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O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 - SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Weekly Schedule

Monday, September 19th - Gold

IB: Senior College Meeting

*JV Football vs. Rainier Beach, 4:30pm @ SE Athletic Complex

*Varsity Golf Match vs. Bainbridge, 3:00pm @ Wing Point

Tuesday, September 20th - Maroon MM

Wednesday, September 21st - Gold PM/IB, Dismissal at 1:20pm

*Back to School Night, 6pm @ O'Dea High School

*Varsity Cross Country Meet, 3:40pm @ Lincoln Park

Thursday, September 22nd - Maroon AM/IB

IB: Cultural Heritage Clubs

Friday, September 23rd - Gold

IB: House Unity

*Varsity Football vs. Blanchet, 7pm @ West Seattle Stadium

Saturday, September 24th

*Freshman Football vs. Blanchet, 10am @ Blanchet

Main Office

Back to School Night

Join us on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, for Back to School Night! This is a great opportunity for parents to get a feel for the daily routine of their son. Parents should arrive between 5:45pm and 6:00pm to pick up their son's class schedule. At 6:00pm we will meet in the Gym for opening prayer and introductions after which parents will have an opportunity to attend each of their son's classes. We hope to see you there!

Drop-off Protocol

Please be courteous to other families dropping their son off to school in the mornings. I understand it is busy, however, to ensure the safety of our boys please, be sure your vehicle continues to move forward so that other kids can get dropped off in a timely and safe manner. We appreciate your cooperation!

Late Start Attendance

Each Tuesday we have a late start to accommodate for Faculty & Staff Meetings. With this change, the amount of tardies has been increasing significantly. **Please try and keep your morning schedule the same.** The boys are welcome to hang out in the courtyard or the gym before the building opens at 8:30am. We do expect them to be on time to class and appreciate your attention to the matter.

Athletics

Football Live Streaming

On **Friday, September 16th**, the O'Dea Fighting Irish take on Skyview in Vancouver, Washington. Vancouver Public Schools will be broadcasting the game for those that want to cheer on the Irish from afar. Locally, it can be seen on Comcast channel 328, but for those outside Vancouver, the game can be seen live on [YouTube](#). GO IRISH!

Academics & Counseling

SAT Classes start SOON!

Mazor Test Prep Co. is pleased to offer its highly regarded SAT prep courses at a discount to O'Dea students once again this year. They have an excellent 28-year reputation for helping thousands of students in the Seattle area get the test scores they want and need.

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

SAT classes start **Saturday, September 24th** to prepare for the November 5th and December 3rd SAT.

Course schedules, registration, and much more are available

at www.mazortestprep.com. Private tutoring is also available. Please use the code: ODEA to get your \$100 O'Dea discount at checkout. Feel free to contact Lisa Mazor at 206.632.TEST (8378) or lisa@mazortestprep.com for more information.

Saturday Math

Saturday Math will begin on **Saturday, September 24th**. It will be held in Room 212 from 8:00 A.M. until 9:30 A.M. (Once football season is over, the starting time will change from 8:00 A.M. until 9:00 A.M.) Students from all grade levels are welcome to come, and may attend for all of, or for any portion of, the 1 1/2 hour time period. This is intended for students who are seeking teacher help, and it is not meant as a "study hall" or an opportunity to work only with other students.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rittman by [email](#) or by phone, 206-767-5627, before 11:00 P.M.

Faith & Service

Important - Freshman Parents!

Due to some unforeseen circumstances, ***the freshman retreat has been moved from September 21st to September 28th***, one week later. For those of you who have been so prompt in getting me your permission slips, if you could just send me an email stating that you know about the date change and are ok with it, that will prevent the need for filling out a whole new form. For the rest of you, I have updated the form on the website. Thank you for your understanding!

Retreat Program

Freshman Parents! Freshman Retreat is coming up on **September 28th!** This is a required day retreat over at Camp Don Bosco. We are excited to show our new freshman what the retreat program is like and bond as a class. *Permission forms are available [online](#)*. Please turn them in ASAP.

Sophomore Parents! The Sophomore Service Retreat is coming up in October. This is a required day retreat. The Sophomore class will be divided in half and sent on either **October 11th or October 13th** with Catholic Community services to do varied service projects around our community. These hours do count towards service hours! *The permission forms are available [online](#)*. Please note that there are two different forms. Please sign the form that corresponds to your students last name. These are due ASAP.

