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OCTOBER 9, 2017 - OCTOBER 15, 2017

Weekly Schedule

Monday, October 9th - No School, Faculty & Staff Retreat *JV Football vs. Eastside Catholic, Soundview @ 3:30pm *Golf Match vs. Franklin, Jefferson Golf Course @ 3:30pm

Tuesday, October 10th - Maroon

Wednesday, October 11th - Testing Day (11:45am Dismissal) (No School, Seniors) *Golf Match vs. West Seattle, Jefferson Golf Course @ 3:30pm *Cross Country Meet, Lower Woodland @ 3:40pm (V), 4:40pm (FR), 5:05pm (JV) *Freshmen Football vs. Liberty, Liberty @ 7pm *Mothers' Club Meeting, O'Dea Library @ 6pm

<u>Thursday, October 12th</u> - Maroon PM/IB IB: Wall of Honor Assembly *Golf Match vs. Seattle Prep, West Seattle Golf Course @ 3:30pm *Wall of Honor Inductee Celebration, O'Dea Gym @ 6pm

Friday, October 13th - Gold PM/IB (Picture Retakes) IB: Homecoming Assembly *Varsity Football vs. Rainier Beach, West Seattle Stadium @ 7pm

Saturday, October 14th

*Freshmen Football vs. Seattle Prep, Montlake @ 10am *Homecoming Dance, O'Dea Gym @ 8pm

Click here to view the entire O'Dea Calendar for most up to date event details!

Main Office Important Schedule Change

To align with revised College Board guidelines, the PSAT Testing Day has been moved from Wednesday, October 18th to Wednesday, October 11th. Included below are important schedule changes for both days:

Wednesday, October 11th - Testing Day (No Classes)

PSAT testing for all Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors will begin at 8:10am and end at 11:45am; there will be no zero period and students will be dismissed at the conclusion of the testing. Seniors will have no classes and should stay home to work on their college essays and applications. Individual coaches and moderators will communicate schedules for after school activities.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 (Gold MM)

Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors will attend classes all day on the Gold MM schedule. Seniors will meet in the gymnasium at 8:30am and walk to the Senior/Alum Breakfast held at the Washington Athletic Club (WAC). Upon returning from the Alumni breakfast Seniors will attend their Irish Block, G2 and G3 classes.

Thank you for adjusting your calendars. Please direct any questions to Dr. Eulberg.

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes are scheduled for Friday morning, October 13th. Students should come to school with their O'Dea tie and white dress shirt, be clean shaven and have their hair combed. They may change out of their shirt and tie after the photo. Please bring the original order to exchange. Any questions, please contact <u>Mr. Alex Lara</u>.

Senior Class Breakfast

Alumni Director, David Mazzeo, recently sent an email to all seniors with a brief survey and a permission slip for the Alumni - Senior Class Breakfast which will take place on Wednesday, October 18th. Please be sure your son completes the <u>online survey</u> by Friday, September 22nd so we can place him at tables with alumni who represent careers he is interested in. Permission slips can be found by clicking <u>HERE</u> and are due in the Alumni Office by Friday, October 13th. Please contact <u>David Mazzeo</u> with any questions.

2018-2019 School Year - Financial Aid

A reminder that all families must re-apply for financial aid every year. The financial aid portal for SSS/NAIS opens up October 2, 2017 and closes December 31, 2017. This is for the 2018-2019 School Year. To apply please click <u>HERE</u>, go to the page for Parents and Families, and use the School and Student Services Code for O'Dea High School 166898. You will need to upload your 2017 tax return, 2017 final paystub and 2017 W-2 when you receive them.

Applications to the Fulcrum Foundation Tuition Assistance Grant will be accepted beginning Sunday, October 1st. If you are applying for financial aid at O'Dea, you <u>must also apply</u> for financial aid through the Fulcrum Foundation. This program is designed for families and students currently enrolled in any Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Please click <u>HERE</u> to apply. The deadline for submitting applications is January 5, 2018. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact <u>Mrs. Thornton</u>.

