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O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

MAY 8, 2017 - MAY 14, 2017

Weekly Schedule

Special Note: We are entering playoff season for spring sports so there are games next week that are TBD. Please check our O'Dea website for the most up to date information. A few notable games happening for the remainder of this week:

Thursday, May 4th - Lacrosse vs. Lakeside, 7pm @ Genesee
 Saturday, May 6th - Baseball vs. Lakeside, 1pm @ Steve Cox
 Saturday, May 6th - Soccer @ Interbay - TBD

Monday, May 8th - Gold

IB: General Interest Clubs
 *AP Biology Exam @ 8am
 *JV Lacrosse vs. Ballard, 5pm @ Loyal Heights

Tuesday, May 9th - Maroon MM

*AP Calculus Exam @ 8am

Wednesday, May 10th - Gold

IB: NHS and Campus Ministry
 *Senior Shakespeare Field Trip
 *Mothers' Club Welcome Reception, O'Dea Library @ 6:30pm
 *Track Metro Prelims, SWAC @ 4:30pm

Thursday, May 11th - Maroon

Friday, May 12th - Gold

IB: Fall Sports Meeting
 *Track Metro Finals, SWAC @ 4:30pm

Saturday, May 13th

*Last Chance Dance, 8pm @ O'Dea

Click [here](#) to view the entire O'Dea Calendar for most up to date event details!

Message from the Principal

Surface Tablet Program

In anticipation of our transition to the Surface Tablet program, I am excited to inform you that "e-resources" (textbooks and other classroom tools) will be integrated into virtually every O'Dea class for the 2017-2018 school year. These resources will provide our students and faculty excellent classroom tools, encourage the use of the Surface, eliminate heavy books, and are cost effective for our families.

O'Dea will purchase all necessary e-resources and deliver them electronically to your student before the start of the school year. We are aware of the high cost of textbooks in the past and therefore are pleased to share that the cost of these e-resources to our families for the 2017-2018 school year will be \$200 per student. Families may be required to purchase a few additional low-cost resources, such as workbooks for world language and paperback novels for literature, but the structure of this program allows us to pass significant savings on to you. In future years, we will incorporate this resource fee into our tuition contract, but this year we will ask families to pay the \$200 fee by November 1st.

On Tuesday, May 23rd at either 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. we invite you to join us in the O'Dea library to learn more about our Surface Tablet program. David Olinger, Director of Educational Technology, will provide information and answer your questions to help ensure a successful transition for your family.

Blessings,

Jim Walker
 Principal
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Main Office

2017-2018 School Calendar

Below are important dates for the 2017-2018 School Calendar Year. If you have any questions regarding these dates please direct them to [Taylor Thornton](#).

First Semester	Second Semester
Start of 1 st Quarter	Start of 3 rd Quarter
Labor Day (No Classes)	President's Day (No Classes)
Back to School Night	Spring Sports Begin
In-Service (No Classes)	Curriculum Day (No Classes)
End of 1 st Quarter	P.O.S.H. Auction
Start of 2 nd Quarter	End of 3 rd Quarter
Fall Open House	Start of 4 th Quarter
Veteran's Day (No Classes)	Good Friday (No Classes)
Winter Sports Begin	Easter Holiday (No Classes)
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Seniors Last Day of School
Thanksgiving (No Classes)	Graduation Practice
Christmas Holiday	Memorial Day (No Classes)
New Year Holiday	Class of 2018 Graduation
End of 2 nd Quarter	End of 4 th Quarter
MLK Holiday (No Classes)	2 nd Semester Final Exams
1 st Semester Final Exams	Last Day of School
August 24 th	January 22 nd
September 4 th	February 19 th
September 20 th	February 26 th
October 9 th	March 16 th
October 27 th	March 17 th
October 30 th	March 23 rd
November 8 th	March 26 th
November 10 th	March 30 th
November 13 th	March 31 st -April 8 th
November 15 th -17 th	May 24 th
November 23 rd -26 th	May 25 th
December 16 th -31 st	May 28 th
January 1 st	May 30 th
January 12 th	June 1 st
January 18 th	June 4 th -7 th
January 16 th -19 th	June 8 th

Late Morning Starts

During the 2017-2018 school year the late starts to accommodate our faculty and staff morning meetings will be on Wednesdays instead of Tuesdays. This means that every Wednesday classes will begin at 8:50am. This change has been made in an effort to support our student-athletes that have late Tuesday evening competitions.

Attention Senior Parents!

Graduation tickets for the Class of 2017 will come home with your son on May 26th. You will receive 12 tickets; there are no extra tickets available. If an attendee will be in a wheelchair, please be sure to turn in your special needs seating request form by May 23rd. The doors for all ticketed guests will open at 6:30 PM.

