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Weekly news for current families of O'Dea High School

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Congratulations! The Fighting Irish are heading back to the Dome!



Congratulations to the Fighting Irish Football Team on their big win against Bellevue on Saturday! We have once again advanced to the State Championship game and will take on Rainier Beach this **Friday**, **December 1st at the Tacoma Dome at 7:30pm**.

There are many changes that have been made to the schedule because of the game. Please see below for all logistics and updates. If you have any questions, please contact either <u>Taylor Thornton</u> or <u>Darcy Leary-Bignayan</u> in the Main Office.

Academic Schedule Change

This Friday, December 1st, we will be running a Maroon PM/IB Schedule with a 1:25pm dismissal so our student-athletes can prepare for the game and others can make their way to Tacoma to cheer these young men on to victory! Friday will continue to be a relaxed dress day to support the Skagit Valley Toy Drive.

Ticket Pre-Sales

Tickets to the game are now on sale in the Main Office. If you'd like to purchase tickets prior to arriving at the Tacoma Dome you are welcome to do so from the Main Office between the hours of 7:30am and 3:00pm Monday through Thursday, and 7:30am until Noon on Friday. **The first 250 people to purchase a ticket through the Main Office will receive a FREE rally towel to bring to the game!**

Ticket prices are as follows:

- Adults **\$17**
- Senior 62+ \$13
- Students with valid ASB card \$13
- Children 5-11 \$13
- Under 5 FREE

O'Dea Billboard!

Once again this year, Lynn Harmann, proud O'Dea Mom of Dane and Stone Harmann, has made arrangements for O'Dea to be seen on a digital billboard on I-5 South just as fans are approaching the Tacoma Dome. With the Tacoma Dome just in site, look to your left and you will see the billboard. This is the same location as last year. Thank you, Harmann Family!

Post-Game Schedule

Win or lose there will be a post-game celebration in the O'Dea Gym approximately one hour after the game is over. All are welcome to join as we cheer on our young men and congratulate them on their hard work and many accomplishments this season!

Friday Winter Sports Schedule

Basketball: The Varsity, JV and Frosh Basketball games against Ballard High School have been RESCHEDULED. There will be no practice on Friday. Instead, Coach Kerr would like to see you at the Tacoma Dome and cheering on the Fighting Irish!

Wrestling: Practice will be in the O'Dea Gym from 6am-7:30am.

Swim & Dive: The Swim Meet against Lakeside has been changed to 3pm and will still be at Helene Madison Pool. Boys will be done in time to head to the Tacoma Dome to cheer

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! GO IRISH!



DECEMBER 4, 2017 - DECEMBER 10, 2017

Weekly Schedule

Special Note: The Frosh Basketball game vs. Roosevelt has been moved to this Saturday, December 2nd at Roosevelt at 3pm.

Monday, December 4th - Gold IB: General Interest & Service Clubs

Tuesday, December 5th - Maroon

*Freshmen Basketball vs. West Seattle, 4pm @ O'Dea *JV Basketball vs. West Seattle, 5:45pm @ O'Dea *Varsity Basketball vs. West Seattle, 7:30pm @ O'Dea

<u>Wednesday, December 6th</u> - Gold MM (Fall Encounter) IB: Arts & Technology *Fathers' Club Meeting, Biology Lab @ 6:30pm

<u>Thursday, December 7th</u> - Maroon (Fall Encounter) *Varsity Wrestling Match vs. Cleveland/Rainier Beach, 6:30pm @ Cleveland

Friday, December 8th - Gold (Fall Encounter) IB: Mass *Swim Meet vs. Roosevelt, 4pm @ Medgar Evers Pool *JV Basketball vs. Roosevelt, 5:30pm @ Roosevelt *Varsity Basketball vs. Roosevelt, 8:30pm @ Roosevelt

Saturday, December 9th (Fall Encounter) *Class of 2022 Placement Exam, 8am @ O'Dea *Varsity Wrestling, Lake Washington Duals, 9am @ Lake Washington

Click here to view the entire O'Dea Calendar for most up to date event details!

Main Office 2018-2019 School Year - Financial Aid

A reminder that all families must re-apply for financial aid every year. The financial aid portal for SSS/NAIS opened on October 2, 2017 and closes December 31, 2017. This is for the 2018-2019 School Year. To apply please click <u>HERE</u>, go to the page for Parents and Families, and use the School and Student Services Code for O'Dea High School 166898. You will need to upload your 2017 tax return, 2017 final paystub and 2017 W-2 when you receive them.

Applications to the Fulcrum Foundation Tuition Assistance Grant opened on October 1st. If you are applying for financial aid at O'Dea, it is strongly suggest that you apply for financial aid through the Fulcrum Foundation. This program is designed for families and students currently enrolled in any Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Please click <u>HERE</u> to apply. The deadline for submitting applications is January 5, 2018. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact <u>Mrs. Thornton</u>.

Class of 2018 - Important Dates to Remember

Please mark your calendars and save these important dates. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Thornton.

Saturday, January 20 Jostens's Cap & Gown Order Day, 10AM-Noon in the Library

Friday, May 4 Mother/Senior Blessing & Breakfast, 9:30AM @ Ballard Bay Club No classes, all seniors are required to attend

Friday, May 4 Senior Prom, 8PM – Midnight @ Ballard Bay Club Dinner is Included

Thursday, May 24 Last day of classes for Seniors

Friday, May 25 Graduation Practice, 8:10AM @ TBD

Wednesday, May 30 Baccalaureate Mass & Graduation, 7PM @ St. James Cathedral Admittance by ticket only

Academics & Counseling Irish Block Hall Passes

Beginning next week we will allow students with prior permission to meet with a requested teacher during Irish Block. Students must get a pass from the teacher they would like to meet with, show the pass to his Irish Block monitor after attendance has been taken, and then give the pass to the teacher he is visiting. Students are to remain with that teacher for the entire Irish Block, therefore they should bring all of their materials with them. Please contact <u>Dr. Gregory Cox</u> with any questions. Thank you!

