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O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 27, 2017 - MARCH 5, 2017

Weekly Schedule

Monday, February 27th - Maroon
*Spring Sports Begin

Tuesday, February 28th - Gold MM
IB: Beards for Bros Kick-off Assembly

Wednesday, March 1st - Maroon AM/IB
IB: Ash Wednesday Mass
*Fathers' Club Meeting, Biology Lab @ 6:30pm

Thursday, March 2nd - Gold
IB: General Interest Clubs

Friday, March 3rd - Maroon

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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 Fulberg](#).

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 to the main office by **March 20, 2017**. Your \$350 registration fee will be withdrawn from the bank account we have on file for you on March 24th unless we receive it by the 20th. 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 and the registration fee, please contact [Christine Naranjo Clarke](#) in the Business Office at 206-923-7511.

Financial Aid 2017-2018

If you are a current freshman, sophomore, or junior family and have applied for financial aid for the 2017-2018 school year, your applications are currently being reviewed. Just a reminder that a new financial aid application must be filled out each year. The deadline for completion was December 31, 2016. It is still possible to submit your application if you missed the deadline, but it will be considered late and go on a waiting list. If you have any questions, please contact [Linda Thornton](#).

Academics & Counseling

AP Exam Registration

Thank you to those who have turned in their [AP Exam Registration Forms](#). For those of you who have not indicated whether or not you will be taking an AP Exam, please return the registration form to Mr. Beck no later than **Monday, March 6th**. The dates and times for these exams are as follows:

AP Chemistry - May 1st @ 8am
AP Spanish - May 2nd @ 8am
AP Physics - May 2nd @ 12pm
AP English Lit - May 3rd @ 8am
AP US Government - May 4th @ 8am
AP US History - May 5th @ 8am
AP Computer Science - May 5th @ 12pm
AP Biology - May 8th @ 8am
AP Calculus AB - May 9th @ 8am

Student Life

House "Dean for the Day"

A fun new auction item is back, and better than ever! Check out what your son can win if he becomes the "Dean for a Day"! A special thanks to the Wiley Family for donating all food items!

The "Dean for a Day" will begin the morning with a private 1:1 meeting with Principal Walker. He will then deliver a message over the intercom announcing the day's activities. The Dean will get to reward his House with free dress for the entire day and treat them to Top Pot Donuts during Mentor Group! But the fun doesn't end there! During Irish Block, the Dean's Mentor Group will get to challenge another Mentor Group of the Dean's choice to a game of Dodgeball, Basketball, Football, or whatever he chooses. Those two Mentor Groups will then enjoy a pizza party for lunch! The day will end with the Dean again addressing the entire school and dismissing them. Your son will truly be a hero for the day, and he will have a lot of fun while doing it!

Beards for Bros - Fighting Irish Fighting Cancer

Merchandise is now on sale for this year's Beards for Bros fundraising campaign! Purchase of the special Beards for Bros t-shirt, lanyard, and head band can be made on [this website](#). This campaign is being organized by the O'Dea Fighting Irish, Fighting Cancer Junior Guild, led by seniors Dominique Gates, Jack Ipsen, Adam Kures, Zach Gerhardt, and Jason Wong.

Fighting Irish Fighting Cancer

O'Dea/HNA Spring Fling

Our "Spring Fling" social event with Holy Names will be **Friday, March 24, from 7pm – 9pm at West Seattle Bowl** (4505 39th Ave SW, Seattle). Tickets will be available for students to purchase starting on March 6th. Yes, it will be "**glow bowling**" by popular demand! Any questions? Please contact [Dean Alex Lara](#).

House Student Leadership - Informational Session

All students (including current student leaders) interested in applying for a School or House leadership role for the 2017-2018 academic year, please plan to attend an informational session on Friday, March 17th during Irish Block. For more information, please contact House Director, [Daniel P. Mullen](#). *Four Houses, One Brotherhood!*

Faith & Service

Lenten Program

Lent is quickly approaching! This year Campus Ministry is extending an invitation to O'Dea students and families to participate in our Lenten Remind Program. Lent is the perfect time to form new life-giving habits and abandon old self-destructive habits. It is a chance to grow spiritually. Lent is about doing something—something bold to become a better husband or wife, father or mother, son or daughter, friend, neighbor, etc.

