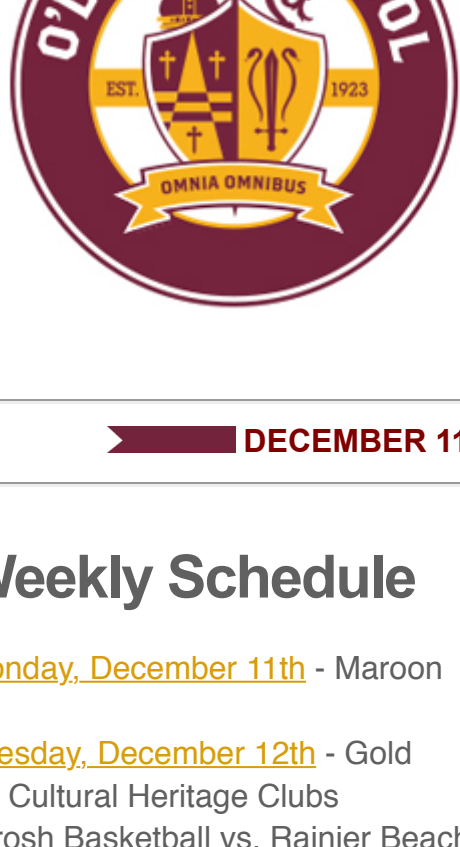


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O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

DECEMBER 11, 2017 - DECEMBER 15, 2017

Weekly Schedule

Monday, December 11th - Maroon

Tuesday, December 12th - Gold

IB: Cultural Heritage Clubs
 *Frosh Basketball vs. Rainier Beach, 4pm @ Rainier Beach
 *JV Basketball vs. Rainier Beach, 5:45pm @ Rainier Beach
 *Varsity Basketball vs. Rainier Beach, 7:30pm @ Rainier Beach
 *Varsity Wrestling vs. Interlake & Lake Washington, 6:30pm @ O'Dea

Wednesday, December 13th - Maroon MM

*O'Dea Holiday Broadcast, 7:30pm @ Knights of Columbus

Thursday, December 14th - Gold

IB: House Unity Celebration
 *Varsity Wrestling vs. Garfield & Franklin, 6:30pm @ Garfield

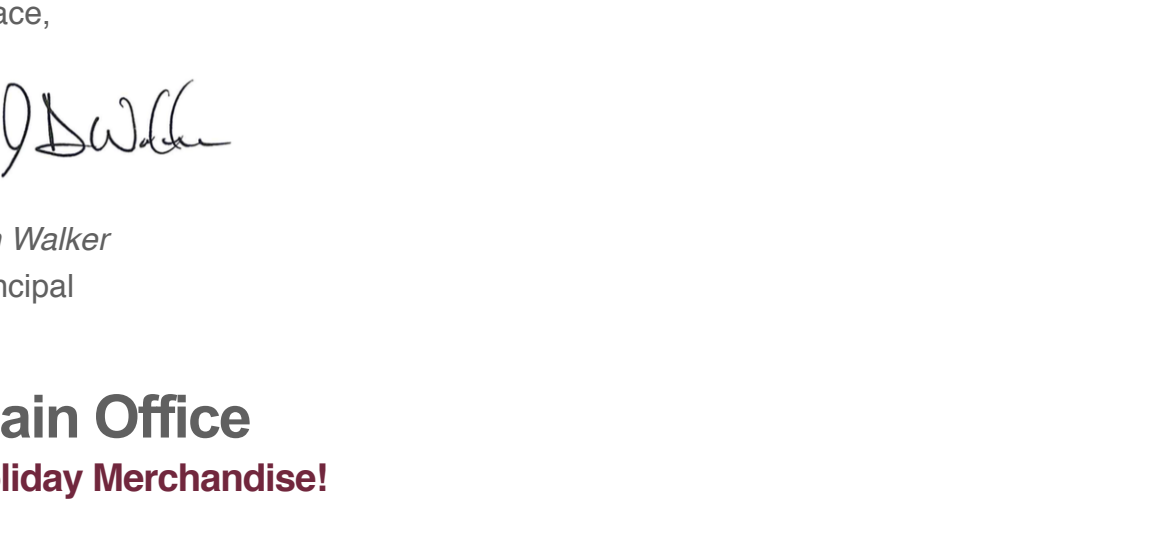
Friday, December 15th - Maroon Min

IB: Christmas Prayer Service
 *Swim & Dive vs. Garfield, 4pm @ Medgar Evers Pool
 *Frosh Basketball vs. Chief Sealth, 4pm @ O'Dea
 *JV Basketball vs. Chief Sealth, 5:45pm @ O'Dea
 *Varsity Basketball vs. Chief Sealth, 7:30pm @ O'Dea

Saturday, December 15th

*Varsity Wrestling - Graham Morin Invitational, 9am @ Squalicum High School

Special Note: This will be the last Family Bulletin before the New Year. To view all winter sports events happening over Christmas Break, please view the O'Dea Calendar by clicking [HERE](#).



