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O'DEA

FAMILY BULLETIN

AUGUST 28 , 2017 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

Weekly Schedule

Special note: Athletic practices are not included on the weekly schedule during the school year. It can be assumed that unless in a competition, or heard otherwise from a coach, all practices are immediately following school dismissal.

[Monday, August 28th](#) - Gold
IB: Introduction to Irish Block

[Tuesday, August 29th](#) - Maroon

[Wednesday, August 30th](#) - Gold MM
IB: Introduction to Irish Block
*Music Parent Meeting, Band Room @ 6:30pm

[Thursday, August 31st](#) - Maroon

[Friday, September 1st](#) - Gold
IB: Introduction to Irish Block

[Saturday, September 2nd](#)
*Varsity Football vs. Lincoln, 4pm @ Husky Stadium

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

Main Office

Bell Schedule - Morning Meetings

Every Wednesday morning throughout the school year the faculty and staff have a morning meeting from 7:30am - 8:30am in the O'Dea Library. This means we will be running either a Gold-MM or Maroon-MM schedule and classes will not begin until 8:50am. Students may still arrive to school at the normal time but will not be allowed into the building. We encourage all families to plan for differences in traffic if not arriving until later so we can avoid tardies. For a review of all bell schedules please click [HERE](#).

New Administrative Assistant

Please join us in welcoming Darcy Leary-Bignayan to the staff of O'Dea! Darcy will be working at the front desk between 7:30am and 12:30pm, Monday through Friday. Taylor Thornton has accepted a new role in the Advancement Office as the Database Manager but will continue to work at the front desk in the afternoons between 12:30pm and 3:30pm.

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](#).

Class Fees

If your son is enrolled in photography, choir, or art, the applicable class fee will be taken out of your account along with your tuition payment on September 5th or 20th. Below are the fees for each of these classes:

- Art \$100
- Choir \$35
- Photography \$75

If you are already paid in full for the year, please remit the amount due by September 30th. If you have any questions contact Accounts Manager, [Joan Moore](#).

Academics & Counseling

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

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!

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!

The Arts

Music Ensemble Schedules

Instrumental Ensembles

August 28 - Band - 7:05
August 29 - Band - 7:05
August 30 - Drumline - 7:30
August 31 - Band - 7:05
September 1 - Band - 7:05

Vocal Ensembles

August 29 - M3 Choir
August 31 - M3 Choir

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](#).

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 Taliaferro](#).

Looking Ahead

Important Dates to Remember

[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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