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O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

APRIL 10, 2017 - APRIL 16, 2017

Weekly Schedule

Monday, April 10th - Gold

IB: Cultural Heritage Club

*JV Baseball vs. Eastside Catholic, 3:30pm @ Judkins

*Varsity Baseball vs. Eastside Catholic, 7pm @ Eastside

*JV Soccer vs. Bainbridge, 4pm @ Georgetown

*Varsity Soccer vs. Bainbridge, 6pm @ Bainbridge

*JV Tennis vs. Seattle Prep, 3:30pm @ Volunteer Park

*Varsity Tennis vs. Seattle Prep, 3:30pm @ Lower Woodland

Tuesday, April 11th - Maroon MM

*JV Baseball vs. Garfield, 4pm @ Garfield

Wednesday, April 12th - Gold

IB: St. Vincent de Paul

*Varsity Baseball vs. Rainier Beach, 4pm @ Judkins

*JV Soccer vs. Eastside Catholic, 3:30pm @ Delridge

*Varsity Soccer vs. Eastside Catholic, 3:30pm @ Georgetown

*JV Tennis vs. Blanchet, 3:30pm @ Volunteer Park

*Varsity Tennis vs. Blanchet, 3:30pm @ Lower Woodland

*Track Meet vs. Bainbridge/Seattle Prep, 3:30pm @ Bainbridge

Thursday, April 13th - Maroon Min (12pm Dismissal)

Holy Thursday Prayer Service

*Freshman Baseball vs. Garfield, 4pm @ Garfield

*Varsity Baseball vs. Bainbridge, 4pm @ Bainbridge

Friday, April 14th - No School, Good Friday

Saturday, April 15th

*Freshman Baseball vs. Inglemoor, 1pm @ Inglemoor

*JV Baseball vs. Bothell, 10am @ Bothell

*Varsity Baseball vs. Bothell, 1:30pm @ Bothell

Please visit the [O'Dea Calendar](#) for up to date information on all athletic events taking place over Spring Break. Enjoy your vacation! Happy Easter!

Congratulations O'Dea School Community!

2016-2017 Outstanding Catholic School

We are excited to share that the Archdiocesan School Board and Office for Catholic Schools has selected O'Dea High School as the [2016-2017 Outstanding Catholic School](#). Awarded to one of 74 Catholic schools in the Seattle Archdiocese on behalf of Archbishop Sartain, the recipient of this annual recognition demonstrates "commitment and dedication to Catholic education." In a letter from Superintendent, Dr. Haggarty, he stated "I am reminded, often, of the banners that hang outside the school. Brotherhood. Excellence. Diversity. Tradition. Catholic. Service. Responsibility. These are not only words adorning the exterior of the campus, they are verbs, that permeate the school culture. They remind us all that O'Dea develops students into young men of character, faith, and service."

Thank you to our entire O'Dea community for supporting us as we work to advance O'Dea's mission of providing a quality Catholic education. Go Irish!

Academics & Counseling

New Grading System

O'Dea will start a weighted grading system beginning next year for the 2017-2018 school year. Students who are taking Honors or AP Courses will be graded in those courses using a 5.0 grading system instead of the current 4.0 system. This recognizes the extra work and diligence that is required when taking those classes and encourages students to take the most rigorous courses in which they can be successful. If you have any questions, please email [Dr. Eulberg](#).

Faith & Service

Beards for Bros - Fighting Irish Fighting Cancer

Congratulations to all involved in this year's successful Beards for Bros campaign. Together we raised more than \$10,700 for Seattle Children's teen cancer program! O'Dea student leaders presented Emily Downing from Seattle Children's Guild Association with a check and thanked the entire O'Dea community for all the truly inspirational support. Holy Names student leaders then awarded several Beard prize winners including repeat "Best Overall Beard" champion, senior Austin Amend. Thank you to all those who supported this successful campaign!



