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# O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

**OCTOBER 31, 2016 - NOVEMBER 6, 2016**

## Weekly Schedule

**Monday, October 31st** - Gold (Q2 Begins)

IB: Music/Campus Ministry

**Tuesday, November 1st** - Maroon Special Schedule, 130pm Dismissal

IB: All Saint's Day Mass

**Wednesday, November 2nd** - Gold

IB: General Interest Clubs

\*Auction Planning Meeting, O'Dea Library @ 5:30pm

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

**Thursday, November 3rd** - Maroon Min

\*Fall Open House, O'Dea Gym @ 6pm

**Friday, November 4th** - Gold Min

IB: Cultural Heritage Clubs

**Saturday, November 5th**

\*Varsity Football District Playoffs, Memorial Stadium (TBA)

\*Freshman Football vs. Eastside, 10am @ Eastside (subject to change)

\*State Cross Country Meet @ Sun Willows Golf Course, Pasco (TBA)

## Main Office

### 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!

## Academics & Counseling

### PowerSchool Closure

While teachers are entering quarter one grades and they are being verified in PowerSchool, there will be a "quiet period" where we will be closing access to PowerSchool. Access will be closed from 2:25pm on Friday, October 28th, until 8:00am on Wednesday, November 2nd. Thank you for your patience!

### Parent Survey

O'Dea is in the midst of an accreditation process designed to validate the excellence of our operations as a school and articulate a plan for our ongoing improvement. Part of this process entails surveying a variety of constituencies, including parents and guardians. Please complete [this survey](#) at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions about this, please contact [Dr. Cox](#). Thank you for your help with this vital element in our ongoing growth process.

### Student Ed Tech Internship

O'Dea students have the opportunity to participate in an internship program working directly with the Director of Educational Technology to develop their technology skills while providing feedback about the student experience. Interns will receive Service Hours for their time in the internship.

#### Internship Requirements:

- A commitment of two afternoons a week between 2:30 and 3:30
- A willingness to learn new software and report their experience
- A desire to share their learning with others
- A desire to help maintain hardware in the building

**Winter Session: November 14th - February 24th**

**Spring Session: February 27th - May 31st**

(Internship duration aligns with winter and spring sports seasons)

Please click [here](#) to submit an application. For more information or to ask questions, please contact [David Olinger](#), Director of Educational Technology. Thank you!

### Celebrating Día de los Muertos

The Spanish faculty will have an altar in room 205 in honor of Día de los Muertos the week of October 31st through November 4th. O'Dea students, faculty, staff, and families are welcome to contribute photos or other remembrances of passed loved ones that they would like to remember and celebrate. Spanish students will be doing activities in their Spanish classes in honor of this important Mexican holiday. You are all invited to come view the altar and celebrate with the Spanish department!

## 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. Seniors who were unable to attend last year may sign up this year. You can find the permission form [here](#).

### 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](#).

## Student Life

### Meet the House Deans

The four Deans of our House System play an integral role in the lives of our students. They work closely with Mentor Teachers to provide the resources needed for Mentor Group activities, plan dances, prepare assemblies, and coordinate service events. More importantly, they promote a sense of connectedness that makes our House program a special aspect of the O'Dea experience.

I am pleased to further introduce our House Deans. They play a significant role at O'Dea and are one of many caring faculty and staff members that support and mentor our students on a daily basis.

#### Click below for a quick Q & A with your son's House Dean:

Dublin House Dean - [Mr. Alex Lara](#)

Kilkenny House Dean - [Mr. Joe Cronin](#)

Limerick House Dean - [Mr. Mike Doyle](#)

Waterford House Dean - [Mr. Brandon Maul](#)

## Athletics

### Winter Sports

Winter sports begin Monday, November 14th. In order to turn out for a winter sport all [athletic paperwork](#) needs to be on file in the Main Office.

Below is the schedule for each winter sport for the week of November 14th:

#### Swimming Practice (Medgar Evers Pool)

Monday through Friday, 2:30-4:15pm

#### Wrestling Practice (O'Dea Gym)

Monday, November 14th - 2:30-4:30pm

Tuesday, November 15th - 2:30-4:30pm

Wednesday, November 16th - 12:00-2:30pm

Thursday, November 17th - 12:00-2:30pm

Friday, November 18th - 12:00-2:30pm

Saturday, November 19th - 8:00-10:00am

#### Basketball Tryouts

##### Monday, November 14th

Freshmen 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Sophomores 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Juniors 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Seniors 6:00pm – 8:30pm

##### Tuesday, November 15th

Freshmen 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Sophomores 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Juniors 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Seniors 6:00pm – 8:30pm

\*\*Groupings for Wednesday will be announced at the end of practice Tuesday

##### Wednesday, November 16th

Freshmen 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Junior Varsity 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Varsity 6:00pm – 8:30pm

\*\*Cuts will be announced at the end of each session Wednesday

The practice schedule for the remainder of the week will be distributed by Coach Kerr once teams are announced. Thank you!

## The Arts

### Music Ensemble Schedules

#### Instrumental Ensembles

October 31 – Band – 7:05am (Chamber Ensemble during Irish Block)

November 1 – Drum Line – 7:30am (Chamber Ensemble @ Mass)

November 2 – Band – 7:05am

November 3 – Band – 7:05am

November 4 – Band – 7:05am

\*\*District Playoff 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 31 - Liturgical Choir during Irish Block

November 1 – M3 Choir (All Saints Day Mass)

November 3 – M3 Choir

## Advancement Office

### POSH Auction Update

Join us at our next auction planning meeting **Wednesday, November 2, @ 5:30pm**, in the O'Dea Library. We have a great group of people helping but would love even more to make this event the best it can be.

Also, it's time to think about your auction donation! Please review [this list](#) for great donation ideas, or come up with your own, and fill out the [donation form](#).

Finally, sponsorship opportunities are still available. Click [here](#) to learn more! Thank you for your support!

### Support our Spirit!

This is the last week to send out your emails to friends and family to help raise funds for athletics and co-curricular activities, such as clubs, the band, and our retreats! After this week, if you or your son have not sent the emails or personally donated \$300 we will be following up with you for your donation. Thank you for your participation!

## 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

**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 Teaching Conferences

**November 24 & 25** - No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

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

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