Academics & Counseling PSAT Testing

On Wednesday, October 11th at 8:10am, O'Dea High School will be administering the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) to all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. This exam provides firsthand practice for the SAT Test and gives students a comprehensive analysis of their answers. This exam also generates free, personalized SAT Practice on Khan Academy to help strengthen each student's SAT performance. For the students in 11th grade, the results of the PSAT give your son a chance to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation scholarship programs. If you have any questions regarding this exam, please contact Counselor, James Beck. Thank you!

Study Hall

O'Dea High School is now offering Study Hall for students in need of extra time to work on their academics. Study Hall will be held both before and after school and will be monitored by Mr. David Watson and Mr. Ryland Brown. Hours are as follows:

7:00am - 8:00am on Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri in Room 201

2:30pm - 3:30pm on Mon, Tues, Wed, and Thurs in Room 201 and 203

Students will be required to sign in and out of Study Hall and will be expected to focus on their schoolwork. All are welcome!

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 <u>Permission Form</u> 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 9th. If you have any questions, please contact <u>Dr. Jeanne Eulberg</u>.

College	Date	Time	Location
U of Idaho	10/10/17	8:10-8:45am (M1)	Counseling Conference Room
Washington State U	10/10/17	8:50-9:30am (M1)	Library
Oregon State U	10/10/17	11:40-1:40pm (M3)	Counseling Conference Room
U of St. Andrews	10/10/17	12:25-1:00pm (M3)	Counseling Conference Room
Boston College	10/10/17	1:45-2:25pm (M4)	Counseling Conference Room
Seattle U	10/12/17	8:10-8:35am (M1)	Library
Linfield College	10/12/17	12:20-12:50pm (M4)	Library
Landmark College	10/12/17	12:55-1:20pm (M4)	Library
U of Colorado, Boulder	10/13/17	8:50-9:30am (G1)	Counseling Conference Room
Syracuse U	10/13/17	10:10-10:45am (G2)	Counseling Conference Room
U of Montana	10/13/17	12:00-12:35pm (G3)	Counseling Conference Room

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS FOR October 9-15

Mentorship Program

Is your son interested in Architecture, Construction or Engineering? ACE Mentors is a mentorship program for motivated students who want to learn about a career in the building industry. Students work with mentors, go on field trips to job sites, and work on their own building design project guided by a team of mentors. Meetings are held after school once every two weeks from 4-6 pm at the mentor offices. The program runs from the end of October through May and is open to students in grades 9-12. Students must register <u>HERE</u> by October 13th. Please contact <u>Mrs. Eulberg</u> if you have any questions.

Student Life O'Dea Homecoming Week

Homecoming week is fast approaching and you don't want to miss out on the fun! Please see below for the weekly schedule including themes for the day and the featured lunchtime activity. If you have any questions please contact Limerick Dean, <u>Mike Doyle</u>.

O'Dea Homecoming Spirit Week



Homecoming Dance - Saturday, October 14th

Get ready for a night of fun, photo-booth, music and dancing on Saturday, October 14th from 8pm-11pm in the O'Dea Gym! This year's Homecoming Dance theme is *Hollywood!* The attire is semi-formal; please see <u>Dance Guidelines</u> for attire specifics. Tickets will only be sold online. Click <u>HERE</u> to purchase. They are \$15/single and \$25/couple. The deadline for ordering is October 12th. All guests (including the ladies from HNA) must complete a <u>Dance Guest Form</u> and submit it to Dean Magee for review by

October 12th. Please direct any questions to Limerick Dean Mike Doyle.

Athletics O'Dea vs. Eastside Catholic

This Friday, October 6th, the Fighting Irish take on Eastside Catholic at 7pm at Eastside Catholic. Please come out to cheer us on to victory as we look to take down the #1 ranked team in state for the 2nd straight year! The game will be televised on ROOT Sports and streamed on <u>NFHS</u>. Thank you for your support! GO IRISH!

