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# O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

**MARCH 20, 2017 - MARCH 26, 2017**

## Weekly Schedule

**Monday, March 20th** - Maroon (Start of Q4)

- \*JV Baseball vs. Ingraham, 4pm @ NWAC (Ingraham)
- \*Varsity Baseball vs. Ingraham, 4pm @ Judkins
- \*JV Soccer vs. Ingraham, 4pm @ Georgetown
- \*Varsity Soccer vs. Ingraham, 4pm @ NWAC (Ingraham)
- \*JV Tennis vs. Roosevelt, 3:30pm @ Laurelhurst Park
- \*Varsity Tennis vs. Roosevelt, 4pm @ Lower Woodland

**Tuesday, March 21st** - Gold MM

- IB: Special Interest Clubs
- \*Varsity Lacrosse vs. Seattle Prep, 5pm @ Upper Genesee
- \*JV Tennis vs. Lakeside, 3:30pm @ Volunteer Park
- \*Varsity Tennis vs. Lakeside, 3:30pm @ Lower Woodland

**Wednesday, March 22nd** - Maroon

- \*JV Baseball vs. Bainbridge, 4pm @ Judkins
- \*Varsity Baseball vs. Bainbridge, 3:30pm @ Bainbridge
- \*JV Soccer vs. Chief Sealth, 4pm @ SWAC (Chief Sealth)
- \*Varsity Soccer vs. Chief Sealth, 4pm @ Interbay
- \*JV Lacrosse vs. Seattle Prep, 7pm @ Upper Genesee

**Thursday, March 23rd** - Gold

- IB: Music / Campus Ministry
- \*Track Meet vs. Lakeside/Ingraham, 2:45pm @ NWAC (Ingraham)
- \*Varsity Lacrosse vs. Blanchet, 7pm @ Blanchet

**Friday, March 24th** - Maroon

- \*O'Dea/HNA Spring Fling, 7pm @ West Seattle Bowl
- \*JV Baseball vs. West Seattle, 4pm @ Judkins
- \*Varsity Baseball vs. West Seattle, 4pm @ Hiawatha
- \*JV Soccer vs. Rainier Beach, 4pm @ SEAC (Rainier Beach)
- \*Varsity Soccer vs. Rainier Beach, 4pm @ Georgetown

**Saturday, March 25th**

- \*Freshman Baseball vs. Glacier Peak, 11am @ Glacier Peak
- \*JV Baseball vs. Glacier Peak, 12pm @ Glacier Peak
- \*Varsity Baseball

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

## Message from the Principal

### 2017-2018 Tuition

O'Dea High School values the decision you have made to invest in a Catholic education for your son. We continually strive to advance our educational mission of providing each student with quality instruction, while providing a rich and meaningful high school experience.

As you likely have seen in the registration materials you received this week, the tuition for the upcoming school year is \$13,783. The School Board was pleased to increase the amount by just 4% for the year with the goal of keeping tuition affordable for our families. We felt this was especially important for the coming year as we ask our families to invest in the new Surface Program.

With that in mind, we are pleased to tell you that a generous donor has made a gift to enable us to help with a portion of the Surface purchase price for families who qualify for financial aid. A key element of our mission is to embrace a socio-economically diverse community, and this generous donation is a wonderful reminder to us of the caring community we have here at O'Dea. More information will be coming out on this soon.

Thank you for your support and commitment to O'Dea High School. We value the opportunity to educate your son and prepare him to be a man of character, faith, and service. We know the bonds he creates in his four years with us will create a brotherhood for life.

Peace,

Jim Walker

Principal

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## Main Office

### PowerSchool Closure

While teachers are entering quarter three grades and they are being verified in PowerSchool, there will be a "quiet period" where we will be closing access to PowerSchool. Access will be closed from 2:25pm on Friday, March 17th, until 8:00am on Wednesday, March 22nd. Thank you for your patience!

### Re-Registration Paperwork

Re-Registration paperwork for the 2017-2018 school year has been mailed to all current Freshman, Sophomore and Junior families. Please return all required paperwork to the main office by **March 20, 2017**. If we have not received your \$400 registration fee by the 20th, this amount will be withdrawn from the bank account we have on file for you on March 24th. Also, please note that the 2017-2018 Course Catalog can be found on the O'Dea website under the "Academics" tab. Included in the catalog are full course descriptions for you to refer to as you complete your son's course request form. Thank you for completing these documents in a timely fashion!

### Financial Aid

Financial aid award letters will be sent in the mail on Friday, March 17th. Many families have not uploaded the required documentation to the SSS system. Subsequently, if you received a financial aid award it will not be put to your account until all of your documents are uploaded. Please check your SSS account and if you are past due you will be given an extension until Thursday, March 23rd. Please contact [Linda Thornton](#), Director of Financial Aid, with any questions.

