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O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 7, 2016 - NOVEMBER 13, 2016

Weekly Schedule

[Monday, November 7th](#) - Maroon

[Tuesday, November 8th](#) - Gold MM
IB: Faith & Service Clubs

[Wednesday, November 9th](#) - Maroon
*Mothers' Club Meeting, O'Dea Library @ 6:30pm

[Thursday, November 10th](#) - Gold
IB: Student Leadership Meetings

[Friday, November 11th](#) - No School, Veteran's Day
*Football State Playoffs, Memorial Stadium (TBD)

[Saturday, November 12th](#)
*Alumni Memorial Mass, 11am @ St. James Cathedral
*JSA Fall State Convention, Double Tree Hotel Seattle

[Sunday, November 13th](#)
*JSA Fall State Convention, Double Tree Hotel Seattle

Main Office

Bell Schedule

Please note that Gold Min and Maroon Min days are a Noon dismissal. The [bell schedule](#) on our website includes detailed descriptions of each unique schedule including the abbreviations for each day. These abbreviations are used both on the website calendar and on the weekly calendar in the Family Bulletin. Thank you!

Tuition Policy

Some important changes have been made to O'Dea's tuition policy. This policy can be found on page 24 of the [Student Handbook](#), which lives under the Student Life tab of the website. Below is the policy, for your reference:

Tuition payments are made monthly from July through May for upper classmen, and in May and subsequently July through April for freshmen. The full amount may also be paid in advance with a discount given if paid by May 1st. The May, July and August tuition payments are non-refundable. All monthly payments are required to be paid via automatic deduction from a bank account unless other arrangements are made due to extenuating circumstances. A \$30 fee will be charged for transactions that are returned by the bank and a \$20 fee will be charged for late payments. Any student who fails to meet the above payments is subject to dismissal at the end of each quarter unless a satisfactory payment schedule is arranged with the school and appropriately fulfilled. Any student who withdraws after school has begun is liable for all tuition payments due through the month of the effective date of his withdrawal. Financial aid and scholarship awards will be lost if the student withdraws before the end of the school year. Transcripts, diplomas and report cards will not be released to parents, schools or colleges until all financial obligations have been met. A student will not be able to re-enroll for the following school year unless all financial obligations are fulfilled by August 1st.

Academics & Counseling

Parent Teacher Conferences

Please mark your calendars for the 2016-2017 Parent Teacher Conferences held on Wednesday, November 16th, Thursday, November 17th, and Friday, November 18th. You will be invited to sign up online for your desired conference time(s) beginning on Tuesday, November 8th. For more detailed information please click [here](#).

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!

Faith & Service

Encounter with Christ Retreat

The Encounter with Christ Retreat is coming up soon! This retreat is for juniors and seniors who are looking to grow closer to Christ while having an amazing trip with O'Dea brothers. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, please see Ms. Curl for a permission slip! The **deadline to sign up is November 11th**, so be sure to get your spot!

Canned Food Drive

The canned food drive starts on November 8th and runs until November 23rd. We are collecting food for Northwest Harvest; they are excited to have O'Dea on board again this year. The drive is a competition between houses. We will weigh each box of canned food and the house with the most weight wins! Click [here](#) to see what Northwest Harvest is asking for this year.

Choir Volunteers Needed

Mr. Ruiter is looking for volunteers to join the Liturgical choir. The choir is open to every experience level. They meet for practice once per month during Music Irish Block and serve during school Masses. If interested, please join the remind group by texting "@choir4mass" to 81010. Rehearsal and Mass counts towards service hours.

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. 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 and will receive community service hours for their help. If interested please contact [Mrs. Irwin](#) or stop by the Development Office.