Seniors must be in line in the parking lot by 6:15pm. All graduates should be clean shaven, wear a white dress shirt, O'Dea tie, dress pants and dress shoes for graduation. No tennis shoes are allowed. There will be a photographer that will take pictures of the seniors receiving their diploma which will later be available to purchase. Simply turn in your order form and pay the photographer directly.

If your senior has financial aid books they must be returned to Mrs. Thornton by May 25th. If you are unsure which books belong to O'Dea you can see Mrs. Thornton and check your invoice.

Financial Aid

Many families that have been awarded financial aid have not uploaded your 2016 taxes. This is a requirement for finalizing your award. Please check your SSS account and make sure your 2016 taxes have been uploaded.

Families receiving financial aid will receive letters by the end of the year with information regarding additional support for the new Surface Tablet Program.

Academics & Counseling

National Honors Society Induction Ceremony

Please join the O'Dea community for a special assembly on Thursday, May 18th from 10:10am to 11:10am as we welcome the new members of the National Honors Society. This event will take place in the O'Dea Gym. All parents are welcome to join!

Student Life

Last Chance Dance

O'Dea's last dance of the year with Holy Names is on May 13 from 8pm – 11pm in the O'Dea gym. Students should wear "tropical" attire and will be able to take photos in a photo booth and dance to DJ-ed music from near and far. Tickets are \$10 (\$15 for student and a guest) and can be purchased now in the House Hub or by clicking [here](#). Concessions will be available including hot dogs, popcorn, and tropical punch. All students bringing guests who do not attend O'Dea or Holy Names MUST complete a [Dance Guest Form](#). Guest forms must be turned in to the House Hub by May 12th. Any questions, please contact [Dean Cronin](#).

House Spirit Day - Parking lot closed!

Each year, House Spirit Day is a chance to celebrate the O'Dea Brotherhood and spirited competition between Houses. Due to the festivities for House Spirit Day, the O'Dea parking lot will be closed on Friday, May 19. Dean Magee will provide a parking pass to all students so they can park in the Cabrini lot across the street from O'Dea. Any questions about House Spirit Day, please contact House Director [Daniel P. Mullen](#).

Athletics

Fall Sports Meeting

All student-athletes that plan on turning out for a fall sport please plan to attend the fall sports meeting on Friday, May 12th during Irish block. Students must sign up for their specific meeting by clicking [here](#). The meetings will take place in the following locations:

CROSS COUNTRY MEETING – 301
 GOLF MEETING – 305
 FOOTBALL MEETING – GYM

The deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, May 11th at 3:30 PM. Thank you and Go Irish!

Lacrosse Fundraiser

The Lacrosse team is holding a fundraiser on Tuesday, May 9th before school. They will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts for \$1 each in the courtyard. All proceeds will go to support the team's activities. Please be sure your son stops by to purchase a donut to support these young men in their efforts!

Faith & Service

Senior Retreat

This year's Senior Retreat will be on Thursday, May 18th. The smaller class size allowed for us to consolidate this day of reflection and service down to one day instead of two. The theme is gratitude and giving back. We will be doing service over at Northwest Harvest mid-day, and return for talks and activities back at school. Please remember to turn in your [permission forms](#) to Ms. Curl or at the Front office!

Summer Service Opportunity - Kiwanis Camp Casey

Kiwanis Camp Casey is a week-long summer camp for kids with physical disabilities on Whidbey Island. They are looking for energetic, responsible, fun, and hardworking counselors age 16 and up to work the entire week of July 30th - August 5th. There is an informational meeting on May 13th from 12-2. For more information visit [www.campcasey.org](#) or email [headcounselors@campcasey.org](#)

Summer Service Opportunity - MDA Summer Camp

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is currently looking for volunteers to support their one week summer camp program in Gig Harbor for children living with muscular dystrophy. Volunteers at MDA Summer Camp will help kids discover new interests, build self-confidence and experience the independence of being away from home in a safe environment where barriers don't exist. For a glimpse of what a week at our camp looks like click [here](#). MDA is looking to share this opportunity with students who will be 16 before June 24th. Any interested individuals can apply through the MDA [online portal](#).