Participants in the Lenten Remind Program will receive a text each Monday with a suggestion of what to do or give up for that week. They will also receive daily reminders and encouragement. If you would like to participate, **text "@lenttasks" to 81010**, and encourage your student to do the same! Let's make this Lent meaningful, and join together as a community.

Spring Encounter

Those juniors and seniors who have not yet been on an Encounter are encouraged to attend the upcoming Encounter with Christ Retreat from 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. Spaces are filling up quickly, but there are still a few spots left! Applications are due by March 3rd and can be found on our [website](#). Your spot will not be locked in until Ms. Curl receives the permission form. Thank you!

Volunteer Opportunity: 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 11, from 10am - approximately 2pm. Students should wear green or O'Dea attire, and will meet directly downtown in Seattle at 4th Ave./Jefferson St. It's always a fun time for all! A permission slip is needed – students can pick one up at the House Hub. Any questions? Please contact House Director Daniel P. Mullen at dmullen@odea.org.

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 work should already be on file. Please reach out to [Coach Kohler](#) with questions.

Congratulations Irish Wrestlers!

The O'Dea wrestlers wrapped up the 2016-2017 season this past weekend at the Mat Classic State Tournament. Dustyn Camacho was the first state finalist for O'Dea since Brian Mason and Kevin Storey 22 years ago. Dustyn placed a fantastic 2nd place in only his freshman season! Jack Markowitz at 195lbs and Chris Manning at 285lbs won individual Academic State Championships.

Please congratulate the Irish wrestlers on a very successful season which included an undefeated 12-0 record in Metro, a Metro Dual Meet Championship, Metro Tournament Championship, a 2nd in Region finish, Outstanding Wrestler in the Metro League (Jack Markowitz) and Metro Assistant Coach of the Year (Coach Balinbin).

Congratulations Irish Swim & Dive Team!

The Irish Swim and Dive Team had a powerful State Meet and finished in 7th place as a team. The Medley Relay (Nathan Hayes, Joey Vacura, Abai Houser, Ollie Depina) placed 5th with the 4th fastest relay in school history (1:39.55). Our 200 Free Relay (Sean Lewis, Sam Sproule, Joey Vacura, Ollie Depina) placed 7th (1:30.18). The guys on the 400 Free Relay (Sean Lewis, Joey Vacura, Nathan Hayes, Ollie Depina) placed 11th.

Senior diver, Casey Benson, had a tremendous performance and placed 2nd overall. Junior Joey Vacura swam the 5th fastest 100 Breast in school history (1:00.92) to place 11th. And Freshman Nathan Hayes broke his own school record again with an incredible 100 Back (52.43) and placed 4th overall; in the 200 IM he placed 10th (2:00.07). Fantastic job Irish!

The Arts

Music Ensemble Schedules

Instrumental Ensembles

February 27 – Band - 7:05am
February 28 – Drum line - 7:05am
March 1 – Band - 7:05am / Drum Line Front Line Section - 7:05am
March 2 – Band - 7:05am
March 3 - Band -7:05am

Vocal Ensembles

February 27 - M3 Choir
March 1 - M3 Choir / IB: Mass
March 3 - 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.

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.

Remember 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!

Only 3 Weeks Until POSH - Be True to Your School!

POSH will soon be here – Saturday, March 18th! We are close to a sellout so have turned off the online reservation system. If you are interested in attending, please call Dianne Irwin at 206-622-7151 to check for availability.

Thank you to everyone for your many generous donations. Preview the fantastic auction items [here](#) to plan your bidding!

We are still in need of more volunteers to assist during the auction event with Banking or Cleanup. We will also need additional help in the Advancement Office the week after the auction. If you are interested, please complete your information on [SignupGenius](#). We appreciate your support!

Parents' Clubs

Save the Date

Please save the date for Mayfest, Friday, May 19th from 7-10pm at 1927 Events in Downtown Seattle. This party is put on by both the Fathers' and Mothers' Club and is for all current and incoming parents. Food, drink and entertainment will be provided! More details to follow soon!

Looking Ahead

Important Dates to Remember

March 10th - No School, Regional Curriculum Day
March 11th - Class of 2021 Registration
March 15th - Mothers' Club Meeting, Library @ 6:30pm
March 18th - POSH Gala Auction @ O'Dea Gym
March 24th - O'Dea/HNA Spring Fling, West Seattle Bowl @ 7pm

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