Thank You Peer Tutors!

A special thanks to a number of our upperclassmen for their willingness to give of their time and talents. Thanks to Marc Pavlovec and Abai Houser for helping with World Languages, Zachary Lee, Brendan Cabrera, Aiden Cleary, and Jack Markowitz for helping with Math, and Dylan Vita, Michael Veillon, Luke Martin, and Jack Summers for helping with *both M*ath and World Languages. Kudos, Gentlemen!

Your Weekly Tech Tip!

O'Dea requires that all students have a protective case on their Microsoft Surface to protect the device from accidental drops during school. If you do not have a protective case, please get one that fits your device. The best place to purchase a case is at the Microsoft Store in Bellevue or the University Village.

Faith & Service Christmas Family Project

That special time of year is upon us and our young O'Dea gentlemen, with the help of the Mother's Club and in partnership with Providence Regina House, are participating in the Christmas Family Project. Each mentor group has been assigned members of these families to provide gifts from their wish lists. Please check with your son(s) about which gift he has claimed to donate for the Christmas Family Project. A complete list of sizes and gift requests are provided to each Mentor Class. We will gladly accept Gift Cards to Safeway or Fred Meyer of any denomination as well as any new Household or Toiletries item.

Students and families will wrap and deliver these gifts to the doorsteps of families on December 15th. If you are available to help on that day please click <u>HERE</u> to sign-up. We hope everyone will support this project any way they can! If you have any questions, please email Waterford House Dean <u>Brandon Maul</u>.

O'Dea & Sam Catherall on King5 News!

This week King5 News did a story on senior, Sam Catherall, and his unbelievable efforts in O'Dea's annual Canned Food Drive. Please click <u>HERE</u> to check out the news story. Thank you to all families that helped make this year such an incredible success. Together, the O'Dea Community brought just over 18,000 lbs of food to Northwest Harvest. Amazing work!

The Arts Music Ensemble Schedules

Instrumental Ensembles December 4 - Band - 7:05am December 5 - Band - 7:05am December 6 - Drum Line - 7:05am December 7 - Band - 7:05am December 8 - Band - 7:05am

<u>Vocal Ensembles</u> December 5 - M3 Choir December 6 - IB: Mass Rehearsal December 7 - M3 Choir December 8 - IB: Mass

Holiday Broadcast

Next week the O'Dea Holiday Broadcast will be swinging with Christmas Tunes by the Jazz Band and Ensembles, Christmas Carols by the O'Dea Choir, and a fun adventure from Archie Andrews in Riverdale by O'Dea Drama. Please join us on Wednesday, December 13th at the family-friendly Knights of Columbus Hall at 7:30pm for this wonderful O'Dea tradition! There will be plenty of seating and light refreshments will be provided.

O'Dea Drama Production

O'Dea Drama has chosen *The Imaginary Invalid* by Moliere for the February 23-25 production at Holy Names Academy. This is a hilarious play and will give your student a wonderful opportunity to learn some acting skills, meet girls, make new friends, and have a ton of fun while working as a team. Performances are the Sunday before spring sports begin. Auditions will be Monday, December 4th, after school in room 302 and everyone is welcome to read for a part; no experience necessary. Please direct any questions to <u>Mrs.</u> <u>Traverso</u>.

Advancement Office Thank you!

We are excited to announce that with the generous match of longtime O'Dea champion, Roy F. Simperman, **O'Dea High School raised just over \$70,000 on #GivingTuesday!** Thank you for your support of O'Dea's first annual #GiveGOLD day! Your generosity will enrich the lives of our students and further the mission of O'Dea High School. GO IRISH!

Celebrate O'Dea - March 17, 2018

Next week the Advancement Office will be mailing home important information regarding this year's auction procurement. Be sure to check your mailboxes! Thank you for your participation and for donating so many great items to this year's auction. It is certain to be a great night as together we Celebrate O'Dea! For additional information about the auction please visit our website <u>HERE</u> or contact Advancement Director, <u>Allie DeLong</u>.

Italian Dinner



- 6pm social, dinner, awards and raffle
- Lenny Luzzi to entertain you with his accordion and endless Italian classics

Cost is \$30 reserve your spot now online: odea.org/support-odea/italian-dinner

Proceeds support O'Dea student retreat programs Questions or to volunteer: advancement@odea.org

Make your reservation!

Mothers' Club Basketball Concessions - Volunteers Needed

The sign-up to help with Basketball concessions is now LIVE! Please click <u>HERE</u> to signup. All concession volunteers will need to have a food handlers permit. If you do not have a permit you can get one <u>HERE</u>. The cost is \$10 and is good for two years. After completed, please turn it into the Main Office or email a copy to <u>Darcy Leary-</u> <u>Bignayan</u>. We look forward to welcoming new faces to the basketball concessions stand. Thank you and GO IRISH!

Looking Ahead Important Dates to Remember

December 13th - Holiday Broadcast, 7:30pm @ Knights of Columbus December 18th - January 1st - No School, Christmas Vacation January 3rd - Fathers' Club Meeting, Biology Lab @ 6:30pm January 4th - Winter Open House, 6pm @ O'Dea January 3rd - Fathers' Club Meeting, Biology Lab @ 6:30pm January 15th - No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday January 16th-19th - First Semester Final Exams January 20th - O'Dea/HNA Winter Ball January 27th - Italian Dinner, 6pm @ Knights of Columbus

Click here to view the full O'Dea calendar!



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