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# O'DEA

## FAMILY BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 6, 2017 - NOVEMBER 12, 2017

## Weekly Schedule

[Monday, November 6th](#) - Maroon

[Tuesday, November 7th](#) - Gold PM/IB

IB: House Games Semi-Finals

\*Auction Committee Meeting, O'Dea Library @ 4:30pm

[Wednesday, November 8th](#) - Maroon Min (Noon Dismissal)

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

[Thursday, November 9th](#) - Gold Min

[Friday, November 10th](#) - No School, Veteran's Day

\*Football State Playoffs (TBD)

[Saturday, November 11th](#)

\*Football State Playoffs (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 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

### Tutoring Program

O'Dea has started a group tutoring program. Students in the same classes are working together on assignments and have access to a peer tutor. Tutoring is 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](#).

A special thanks to a number of our upperclassmen for their willingness to give of their time and talents. Thanks to Luke Martin and Marc Pavlovec for helping with Spanish, Zachary Lee, Brendan Cabrera, and Jack Markowitz for helping with Math, Dylan Vito and Michael Veillon for helping with *both* Math and Spanish, and Abai Houser for helping us get the program off the ground. Kudos, Gentlemen!

### 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.

## 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.

### Irish Cup Standings

A new House has taken the lead for the Irish Cup! Limerick House has vaulted ahead of Dublin House to take the lead by 10 points. Waterford and Kilkenny are close behind in a very tight battle. See all the updated points in the scoreboard below: These include *Academic* points from the mid-semester grade check, *Citizenship* points from the # of detentions (-1 point) and Super Citizenship Cards (+2 points) awarded, and *Service* points from the average # of service hours per House. The Irish Cup will be awarded to the House with the highest # of points at House Spirit Day on May 18, 2018.

<b>OFFICIAL O'DEA IRISH CUP SCOREBOARD – AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2017</b>							
	ACADEMICS	HOUSE GAMES	SCHOOL SPIRIT	CITIZENSHIP	SERVICE	TOTAL	STANDINGS
LIMERICK	30		110	40	20	300	1 <sup>st</sup>
DUBLIN	30		140	30	10	190	2 <sup>nd</sup>
WATERFORD	40		70	20	30	160	3 <sup>rd</sup>
KILKENNY	20		80	10	40	150	4 <sup>th</sup>

### Congratulations Super Citizenship Winners!

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognized by one of our faculty/staff by earning a "SUPER CITIZENSHIP CARD." These cards are awarded to students who go above and beyond in the areas of *character*, *faith* or *service*, and count towards **Citizenship Points** for the Irish Cup.

**DUBLIN:** Michael Arndt, Jan Deraco, Noah Williams, Paul Johnson, Justin Young, Myles Klingler

**LIMERICK:** Andrew Walker, Keller Linford

**WATERFORD:** Parker D'Anna, Stone Harmann, McKinley Juguilon, Calvin Thomas

**KILKENNY:** Kobe James

## Faith & Service

### The Sam Cathedral Canned Food Challenge

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. This year, we have been issued a new challenge for senior Sam Cathedral. In past years, Sam has brought in thousands of pounds of food for our senior Sam Cathedral – 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 Cathedral 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 from November 6th 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 6 - Band - 7:05am

November 7 - Band - 7:05am

November 8 - Drum Line - 7:05am

November 9 - Band - 7:05am

November 10 - No Band - Football Game TBD

[Vocal Ensembles](#)

November 6 - M3 Choir

November 8 - M3 Choir

### O'Dea Holiday Broadcast

O'Dea Drama has started auditions for the O'Dea Holiday Broadcast which will take place on Wednesday, December 13th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Auditions are being held in Room 302 after school on Monday, November 6th and Tuesday, November 7th. Please direct any questions to [Ms. Michelle Traverso](#). Thank you!

## Advancement Office

### 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!

### Christmas Card Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Eli Valcik for creating the winning entry for the Christmas card contest sponsored by Patterson Buchanan Fobes and Leitch, longtime patron of O'Dea. Eli's artwork will appear on the firm's Christmas card this year and in their upcoming advertisement in the December edition of Catholic Northwest Magazine. Eli was also given a \$2,500 scholarship towards his O'Dea tuition. Thank you Patterson Buchanan Fobes and Leitch and congratulations to Eli!

## Mothers' Club

### A few announcements!

If you are still interested in volunteering at the Fall Open House on Wednesday, November 8th from 6:00pm – 9:00pm, we could use your help! 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. 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.

The Motherhood T-Shirts have arrived and are in the Main Office. Mothers can stop in during office hours or send your son to the office to collect your shirts on your behalf. An email will also be going out to all that placed an order.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, November 29th. Please come and help us Deck the Halls for the boys. It's a lot of fun and many hands make light work.

## Looking Ahead

### Important Dates to Remember

[November 13th](#) - Winter Sports Begin

[November 15th - 17th](#) - Parent/Teacher Conferences

[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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