The Arts Music Ensemble Schedules

Instrumental Ensembles

October 9 - No Band October 10 - Band - 7:05am October 11 - No Band or Drum Line October 12 - Band - 7:05am October 13 - Band - 7:05am / Football game @ 7pm, meet in music room @ 4:30pm

Vocal Ensembles

October 10 - M3 Choir October 12 - M3 Choir

Advancement Office Student Fundraiser - Support our Spirit!

Our fall student fundraiser is underway and the students are working on bringing in those Wall of Honor donations and selling tickets to next week's event which will take place on Thursday, October 12th. The Wall of Honor event celebrates past O'Dea athletes who have contributed to the proud athletic traditions of O'Dea. While we are honoring the past, we will raise funds to support those currently at O'Dea.

This year we have combined our fall fundraiser and the Wall of Honor. We have asked the students to reach out to family and friends to ask them to either attend the Wall of Honor event or make a donation.

Students will earn ONE point for their mentor group for each donation or ticket they sell. Prizes will be as follows:

- 20 points per mentor group = Donuts for the group
- 30 points per mentor group = Free Dress for the group
- 40 points per mentor group = Pizza for the group

To register or make a donation please click <u>HERE</u>. Make sure to enter your son's name when filling out the form so their mentor group earns points!

Thank you for your support and GO IRISH!

Wall of Honor - LIVE Auction

Check out the live auction items for next week's Wall of Honor Celebration! You don't want to miss out!

Denver Outlaws Lacrosse Experience with Drew Snider

Join our very own Fighting Irish Lacrosse Coach, Drew Snider, for this once in a lifetime experience in Denver! You and a guest will fly to Denver, stay two nights in a hotel, attend a Denver Outlaw home Lacrosse game, and then head out after the game with Coach Snider himself. The date must be mutually agreed upon during the 2018 season. GO IRISH and GO OUTLAWS!



The Sports Lovers Dream Trip to New York City

Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend the day in New York City with O'Dea's very own sports broadcaster, Nate Burleson, O'Dea Class of '99. Nate is a co-host on both NFL Network's Good Morning Football and CBS Studios' NFL Today. This is your opportunity to join him on set, followed by dinner with Nate himself. The package also includes airfare for two and three nights stay at a hotel in the heart of New York City. The date must be mutually agreed upon during the 2018 NFL football season.



The Best of Portlandia's Sports Scene

Grab your squad and head down to the City of Roses where you and a guest will watch the Portland Trailblazers take on the New Orleans Pelicans on December 2nd, 2017. During your stay in Portland you will enjoy lunch/dinner out with New Orleans Pelicans assistant coach, Jamelle McMillan, a proud alum of O'Dea Class of 2007, and the son of NBA great, Nate McMillan. Jamelle will also give you a behind the scenes tour of the home of the Blazers, The Rose Garden. Thanks to O'Dea Alum Father, Matt Murphy, this package includes a two-nights stay at the beautiful Paramount hotel, ideally located in the heart of Portland's downtown core.



Mothers' Club Thank you!

As the saying goes, many hands make light work and that is certainly true in this case! This year's Bite of O'Dea was a huge success raising almost \$21,000 for financial aid and emergency assistance to help families in crisis. What a great show of support to help members of the O'Dea community. If you have constructive feedback or suggestions for this event please email the <u>Mothers' Club</u>.

Our next Mothers' Club meeting is Wednesday, October 11th at 6pm in the O'Dea Library. Dr. Gregory Cox will be our speaker and will begin at 6:30pm so please come to hear what he has to say about academics and personalized learning at O'Dea.

Looking Ahead Important Dates to Remember

October 28th - NACAC College Fair, O'Dea Gym @ 1pm <u>November 1st</u> - Fathers' Club Meeting, Biology Lab @ 6:30pm <u>November 4th</u> - Alumni Memorial Mass, 11am @ St. James Cathedral <u>November 8th</u> - Fall Open House, 6pm @ O'Dea <u>November 10th</u> - No Class, Veteran's Day <u>November 13th</u> - Winter Sports Begin <u>November 15th - 17th</u> - Parent/Teacher Conferences <u>November 23rd & 24th</u> - No Classes, Thanksgiving Break

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