwork.

The Arts

Music Ensemble Schedules

Instrumental Ensembles

October 30 - Band - 7:05am
October 31 - Band - 7:05am
November 1 - Drum Line - 7:05am
November 2 - Band - 7:05am
November 3 - Band - 7:05am

Vocal Ensembles

October 31 - M3 Choir
November 1 - IB: All Saints Day Mass
November 2 - M3 Choir

Advancement Office

Auction Committee Meeting

We are still looking for more members to join our Auction Committee. Please attend our next meeting on Tuesday, November 7th at 4:30pm in the Library. Any questions can be directed to Advancement Director, [Allie DeLong](#)

Mothers' Club

Open House - Volunteers Needed!

We need mothers to volunteer and help with the Fall Open House on Wednesday, November 8th from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. There will be two shifts and we need at least 10 Mothers to help with each shift: 4:30pm – 7:00pm and 6:45pm – 9:30pm. Mothers will be asked to answer questions from potential families, organize, sort and plate cookies, clean platters and package cookies at the end of the event. All adult volunteers are asked to wear O'Dea colors and no jeans. Please email [Darcy Leary-Bignayan](#) if you would like to sign up and specify which shift.

Looking Ahead

Important Dates to Remember

[November 7th](#) - Auction Committee Meeting, O'Dea Library @ 4:30pm
[November 8th](#) - Fall Open House, 6pm @ O'Dea
[November 10th](#) - No Class, Veteran's Day
[November 13th](#) - Winter Sports Begin
[November 15th - 17th](#) - Parent/Teacher Conferences
[November 23rd & 24th](#) - No Classes, Thanksgiving Break

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

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