Junior Parents! The Encounter with Christ Retreat is an incredible opportunity for your son to spend some time away from this crazy world and consider his relationship with himself, with others, and with God. It is the highlight of our retreat program and should not be missed! This year we have two options for Juniors. Fall

Encounter is set for **December 7-11**, and Spring Encounter is **March 29th- April 1st**. Please speak with your son about which he would prefer to go on. *Permission forms are available [online](#) for both Encounter opportunities*. The fall application deadline is November 11th, but it is very helpful to me to have them early. If your son knows he wants to go in the spring, don't hesitate to turn in the form!

Finally, Senior Parents! I am always looking for student leaders to help me on all of these retreats, particularly Encounter. If your son has expressed an interest, please direct him to the leadership forms found [online](#), or encourage him to come and see me!

Please feel free to contact [Danielle Curl](#), Director of Campus Ministry, with any questions.

The Arts

Music Ensemble Schedules

Instrumental Ensembles

September 19 – Band – 7:05am

September 20 – Drum Line – 7:30am

September 21 – Band – 7:05am

September 22 – Band – 7:05am

September 23 – Band – 7:05am

**Home football game: meet in the band room at 4:30.

Vocal Ensembles

September 20 – M3 Choir

September 22 – M3 Choir

Advancement Office

Join the POSH Auction Team!

All parents are invited to the next POSH Auction meeting. Join the team and share your ideas, talents, and enthusiasm on Tuesday, September 27, 5:00 – 6:30 PM in the O'Dea Library. Sign up for a committee and help make this the spectacular and memorable year that it has been for the past 45 years! Procurement ideas will be discussed and your suggestions will be welcome as we are always in the hunt for innovative and exciting ideas to raise money for our school and for our students.

Questions or ideas? Contact [Dianne Irwin](#), Director of Development, 206-612-2107, or one of our Procurement Chairs: [Maureen Kures](#), [Theresa Cedergreen](#), or [Peter Cedergreen](#).

Annual Giving Campaign

The **Annual Giving Campaign** is one of our primary fundraisers each year as it helps make up the \$3,700 difference between the cost of tuition and the amount charged for each student. Our goal this year is \$450,000 and we have already received an overwhelming response from our current parents. The Phonathon is an opportunity to connect with alumni and past parents to enlist their financial help for this campaign. We will call from the Main Floor offices on the following day:

Sundays - October 2 and 9 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Weekdays - October 5, 6, and 12 from 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Weekdays - October 5, 6, and 12 from 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Please consider your availability and contact [Dianne Irwin](#), Director of Development, if you can help.

Homecoming Tailgate BBQ

This year's **Homecoming Tailgate BBQ** is October 21st in the West Seattle Stadium parking lot. This event is always a lot of fun and a great time to gather with the O'Dea community. The food is fantastic – gourmet sausages, hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers – all grilled to perfection by our staff of experts. Help is needed to setup, assist in the kitchen, and serve our customers. Setup begins at 4:00, serving will start at 5:00, and cleanup completed by 6:45 so you will be in time for the opening kickoff! To signup to help please email [Dianne Irwin](#).

If you have some availability to volunteer in the Advancement Office on occasion, please contact [Dianne Irwin](#). We need help with various projects during the year. Thank you!

Mothers' Club

Bite of O'Dea

Ladies... please join us on **Saturday, October 1st** from 6-10 PM in the O'Dea Gym to socialize and raise funds in support of the O'Dea community. The event is women only and potluck style for the main and side dishes. This year we are having a Dessert Dash which will provide the sweet treats!

Additional details can be found on the [invitation](#) and reservations can be made online by clicking [here](#). Remember, this is a women only event!

If you have any questions please contact mothers-club@odea.org.

Looking Ahead

Important Dates to Remember

Sat, October 1st - The Bite of O'Dea, O'Dea Gym @ 6pm

Fri, October 7th - No School, Teacher Excellence Day

Wed, October 19th - Alumni Senior Breakfast, 8:30am @ Washington Athletic Club

Sat, October 20th - Wall of Honor Inductee Celebration, 6pm @ O'Dea Gym

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

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