### Senior Parents!

You will be receiving a mailing soon with all necessary information and forms regarding your son's upcoming graduation. A couple things to note before then:

On Wednesday, April 12th, Jostens will be delivering any graduation items you ordered with the exception of the cap, gown and tassel. These items, along with your graduation tickets, will be given out on the day of graduation practice. Please be sure your son picks up your order.

Save the date of Friday, May 5th for the Mother/Son Blessing and Breakfast. It is a very special morning and one you won't want to miss. It will be held at 9:30 AM at The Canal in Ballard. For those seniors who are signed up to take the AP Physics exam, they will need to come back to school after the breakfast.

### Volunteer Photographers Needed!

We are looking for volunteer photographers to help cover our school events and activities. If you are somebody that likes to take pictures, we would love to hear from you! There's no long-term commitment required; we will email our list of volunteers when we have an upcoming need. Please reach out to [Jamie Cronin](#), Director of Marketing & Communications, if you'd like to help! Thank you!

## Student Life

### Congratulations!

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

**DUBLIN:** Sam Catherall and Jack Westover

**KILKENNY:** Tony Flor, Dakota Cruz, Thomas Stowers and Isaac Stowers

**LIMERICK:** Andrew Walker, Jack Hillyer and Steven Calozzi

**WATERFORD:** Jack Irwin, Hunter Franco and Oskar Hall

### House Student Leadership

All students interested in a House leadership position for the 2017-2018 school year need to submit a brief written application [online](#) by Friday, March 24th. Group interviews will be held the week of March 27th. Please contact [Mr. Mullen](#) with any questions.

### Beards for Bros - Fighting Irish Fighting Cancer

Thanks for all the support already for our campaign to raise funds for the teen cancer program at Seattle Children's. Some important links: Click [here](#) to make a tax-deductible donation and receive a receipt from Seattle Children's. Click [here](#) to purchase this year's Beards for Bros t-shirt, lanyard, and head band. The closing ceremony and "Best Beards" contest will be April 4.

## Faith & Service

### Inclusion Mass at St. James Cathedral

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain and the Inclusion Ministry of the Archdiocese of Seattle invites and welcomes all to a **Mass & Celebration with our Community with Special Needs** on Saturday, April 1st at 11:00 AM at St. James Cathedral. Immediately following Mass there will be reception and spring dance at O'Dea High School. The event concludes at 2:00 PM. Students are encouraged to volunteer and attend this wonderful event. Please email Kilkenny Dean, [Joe Cronin](#), if you are interested in helping. Thank you!

## Athletics

### Summer Camps

Applications are now available for our summer athletic camps. The [Fighting Irish Football Camp](#) is for boys entering 4th-9th grade this fall and the [Fighting Irish Basketball Camp](#) is for boys entering 4th-8th grade. The dates for the camps are as follows:

#### Basketball Camp

June 12-15, 2017

June 19-22, 2017

June 26-28, 2017

#### Football Camp

June 20-22, 2017

Please pass the word along to any boys that might be interested in participating.

Applications and camp descriptions can also found on our [website](#).

### Frosh Fundamentals

The dates have also been set for this summer's [Frosh Fundamentals](#) put on by the Fighting Irish Basketball Program. This is a seven session on fundamental series that is open to all members of the Class of 2021. Sessions are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-7pm beginning June 5th and ending June 26th.

## The Arts

### Music Ensemble Schedules

#### Instrumental Ensembles

March 20 – Band - 7:05am / Bass Drum Sectional - 7:05am

March 21 – Drum Line - 7:05am

March 22 – Band - 7:05am / Front Line Sectional - 7:05am

March 23 – Band - 7:05am / Chamber Ensemble - Irish Block

March 24 – Band - 7:05am

The band is looking for students who play woodwind and brass instruments.

Students who play these instruments should contact [Mr. Ruitter](#).

#### Vocal Ensembles

March 20 – M3 Choir

March 22 – M3 Choir

March 23 – Irish Block Liturgical Choir

March 24 – M3 Choir

**Choir Auditions!** If your son is interested in selecting Choir as a course elective next year, please see [Mr. Ruitter](#) to set up an audition.

## Looking Ahead

### Important Dates to Remember

[March 29th - April 1st](#) - Spring Encounter

[April 5th](#) - Fathers' Club Meeting, Biology Lab @ 6:30pm

[April 14th](#) - No School, Good Friday

[April 17th - April 21st](#) - No School, Easter Vacation

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