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O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 20, 2017 - FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Weekly Schedule

[Monday, February 20th](#) - No School, President's Day

[Tuesday, February 21st](#) - Maroon MM

[Wednesday, February 22nd](#) - Gold
IB: House Unity

[Thursday, February 23rd](#) - Maroon

[Friday, February 24th](#) - Gold PM/IB
IB: Seniors vs. Faculty Volleyball Game
*Drama Production, 7pm @ Holy Names Academy

[Saturday, February 25th](#)
*Drama Production, 2pm @ Holy Names Academy
*Drama Production, 7pm @ Holy Names Academy

[Sunday, February 26th](#)
*Drama Production, 2pm @ Holy Names Academy

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Main Office

Online Safety Presentation

We are happy to announce that on **Monday, March 6th**, O'Dea High School will host an online safety presentation for both our students and parents. As the Internet continues to grow in popularity, everyone depends on it at an increasing rate throughout our daily lives. There is no doubt that the Internet and Social Media have facilitated important positive connections amongst our youth. It is also a reality that the Internet has also created an online virtual environment where thieves, vandals, con artists and in rare cases, sexual predators will hunt their prey. This presentation will provide important information that parents need to know to keep their children safer, increase their privacy, and protect their online digital footprint.

Our students will have a presentation on Monday, March 6th during the school day that addresses many of the issues that they face with social media and digital citizenship. The program for parents will be that same evening from 6:00-8:00pm in the O'Dea Library. All are welcome to attend! If you have any questions, please contact [Jeanne Eulberg](#).

Re-Registration 2017-2018

The re-registration process for the 2017-2018 year is right around the corner. You will receive a packet of re-registration materials in early March and will need to return the required paperwork and your re-registration fee of \$350 to the main office by **March 20, 2017**. All students will meet with their counselor to discuss their registration choices in mid-April. Please don't hesitate to contact your son's counselor if you have any questions about courses. For questions regarding tuition please contact [Christine Naranjo Clarke](#) in the Business Office at 206-923-7511.

Academics & Counseling

Thank you!

This week O'Dea recognized students who earned academic honors for the first semester of the school year. Thank you to the parents who took time out of their busy day to attend the assembly and celebrate the achievements of our students; we had a record turnout! Family presence at these events help demonstrate to the young men how much we as a community value academic excellence, which in turn gives them more motivation to work towards it. Congratulations to all of the O'Dea gentlemen who earned these levels of distinction.

Saturday Math

Saturday Math will meet as scheduled on Saturday, February 18th. However, the session scheduled for February 25th has been CANCELLED. If you have any questions, please contact [Mr. Rittman](#).

Student Life

Beards for Bros - Fighting Irish Fighting Cancer

Our **3rd Annual Beards for Bros** campaign to support the teen cancer program at Seattle Children's kicks off during a special assembly on February 28th! Mr. Doug Taliaferro, President of our O'Dea Father's Club and long-time employee at Seattle Children's, will be our featured speaker. Students who raise \$100 will be able to grow facial hair during the month of March - all leading up to a fun culminating contest judging the "Best Beards" on April 4th. This year, fathers and sons can "compete" together and both grow beards for a \$150 total donation (all checks payable to Seattle Children's). Beards for Bros is led by our student leaders in the **O'Dea Fighting Irish Fighting Cancer Junior Guild**. Please contact [Dan Mullen](#) with any questions.

Irish Photography on Display!

Eight students in Mr. Lara's Photography I class were asked to have their pictures displayed at the Rhododendron Cafe, located at Virginia Mason. The photos will officially be on display beginning the week of February 20th.

Congratulations to Marques Titali'i, Quinton Lewis, Sebastian Arismendi, Jared Bakken, Roan Ramsdall, Miles Taliaferro, Cameron White, and Luke Hart!

March for the Irish!

Student volunteers are needed for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Each year, O'Dea students help carry the county banners in the parade. The parade is Saturday, March 11th. Students are needed in O'Dea or green attire from 10am until approximately 2pm. It's always a fun time for all so please come show your Irish pride! To sign up please see (or email!) House Director [Mr. Mullen](#).

Spring Fling - Save the Date

Our "Spring Fling" social event with Holy Names will be **Friday, March 24, at 7pm at West Seattle Bowl**. Student leaders from both schools are planning this fun annual event, so more details are on their way in the coming weeks.

