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O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 20, 2017 - NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Weekly Schedule

[Monday, November 20th](#) - Gold

IB: Arts & Technology

[Tuesday, November 21st](#) - Maroon

[Wednesday, November 22nd](#) - Gold Min (12pm Dismissal)

IB: Thanksgiving Prayer Service

[Thursday, November 23rd](#) - No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

[Friday, November 24th](#) - No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

*Football State Semifinals (TBD)

[Saturday, November 25th](#)

*Football State Semifinals (TBD)

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

Message from the Principal

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is the time of year we all reflect on our many blessings. Although life presents many challenges, this is the time of year we are grateful for the kind people in our lives who love and support us so that our students can be successful. At O'Dea High School, I know that we live in a state of Thanksgiving throughout the year, and for that I am grateful.

This Thanksgiving, I will give thanks for my many blessings, including the opportunity to be a part of a remarkable Catholic faith community of committed students, parents, and educators.

Best wishes for a Blessed Thanksgiving.

Jim Walker

Principal

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The Spirit of Giving

Canned Food Challenge - WE CAN DO IT!

There is a special buzz around the school that our very own Sam Catherall has surpassed the 2,582 pounds of food that he brought in for Northwest Harvest last year. **If one young man can alone bring in this much food, we certainly can reach our goal of 3,000 pounds as a school.** In 2016, 1 in 8 people from Washington did not get enough food to meet their nutritional needs, 1 in 6 rely on their local food banks, and 1 in 5 children live in a household that struggles to put food on the table. If all O'Dea students bring in just SIX pounds of food, we will exceed the goal of 3,000 pounds and will be victorious in The Sam Catherall Canned Food Challenge and Principal Walker will alter our school schedule on a future date to become a Minimum Day schedule with a relaxed dress code. So far we have brought in 1,344 pounds of food (44% of our goal) and the Limerick House is in the lead with 403 pounds. **If Sam can bring in this much alone, we can do this together!** Please bring in your donations to Mazor Group by Tuesday, November 21st. Thank you for supporting Northwest Harvest and the people in our community who need it most. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about preferred food items.



Main Office

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 Ocamana](#).

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.

Microsoft Surface Stylus

This Surface Program at O'Dea requires that all students have a stylus compatible with their Microsoft Surface. Without this resource, students are hindering their learning. This tool is imperative for each young man to reach his highest potential in the classroom. If a stylus has been lost, please replace it in a timely fashion. Thank you for your cooperation!

Your Weekly Tech Tip!

Good habits lead to good digital hygiene: It's easy to let your Microsoft Surface suffer from poor digital hygiene if you fail to shut the computer down properly. Instead of simply closing the keypad when you are finished using your Surface, take a moment to shut it down properly using the Windows Icon. If you do this every day, your Surface will install necessary updates that help it to function properly.

Faith & Service

Christmas Family Project

That special time of year is almost upon on when our young O'Dea gentlemen, with the help of the Mother's Club and in partnership with Providence Regina House, will participate in the Christmas Family Project. This year, O'Dea has again adopted 10 families. Each mentor group will be assigned members of these families to provide gifts from their wish lists. Students and families will wrap and deliver these gifts to the doorsteps of families on Dec. 15. We hope everyone will support this project any way they can – please talk with your son about ways to get involved, and look for more information after Thanksgiving! If you have any questions, please email Waterford House Dean [Brandon Maul](#).

Student Life

Freshmen House Captain Interviews

Great job to the 24 students who submitted online applications to be a Freshmen House Captain – an impressive group! The next step of the process is a group interview for all candidates on **Monday, November 20th, during Mentor Group**. Applicants' House Dean will lead the interview along with several current House student leaders. The new Freshmen Captains will be announced November 22nd. Thank you to all those students seeking to add their energy and talents toward leading O'Dea. For any questions, please contact House Director [Mr. Mullen](#) or your House Dean.

Athletics

Basketball Schedule

Please click [HERE](#) to view a detailed schedule for the 2017-2018 Irish Basketball season. This schedule is for Freshmen, JV, and Varsity and includes games, practices and times the athletes are expected to workout with Strength & Conditioning Coach, Paxton Paynter.

An updated document will continue to live on the [O'Dea Website](#) under the basketball announcements. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Coach Kerr](#). GO IRISH!

The Arts

Music Ensemble Schedules

[Instrumental Ensembles](#)

November 20 - Band - 7:05am

November 21 - Band - 7:05am

November 22 - Drum Line - 7:05am

November 23 - No Band

November 24 - No Band

[Vocal Ensembles](#)

November 21 - M3 Choir

Advancement Office

Celebrate O'Dea!

O'Dea's Auction Committee is hard at work planning for another highly successful auction! Wondering what to donate this year? The committee has created a SignUp Genius page for a wish list of auction items we'd love to have at the event. All you need to do is click [HERE](#) to select your donation item by February 12, 2018. We will fill out your procurement form for you so please ensure your contact information is complete! Procure or purchase the item and deliver it to the school by March 1, 2018. If you have any questions about making a donation, please contact [Allie DeLong](#), Advancement Director, at 206-923-7540. Thank you!

#GiveGOLD

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 #GiveGOLD day. **We are proud to announce that we are able to match your #GiveGOLD 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.

Mothers' Club

Deck the Halls

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 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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