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O'DEA

FAMILY BULLETIN

AUGUST 21, 2017 - AUGUST 27, 2017

Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 21st

*Freshmen Football Parent Meeting, O'Dea Gym @ 1:30pm
 *Varsity Football Two-a-Days, 8am - 5:30pm
 *Freshmen Football Practice @ 2:30pm
 *Cross Country Practice @ 9:30am
 *Band Rehearsal, 5pm-7:30pm

Tuesday, August 22nd - Tech Tuesday

*Varsity Football Two-a-Days, 8am - 5:30pm
 *Freshmen Football Practice @ 2:30pm
 *Golf Tryouts, 12:30pm @ Jefferson Park Golf Course
 *Cross Country Practice @ 9:30am
 *Band Rehearsal, 5pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, August 23rd

*Freshmen Football Practice @ 2:30pm
 *Varsity Football Practice @ 2:30pm
 *Cross Country Practice @ 2:30pm

Thursday, August 24th - First Day of School

*Freshmen Football Practice @ 2:30pm
 *Varsity Football Practice @ 2:30pm
 *Cross Country Practice @ 2:30pm

Friday, August 25th

*Freshmen Football Practice @ 2:30pm
 *Varsity Football Practice @ 2:30pm
 *Golf Tryouts, 12:30pm @ Jefferson Park Golf Course
 *Cross Country Practice @ 2:30am

Saturday, August 26th

*Varsity Football Practice @ 8am / BBQ @ Noon

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

Main Office

Picture Day

This year's picture day is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 6th** in the O'Dea Library. Students should arrive to school clean shaven with a proper hair cut and wearing their O'Dea tie and white button-up shirt. **Click [HERE](#) to place pre-orders for by using our school access key 8P7GUFUG.** Online pre-orders are available up to four days after picture day. If you have any questions please contact Dublin House Dean, [Mr. Alex Lara](#).

Academics & Counseling

First Days of School!

Below you will find some important information for the first few days back at O'Dea:

Thursday, August 24th

Welcome to the O'Dea Brotherhood! All students must wear their House Shirts and Dress Code Pants. New students will receive their House shirts upon arrival. A pizza lunch will be provided for all new students and Mentor Group Captains. Below are the expected arrival times for the day. Students will be dismissed at 2:25pm.

7:30am - Mentor Group Captains, O'Dea Library
 9:00am - Freshmen and Transfer Students, O'Dea Gym
 12:30pm - All Students, O'Dea Gym

Friday, August 25th

An introduction to the new Surface Tablet Program! Students must be in regular dress code and bring their charged Surface Tablet. All students must arrive in the O'Dea Gym at 12:00pm and will be dismissed by 2:25pm. Please be sure to have eaten lunch before arrival.

If you have any questions regarding the first two days of school please reach out to House Director, [Dan Mullen](#). We look forward to making this a great school year. Go Irish!

Tech Tuesdays

Our Director of Educational Technology, David Olinger, is extending Tech Tuesdays for one more week. If you would like personalized help as you begin exploring the Surface Tablet please plan to join him in room 211 on August 22nd between 10:00am and 1:00pm. Feel free to reach out to [David Olinger](#) with any questions.

SAT Courses

Mazor Test Prep is pleased to offer its highly regarded SAT prep courses at a discount to O'Dea students once again this year.

Mazor Test Prep offers:

- Expert, effective, and caring instruction
- Small classes
- Up-to-date course materials
- Plenty of practice, exposure, and feedback
- Significantly discounted tuition for O'Dea students

Fall classes begin August 26th, so consider enrolling now, as space is limited.

Course schedules, registration, and more are available at [www.mazortestprep.com](#). Private tutoring for the SAT or the ACT is also available. Please use the code: ODEA at checkout to get your \$100 O'Dea discount. Feel free to contact [Lisa Mazor](#) for more information.

Student Life

Back to School Dance

The first dance to kick off the school year will be held on September 9th in the O'Dea gym from 8-11pm. The dance theme has been chosen by HNA and O'Dea student leaders and will be revealed the first week of school! Dance admission is \$5 which includes a food voucher. Tickets can be bought at school. Guest passes for non-Holy Names/O'Dea students are required. These forms can be found on the [O'Dea website](#). If you have questions please direct them to [Mr. Daniel Mullen](#).

Class of 2021 New Family Picnic

Incoming freshmen families, please save the date of **Sunday, September 10, 2017** for the New Family Picnic at Woodland Park. This gathering is for O'Dea and Holy Names students, parents, and families of the Class of 2021. For additional details and to RSVP for the BBQ, please click [here](#).

Freshmen Trip to Puyallup Fair

All O'Dea freshmen are invited to join Holy Names freshmen for a fun day at the Washington State (Puyallup) Fair, Saturday, September 16th from 8:45am - 3pm! The first 100 students will receive a free fair ticket and be driven by charter bus to the fair to spend the day getting to know each other and enjoying fair activities and rides. Cost for the charter bus is \$12, with checks payable to O'Dea. Ticket sign-ups will begin September 5th in the House Hub on a first-come, first-serve basis. Any students beyond the first 100 will need to arrange their own transportation. Any questions, please contact House Director [Mr. Daniel Mullen](#).