Faith & Service

Inclusion Mass at St. James Cathedral

The Archdiocesan Special Needs Ministry Office, on behalf of Archbishop Sartain, invite all to come celebrate our students with special needs and their families on Saturday, April 1st at 11:00 AM at St. James Cathedral followed by a reception/family dance at O'Dea High School. It will be a beautiful moment of communion - solidarity - subsidiarity. Kilkenny House students are especially encouraged to volunteer and attend this wonderful event. Students interested should see (or email!) Kilkenny Dean, [Joe Cronin](#).

Spring Encounter

Campus Ministry is now accepting applications for juniors and seniors who wish to go on the Encounter with Christ Retreat March 29th until April 1st. This retreat is a wonderful opportunity for the boys to unplug from electronics and have a real experience with themselves, their peers, and with Christ. It's also a ton of fun and is undoubtedly always a highlight of their time at O'Dea. Applications are due by March 3rd and can be found on our [website](#). All are welcome!

Service Opportunity

The St. Joseph School Parent Association has invited O'Dea students & families to a viewing of "The Mask You Live In" on Sunday, February 26th from 2:30-5pm in the St. Joseph Auditorium. This award-winning documentary follows boys and young men as they struggle to stay true to themselves while negotiating America's narrow definition of masculinity. It illustrates how we, as a society, can raise a healthier generation of boys and young men.

The Parent Association is looking for O'Dea gentlemen who would like to come and watch the movie while enjoying pizza and beverages, and then help with small group discussion afterwards. This is a great opportunity to be a good role model for younger students. Please click [here](#) to RSVP!

Confession Opportunity

On March 8th all O'Dea students will have an opportunity for confession over at the St. James Cathedral Chapel. If interested, students must sign up to head to the Chapel during Irish Block that day. Please be sure to do this well in advance of the confession opportunity. Please see [Ms. Curl](#) with any questions.

Athletics

Spring Sports

All student-athletes that are turning out for a spring sport are required to have on file a physical form, parental approval and student information form, emergency information, and a signed concussion and sudden cardiac arrest form. **These must be on file in the Main Office before you are allowed to turn out for the spring season.** All forms are on the [O'Dea website](#). If you have participated in a fall or winter sport your paper on file should already be on file. Please reach out to [Coach Kohler](#) with questions.

The Arts

Music Ensemble Schedules

[Instrumental Ensembles](#)

February 21 – No School

February 20 – Drum line - 7:05am

February 22 – Band - 7:05am (Drum Line Front Line Sectional – 7:05am)

February 23 – Band - 7:05am

February 24 – Band - 7:05am

[Vocal Ensembles](#)

February 21 - M3 Choir

February 23 - M3 Choir

A note about Liturgical Choir: Students who are not signed up for the Choir class are still able to sing with us at school masses. If your son is interested, they should talk to Mr. Ruiter.

Drama Production - *Don't Drink the Water*

What would happen if you were stuck in an American Embassy in a Communist country in the 1960s? Find out what Walter Hollander and family do when faced with a crazed Communist cop and an incompetent substitute for the American Ambassador.

O'Dea Drama presents the hilarious play *Don't Drink the Water* by Woody Allen at the Holy Names Academy Auditorium. Performances are Friday, Feb. the 24th at 7:30 pm, Saturday the 25th at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm, and Sunday the 26th at 2:00 pm. Admission at the door is \$5.00 for students and seniors, and \$10.00 for adults.

Advancement Office

Annual Giving Campaign

The Annual Giving Campaign is an important fundraiser for our school as it helps to bridge the difference between tuition and the actual cost of an O'Dea education. Please complete your pledge as soon as you can as we depend on your support.

Keep in mind that the GiveBIG day this year will be on May 5, 2017. Pledges completed on that day will receive a partial match from the Seattle Foundation.

If your company has a Matching Gift program, please complete the necessary information when you send your donation. Matching Gifts often double the size of your gift! Thank you!

Countdown to the 2017 POSH Auction - Be True to Your School!

Only a few more weeks until POSH arrives at O'Dea on March 18, 2017. Space is rapidly filling up, so we encourage you to RSVP [online](#) now as seats are limited.

Fantastic auction items continue to arrive and you can preview all of them [here](#) to help you plan your bidding!

And we still need some volunteers to help with this great event so if you are interested, complete your information on [SignupGenius](#). Thank you!

Looking Ahead

Important Dates to Remember

[February 28th](#) - Beards for Bros Kick-Off Assembly

[March 1st](#) - Fathers' Club Meeting, 6:30pm @ O'Dea

[March 10th](#) - No School, Regional Curriculum Day

[March 11th](#) - Class of 2021 Registration

[March 18th](#) - POSH Gala Auction @ O'Dea Gym

[March 24th](#) - O'Dea/HNA Spring Fling, West Seattle Bowl @ 7pm

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