Message From the Principal

Merry Christmas

Christmas is a time when I think of the special people in my life. My family, friends, and co-workers with whom I share O'Dea's mission of Catholic education, and it is with great joy that I send you season's greetings.

As we celebrate the Advent and Christmas seasons, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your overwhelmingly positive support during the Fall semester. Let me say what a privilege it has been to partner with all of you in your son's education. There have been many highlights and much to celebrate since September. The experiences of working with amazing parents and dedicated educators are always rewarding and never more so than this year. Together we have helped our students learn how to learn - and learn how to live.

Our upcoming Christmas and New Years vacation is the time of year for rejoicing and rededication. A quote from Thomas Drier says it well, "If we are ever to enjoy life, now is the time, not tomorrow or next year. The best preparation for a better life next year is a full, complete, harmonious, joyous life this year." Now is the time to reflect on our blessings and to recharge our spirits.

I wish you all a happy and blessed holiday season.

Peace,

Jim Walker
Principal

Main Office

Holiday Merchandise!

Next week all families will receive an email including holiday merchandise specials AND details about our new **State Championship T-Shirts**. Don't miss out on an opportunity to buy these shirts commemorating the 2017 Football Team and to find items to purchase for those holiday stockings. HO HO HO!

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 [HERE](#), 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 [HERE](#) to apply. The deadline for submitting applications is January 5, 2018. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact [Mrs. Thornton](#).

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 [Dr. Gregory Cox](#) with any questions. Thank you!

Student Life

House Unity Day

On Thursday, December 14th, students, faculty, and staff should all **wear their House t-shirts** with pride! During Irish Block on this day, each House will gather together to recognize student achievements, discuss service opportunities, learn about upcoming House activities, and engage in games and friendly competitions. House Unity Days are all about celebrating each House and the O'Dea Brotherhood!

Winter Ball

Please save the date for the annual **O'Dea/HNA Winter Ball**, which will take place Saturday, January 20, from 8pm-11pm at MoPOP (formerly EMP Museum). Tickets will be sold after Christmas break. This year's theme is "Dancing in the Rain"! Please contact Waterford Dean [Mr. Brandon Maul](#) with questions.

Freshmen House Captains Selected!

One of O'Dea's strongest traditions is having excellent student leaders. That tradition continues with our newest leaders, the four Freshmen House Captains. Congratulations to **Michael Arndt** (Dublin), **Caden Chia** (Waterford), **Thomas Endashaw** (Kilkenny), and **Jack McGrath** (Limerick). Good job to all the candidates who went through the process and showed impressive strengths and leadership potential.

Super Citizenship Awards

Congratulations to the following students who've been recognized by one of our faculty/staff by earning a "SUPER CITIZENSHIP CARD." These cards are awarded to students who go above and beyond in the areas of *character, faith or service*, and count towards **Citizenship Points** for the Irish Cup.

DUBLIN: Aidan Ritchie, Sam Catherall, Basil Dizard, Freddy Knutson, Andrew Morrisey

LIMERICK: Charles Waverly, Joe Skovron, Jamon Adams, Allen Labonite, Makai Santos-Magee, Joseph Dumont, Jake Quick

WATERFORD: Milton Hopkins, Alexander Galvin, Vladislav Buchheit

KILKENNY: Elijah Scanlan, Jermaine Jamal Davis, Joseph LaFrance, Jacob Dombrowski, Danny Sayers

Faith & Service

Christmas Family Project

Our Christmas Family Project with Providence Regina House is underway! Sign-ups for purchasing gifts for our partner families have begun in Mentor Groups. Parents can check the below links for their son's Mentor Group to see what gifts their son has signed up for. **You can also feel free to sign up for additional items to help fill in any gaps. The wrapping/delivery will take place Friday, Dec. 15, following the Christmas Prayer Service.**

[Brown/Chambers](#)
[Watson/Balinbin](#)
[Bustamante/Botello](#)
[McNulty/Baker](#)
[Anderson/Beyes](#)
[Schutte/Chandler](#)
[Butorac/Remedios](#)
[Greenan/Traverso](#)
[Odem/McPharlin/Kight](#)
[Cook/Colon-Cesarino](#)

We hope everyone will support this project in any way they can. Here are some ways you can get involved:

- Buy an item on the wish list and bring it to your Mentor Group.
- Buy an item not on the list! Whole-family gifts, Christmas decorations, dinner items, household items, non-perishable food or supplies, grocery-store gift cards, gas cards, warm blankets... anything is welcome and will certainly be appreciated.
- Cards or donate wrapping paper, gift bags, gift tags and boxes of all sizes.