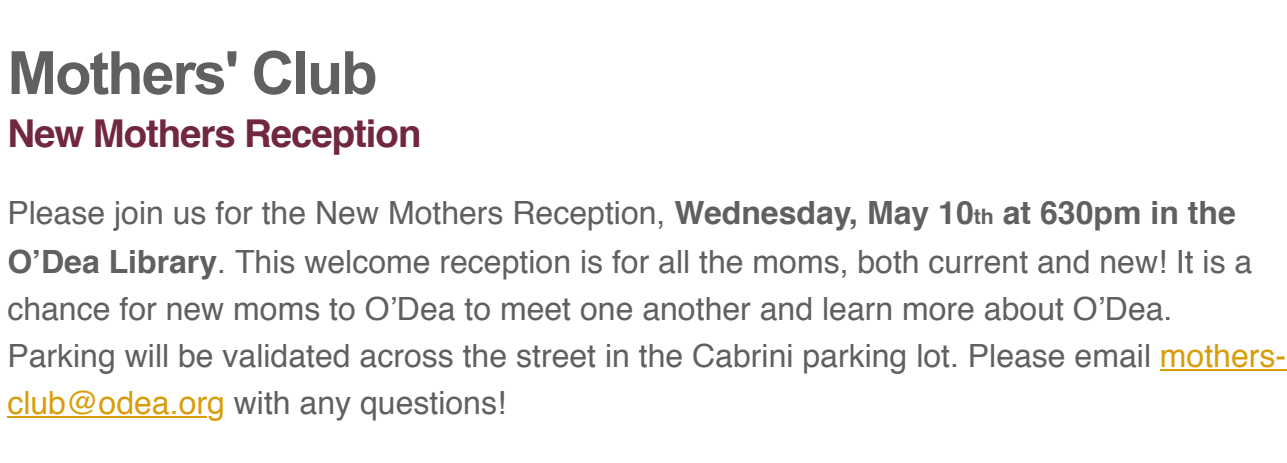
Advancement Office

GiveBIG for O'Dea High School!

O'Dea High School is again participating in the **GiveBIG** campaign with the Seattle Foundation on their annual day of philanthropy, May 10th.

All gifts given to O'Dea through this online fundraising effort will be used to support school programs and provide tuition assistance to help the young men at O'Dea.

Click [here](#) to schedule your donation and **GiveBIG** to O'Dea! Your donation will be processed on **GiveBIG** day, Wednesday, **May 10th**. On that day, you will also have the option of making your payment directly through the O'Dea website by selecting the link provided on our homepage. This will be a great way to complete payment on your current Annual Giving pledge or to make the payment for next year's pledge. Thank you in advance for your support!



We need your help with the Annual Giving Campaign!

We have almost reached our goal! Over 90% of our families have returned their Annual Giving Pledge form for the next school year, 2017-2018. Help us reach our goal of 100% by sending the forms we mailed you or downloading and sending a new copy [here](#). This campaign helps to make up the \$4,245 difference between annual tuition and the actual cost of educating each O'Dea student.

Also, if you have not yet completed your payment for this year's Annual Giving Campaign, 2016-2017, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Please contact [Dianne Irwin](#) in the Advancement Office if you have any questions.

Volunteer Opportunities

There will be upcoming opportunities to join the advancement team in supporting the philanthropic work of the school. Please contact [Laura Weinand](#) if you are interested in joining any of the following. We look forward to your help!

Development Committee: This is a new committee for O'Dea that will focus on overall fundraising efforts and meet regularly throughout the year.

Annual Giving Committee: This committee meets several times from August through April, with the main focus on our Annual Giving Campaign.

POSH Auction Committee: This committee will meet periodically beginning this summer and will work through the auction in March. Certain roles, such as procurement, will start earlier than other roles.

O'Dea Golf Tournament

The 31st Annual O'Dea Golf Tournament will take place **Monday, June 19, 2017**, at the Golf Club at Newcastle with a 1:30pm shotgun start. Registration is \$175/golfer, and you can register online [HERE!](#) The O'Dea Golf Tournament is open to everyone, 21+, not just O'Dea Alumni!

Not a golfer? Help [sponsor](#) our tournament as a hole sponsor or more! Proceeds from the tournament will help fund the Edmund Rice Leadership Awards, individual \$4,000 awards presented to young men graduating from a Catholic grade school who will be entering O'Dea in 2018. The awards are granted for excellence in the classroom and service in the community. \$1,000 is applied to each student's tuition annually in each of the four years they are a student at O'Dea. Contact [Dave Mazzeo](#) in the Advancement Office for additional information.

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, in partnership with 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!](#)

Mothers' Club

New Mothers Reception

Please join us for the New Mothers Reception, **Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30pm 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

May 8 – Band - 7:05am
 May 9 – Drum Line - 7:05am
 May 10 – Band - 7:05am
 May 11 – Band - 7:05am
 May 12 – Band - 7:05am

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

Vocal Ensembles

May 9 – M3 Choir
 May 11 – M3 Choir

Looking Ahead

Important Dates to Remember

- [May 18th](#) - 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!
- [June 19th](#) - Annual Golf Tournament, 1:30pm @ Newcastle Golf Club

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

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