Freshmen Social

The Freshmen Social brings together O'Dea and Holy Names freshmen for food, games and activities in the O'Dea gym, Saturday, September 16th from 7-10pm. All freshmen are invited to join in the fun, which will include a pizza dinner, DJ, and hours of dancing! Tickets will be on sale for \$10 in the House Hub beginning September 5th. Any questions, please contact House Director, [Mr. Daniel Mullen](#).

Faith & Service

Service Hours

A reminder that the service hour requirements have changed for the upcoming school year. Each student must complete 25 hours of service per academic year. Students will have from the first day of summer until May 1st of the following year to complete these hours. This change has been made in an effort to turn the focus from total number of hours to building a habit of service. Incoming freshmen can begin tracking service hours once they receive their service orientation in September. More details will be discussed as the school year gets underway. In the meantime, please direct any questions to [Ms. Danielle Curl](#), Director of Campus Ministry.

Campus Ministry Retreat Dates

Below are the dates for all Campus Ministry retreats during the 17-18 school year:

- **Freshmen Welcome Retreat:** September 20th
- **Sophomore Retreat:** October 24th & 25th
- **Fall Junior Encounter:** December 6th - 9th
- **Spring Junior Encounter:** April 18th - 21st
- **Senior Retreat:** May 16th & 17th

Junior parents, please consider which Encounter Retreat you would like your son to attend. It's a good idea to consult the Academic and Athletic calendar and decide which dates (Fall or Spring) work best for you. This retreat is such a special experience for our O'Dea gentlemen and should not be missed!

"Encounter was very touching and a turning point in my life."

"This was an amazing experience that I will remember forever."

"Encounter changed how I view my life, and my friend's lives, forever."

The Campus Ministry team is looking forward to another great year of personal and spiritual growth!

Athletics

Emerald City Kickoff Classic

The Fighting Irish will be kicking off their 2017 season in the Emerald City Kickoff Classic at Husky Stadium on Saturday, September 2nd at 4pm vs. Lincoln. Tickets are now on sale in the Main Office. They are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students (with a valid ASB card) and children under the age of 5 are free! Seating is allowed anywhere there is an open seat in the stadium and are on a first come, first served basis. GO IRISH!

Golf Tryouts

If your son will be trying out for golf, please email [Coach Vaughn](#) by August 15th. Golf Tryouts are at Jefferson Park Golf Course at 12:30pm on Tuesday, August 22nd and Wednesday, August 23rd. Golfers must bring food and water on both days.

Advancement Office

2nd Annual Wall of Honor Inductee Celebration

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, October 12 at 6:00 pm** for the 2nd Annual Wall of Honor Induction Celebration. We are excited to recognize the outstanding achievements of our O'Dea Athletics community as we induct Steven Nolan '86, Nick Stefanick '95, Charles Young '93, and the 1995 football team into the Wall of Honor.

This event is open to everyone 21+. Tickets are \$50 per person, which include drinks, dinner, and the opportunity to celebrate all that is special about O'Dea Athletics! Funds raised will support the athletic program. Please contact Advancement Director, [Allie DeLong](#), if you are interested in sponsoring the event.

Click [here](#) to make your reservations now! Go Irish!

Fathers' Club

Merchandise Sales

The Fathers' Club needs your help! As we gear up for the new school year, we are looking for volunteers to help sell O'Dea merchandise. Volunteers help to transport merchandise, make sales, and break down at the end of the event.

A few upcoming events where merchandise will be sold include the following:

- **Sun. Sept 10th** - Class of 2021 New Family Picnic - Lower Woodland @ 1pm
- **Fri. Sept 15th** - O'Dea vs. Skyview - West Seattle Stadium @ 7pm
- **Thur. Sept 21st** - O'Dea vs. Roosevelt - West Seattle Stadium @ 6:30pm
- **Fri. Sept 29th** - O'Dea vs. Seattle Prep - West Seattle Stadium @ 7pm
- **Fri. Oct. 13th** - O'Dea vs. Rainier Beach - West Seattle Stadium @ 7pm

These events are a great opportunity to meet other O'Dea parents. If you are interested in helping please contact [Tim Fant](#). For all other volunteer opportunities please visit the [O'Dea website](#) and email Fathers' Club President, [Doug Taliaterra](#).

The Arts

Band Rehearsals

The first band rehearsals of the school year will take place on Monday, August 21st and Tuesday, August 22nd. Rehearsals are from 5pm - 7:30pm in the music room and are mandatory for all students wanting to participate in the O'Dea Band, including the Class of 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Music Director, [Mr. Dan Ruiter](#).

Music Parent Meeting

All parents whose sons are interested in participating in choir and/or band for the upcoming school year should plan to attend the Music Parent Meeting on August 30th from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the music room. Many topics will be discussed including participation in concerts, sporting events, liturgies, and the choir festival. If you have any questions, please contact Music Director, [Mr. Dan Ruiter](#).

Looking Ahead

Important Dates to Remember

[September 2nd](#) - EC Kickoff Classic, O'Dea vs. Lincoln, Husky Stadium @ 4pm
[September 4th](#) - No School, Labor Day
[September 6th](#) - Picture Day
[September 6th](#) - Fathers' Club Meeting, Biology Lab @ 6:30pm
[September 9th](#) - Back to School Dance, O'Dea Gym @ 8pm
[September 10th](#) - Class of 2021 New Family Picnic, Lower Woodland @ 1pm
[September 16th](#) - Freshmen Trip to Puyallup Fair
[September 16th](#) - Freshmen Social, O'Dea Gym @ 7pm

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

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