Advancement Office

2017-2018 Annual Giving Pledge Forms

Thank you to the families who have completed and returned their Annual Giving pledge forms for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. We appreciate your generous responses, which will benefit our school and our young men while assisting the administration with financial planning for the next school year. All families are expected to participate in this important fundraiser. If you have not turned in your form you can find it [here](#).

Current Annual Giving

We appreciate the many families who have already sent payments for their Annual Giving pledges for the current 2016-2017 school year. If you have a balance remaining on your pledge we encourage you to complete this payment now. If you have any questions, please contact the O'Dea Advancement Office: [Dianne Irwin](#) or 206-622-7151. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

GiveBIG Fundraiser

On May 10th the Seattle Foundation is conducting GiveBIG, a fundraiser to benefit non-profit organizations. This is the third largest Giving Day in the country! If you wish to participate you may designate O'Dea as the recipient for your donations. GiveBIG will not be matching funds this year so we are looking for someone in our community who would consider matching gifts made to O'Dea. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please contact Dianne Irwin in the Advancement Office.

Parents' Clubs

Mayfest - Make your reservations!

The Mothers' and Fathers' Clubs are excited to announce that Mayfest is back once again! This event is for current and incoming O'Dea families and friends and will take place on **Friday, May 19th** from 7-10pm at [1927 Events](#) in Downtown Seattle. You are guaranteed to have a great time with food, drinks and music provided by DJ Jeff Kaufer. Tickets are only \$35 per person, and we are almost guaranteed to sell out, so get your tickets now by clicking [here!](#)

Fathers' Club

Father/Son BBQ

Please join us for a Father/Son BBQ, **Wednesday, May 3rd at 630pm in the O'Dea Courtyard**. This BBQ is to Welcome the Class of 2021! It is a great opportunity for your sons to meet their future classmates and bond through games and activities led by current O'Dea students. Fathers also get a chance to meet each other and learn more about the school. Parking will be validated across the street in the Cabrini parking lot. Please email fathers-club@odea.org with any questions!

Mothers' Club

New Mothers Reception

Please join us for the New Mothers Reception, **Wednesday, May 10th at 630pm in the O'Dea Library**. This welcome reception is for all the moms, both current and new! It is a chance for new moms to O'Dea to meet one another and learn more about O'Dea. Parking will be validated across the street in the Cabrini parking lot. Please email mothers-club@odea.org with any questions!

The Arts

Music Ensemble Schedules

Instrumental Ensembles

April 10 – Band - 7:05am

April 11 – Drum Line - 7:05am

April 12 – Band - 7:05am / Front Line Sectional - 7:05am

April 13 – Band - 7:05am

April 14 – No School

The band is looking for students who play woodwind and brass instruments. Students who play these instruments should contact [Mr. Ruitter](#).

Vocal Ensembles

April 11 - M3 Choir

April 13 - M3 Choir

Looking Ahead

Important Dates to Remember

[May 1st - May 5th](#) - Staff & Teacher Appreciation Week

[May 1st - May 9th](#) - AP Exams

[May 5th](#) - Mother/Son Blessing & Breakfast, 9:30am @ The Canal in Ballard

[May 5th](#) - Prom, 8pm @ The Canal in Ballard

[May 10th](#) - Mothers' Club Welcome Reception, O'Dea Library @ 6:30pm

[May 13th](#) - Last Chance Dance, 8pm @ O'Dea

[May 16th and May 19th](#) - Senior Retreat

[May 19th](#) - House Spirit Day

[May 19th](#) - Mayfest, 7pm @ 1927 Events in Downtown Seattle

[May 23rd](#) - Spring Concert, 7:30pm @ TBD

[May 25th](#) - Last Day of School for Class of 2017

[May 29th](#) - No School, Memorial Day

[May 31st](#) - Class of 2017 Graduation, 7pm @ St. James Cathedral

[June 2nd](#) - No School, Faculty & Staff In-Service

[June 6th- June 9th](#) - Final Exams

[June 9th](#) - Last Day of School!

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

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