



O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 13, 2017 - NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Weekly Schedule

[Monday, November 13th](#) - Maroon

*Winter Sports Begin

[Tuesday, November 14th](#) - Gold

IB: Cultural Heritage Clubs

[Wednesday, November 15th](#) - Maroon Min (12pm Dismissal)

*Parent/Teacher Conferences

[Thursday, November 16th](#) - Gold Min (12pm Dismissal)

*Parent/Teacher Conferences

[Friday, November 17th](#) - Maroon Min (12pm Dismissal)

*Parent/Teacher Conferences

*Football State Quarterfinals (TBD)

[Saturday, November 18th](#)

*Football State Quarterfinals (TBD)

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 here! Conference sign-ups will continue to be online until Sunday, November 12th at 11:30pm. Click [HERE](#) for more information regarding the times of the individual sessions. Please note you will need the names of your son's teachers before you begin the sign-up process. Contact O'Dea Registrar, [Barbara Verzemnieks](#), with any questions. Thank you!

Fulcrum Foundation - Tuition Assistance

Applications for the Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Grant are now being accepted. This program is designed for families and students currently enrolled in any Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Seattle. The Fulcrum Foundation knows that Catholic education changes lives, therefore it is their mission to help families afford it. Please click [HERE](#) to apply. The deadline for submitting applications is January 5, 2018. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact O'Dea's Director of Financial Aid, [Linda Thornton](#), or the Fulcrum Foundation's Programs Manager, [Susan Ocama](#).

Academics & Counseling

Winter SAT Classes

Mazor Test Prep is pleased to offer its highly regarded SAT prep courses at a discount to O'Dea students once again this year. They are celebrating their 30th year of helping thousands of students in the Seattle area get the test scores they want and need.

Mazor Test Prep offers:

- Expert, effective, and caring instruction
- Small classes
- Up-to-date course materials
- Plenty of practice, exposure, and feedback
- Significantly discounted tuition for O'Dea students

The Winter Session will start in January, and the Spring Session will start in March. Course schedules, registration, and more are available at [Mazor Test Prep](#). Please use the code: ODEA at checkout to get your \$100 O'Dea discount. Private tutoring for the SAT or the ACT is also available. Feel free to contact Lisa Mazor at (206) 632.TEST (8378) or lisa@mazortestprep.com for more information.

Faith & Service

The Sam Cathedral Canned Food Challenge

The canned food drive is underway! Students are bringing in canned food items to their Mentor Group to support Northwest Harvest and the people in our community who need it most. This year, we have been issued a new challenge by senior Sam Catherall. In past years, Sam has brought in thousands of pounds of food for our annual drive – nearly 2,600 pounds last year alone! So this year, our canned food drive will not only be a House competition for Service points for the Irish Cup, but also **The Sam Catherall Canned Food Challenge**. If the entire school can bring in 3,000 pounds (not counting Sam's total), Principal Walker has agreed to alter our school schedule on a future date to become a Minimum Day schedule with a Relaxed Dress (plus House T-shirt) dress code for that day. Thanks to Sam's inspiration, we can do it! The food drive will run until November 21st. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Northwest Harvest's preferred food items.

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](#)

November 13 - Band - 7:05am

November 14 - Band - 7:05am

November 15 - Drum Line - 7:05am

November 16 - Band - 7:05am

November 17 - Band - 7:05am - Football Game TBD

[Vocal Ensembles](#)

November 13 - M3 Choir

November 14 - M3 Choir

November 15 - M3 Choir

Advancement Office

O'Dea Auction - March 17, 2018 - Celebrate O'Dea!

This year's auction, chaired by current parents Shannon Gardner and Helen Suk, will be on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17, 2018. The event sold out last year so be sure to make your reservation early and join us to celebrate O'Dea and all that is Irish. Please click [HERE](#) and consider becoming a sponsor. All money raised at this year's auction will help fund financial aid and enhance our 4th floor student learning and counseling center.

Support O'Dea by Giving Gold!

Giving Tuesday, celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, is a global day of giving fueled by the power of collaboration. This year, on Tuesday, November 28th, O'Dea High School will participate in our first annual Giving Gold Day. **We are proud to announce that we are able to match your Giving Gold donations dollar for dollar thanks to the generosity of longtime O'Dea champion, Roy F. Simperman.** All donations up to \$20,000 received on Tuesday, November 28th, will be matched to support the mission of O'Dea. Please direct any questions to Advancement Director, [Allie DeLong](#) at 206.923.7540. Stay tuned for more information and thanks for Giving Gold!

Mothers' Club

Thank you!

Thanks to all the mothers who came out to help at the Open House. It was a very successful event; the school appreciates your efforts.

Mark your calendars for our November 29th meeting. We will be Decking the Halls for the boys. Come for social hour, heavy snacks and decorating. Many hands make light work... we can have the school decked out in no time.

Looking Ahead

Important Dates to Remember

[November 23rd & 24th](#) - No School, Thanksgiving Break

[November 29th](#) - Mothers' Club Deck the Halls Meeting, O'Dea Library @ 6pm

[December 6th](#) - Fathers' Club Meeting, Biology Lab @ 6:30pm

[December 6th- 9th](#) - Fall Encounter

[December 13th](#) - Christmas Concert

[December 18th - January 1st](#) - No School, Christmas Vacation

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

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