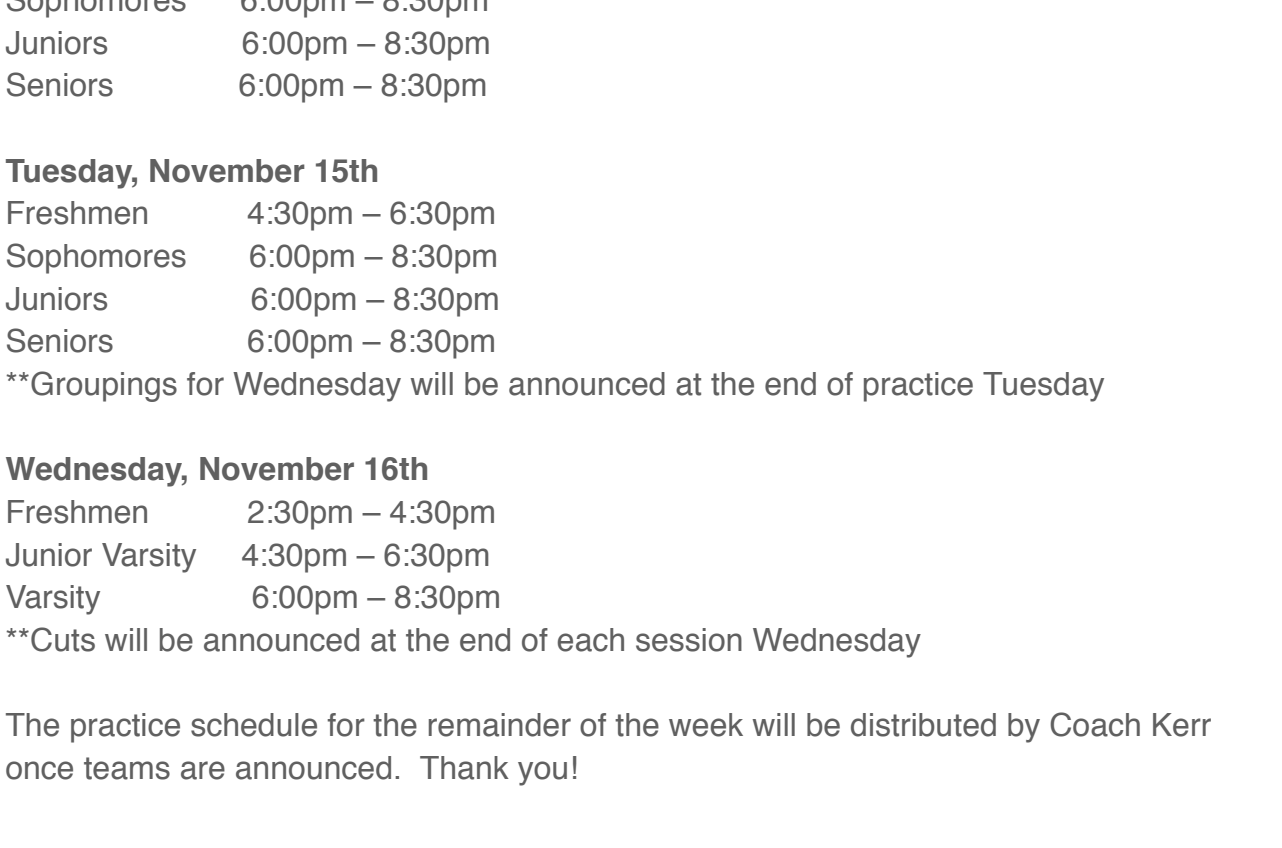
Student Life

Freshman House Captains

Congratulations to our new Freshmen House Captains!

Limerick - Henry Veillon
Waterford - Henry Muench
Dublin - Jayan White
Kilkenny - Ben Kuroiwa

Each candidate underwent a selection process that included a written application and interview with their House Dean and House Captains. We had nearly 30 freshmen apply for just four open slots, which speaks to how much our freshmen value leadership and how connected they are to our House program. Each of our new Freshmen House Captains brings tremendous leadership skills to represent his House. Congratulations!



Athletics

Winter Sports

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

November 7 – Band – 7:05am
November 8 – Drum Line – 7:30am
November 9 – Band - 7:05am
November 10 – Band – 7:05am
November 11 – No School (Football playoffs - band not attending)

Vocal Ensembles

November 7 – M3 Choir
November 9 – M3 Choir

Advancement Office

Fall Fundraiser

Thank you to all who participated in our Fall Fundraiser, *Support Our Spirit!* Proceeds will benefit our students by providing necessary funds for athletics and extra-curricular activities. We received a very good response during the month of October from our students, parents, relatives and friends with donations of more than \$40,000. Although the campaign officially ended last week, donors are still responding and contributions continue to arrive each day. We will soon be contacting families who did not participate; please submit your \$300 donation in the meantime!

POSH Gala Auction - Be True to Your School!

Invite your friends, relatives and business associates to join your table for POSH Gala Auction at the O'Dea Gym on Saturday, March 18, 2017. Great plans are underway and we hope you will join us.

Now is the time to consider what your family will donate to the auction. Donation information is due by January 18th, 2017 so think about your contribution to POSH while you are Christmas shopping and making those end of the year donations! Please review [this list](#) for great donation ideas, or come up with your own, and fill out the [donation form](#).

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

#GivingTuesday

On **November 29, 2016**, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, #GivingTuesday kicks off the holiday season and inspires people to collaborate and to give back in impactful ways to the charities and causes they support. It helps to connect diverse groups of individuals, communities and organizations around the world for a common purpose: to celebrate and encourage giving. #GivingTuesday offers a wonderful opportunity for you to share your generosity and support O'Dea. Stay tuned for more details in the weeks to come!

Mothers' Club

Wreath Sales

The Mothers' Club is selling Christmas wreaths! We are offering 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](#). **All orders must be placed online or received in the office by Friday, November 11th.**

Mothers' Club Meeting

Please join the Mothers' Club on **Wednesday, November 9th** at 6:30pm for our monthly meeting in the O'Dea Library. This month we are featuring Mr. Tom Schutte who will be providing an overview of the Boy Brain approach and how our educators intentionally use teaching practices designed to nurture young male brains.

Looking Ahead

Important Dates to Remember

[Monday, November 14th](#) - Winter Sports Begin

[November 16th, 17th & 18th](#) - Parent Teacher Conferences

[November 24 & 25](#) - No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

[December 6th](#) - O'Dea Holiday Broadcast, 7:30pm @ Knights of Columbus Hall

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

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