The Mothers' Club is also still in need of volunteers to help with the gift wrapping, providing food to the Mentor Groups, and to help take down Christmas decorations. Please click [HERE](#) to sign-up.

If you have any questions regarding the Christmas Family Project, please email Waterford House Dean [Brandon Maul](#).

Thank you for helping bring holiday cheer to families in need this holiday season!

Christmas Break Service Ideas

Mary's Place: This is a local nonprofit whose mission is to empower homeless women, children, and families to reclaim their lives by providing shelter, nourishment, resources, healing and hope in a safe community! They need your help to make the holidays special for their women, children and families! Below are a variety of volunteer opportunities that they offer. Contact [Erin](#) at 206.621.8474 for more information or to sign up.

- December 15-17** *The Santa Store* at the Mary's Place Day Center is where moms, dads, and grandmas shop for gifts for their children. We need volunteers to help lead crafts for the kids while they wait for their parents to shop and to help with lunch prep and serving.
- Monday, December 22** – *Pictures with Santa* We need a photographer to take pictures of kids, women and families with Santa, people to lead game and crafts to keep the kids busy while they're waiting to see Santa, carolers, and help preparing and serving lunch.
- Tuesday, December 23** – *Bon Mary's Holiday Sale* It's the last shopping day of the year and an all-day shopping extravaganza at the Mary's Place Day Center! There will be a Bon Mary's for the adults and Bon Jr.'s for the kids. We need personal shoppers, volunteers to set up and restock the store shelves, gift wrappers, and help preparing and serving lunch.
- Thursday, December 25** – *Christmas Day* Mary's Place Day Center is closed on Christmas Day, but all of our family night shelters will be open all day. We need volunteers to bring in a special holiday lunch for our families at one of the three locations: Julia's Place in Madrona (22 people), Emergency Family Shelter in Belltown (48 people), and Bianca's Place in South Lake Union (80 people); and there are lots of opportunities to host games, decorate cookies, and help our families celebrate the day.

White Center Food Bank: Students can help with food distribution on the following dates; Monday 12/18, 10am-1pm; Wed 12/20, 10am-1pm; and on Thursday 12/21 11am-2pm. The contact person is O'Dea alum John Carney, Warehouse Manager at 206-762-2848.

Therapeutic Health Services: Looking for students to help stuff envelopes for Christmas cards. If interested please contact erikt@ths-wa.org

Volunteer At the Holiday Carousel: Looking for volunteers of all ages to help at the Holiday Carousel at Westlake Park from November 24th through January 1st, any time between the hours of 10:30am-9:15pm at MoPOP. Volunteers greet riders, sell tickets, and collect donations of clothing and toys for Treehouse's free store. Volunteering at the Holiday Carousel is open to both individuals and groups of 4-8 people. Youth under 16 must volunteer with an adult. Register by clicking [HERE](#).

The Arts

Music Ensemble Schedules

Instrumental Ensembles

December 11 - Band - 7:05am

December 12 - Band - 7:05am

December 13 - Drum Line - 7:05am / Holiday Broadcast - 7:30pm (details below)

December 14 - No Band

December 15 - Band Christmas Party - 7:05am

Vocal Ensembles

December 11 - M3 Choir

December 13 - M3 Choir / Holiday Broadcast - 7:30pm (details below)

December 15 - M3 Choir

Holiday Broadcast Schedule

*Set-up crew meet @ O'Dea @ 2:45pm

*Band meet @ Knights of Columbus Hall @ 5:15pm

*Choir meet @ Knights of Columbus @ 6:15pm

Holiday Broadcast

On Wednesday, December 13th, 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 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.

Athletics

Wrestling Schedule for Winter Break

Below is the schedule for all wrestlers over the upcoming winter break. Please contact Head Coach, [Jeff Anderson](#), with any questions. Go Irish!

Monday, December 18th / 8-10am Practice

Tuesday, December 19th / 8-10am Practice

Wednesday, December 20th / Varsity Tournament, Black Hills Winter Duals @ 9am

Thursday, December 21st / 8-10am Practice

Friday, December 22nd / 8-10am Practice

Saturday, December 23rd / No Practice

Sunday, December 24th / No Practice

Monday, December 25th / No Practice

Tuesday, December 26th / 8-10am Practice

Wednesday, December 27th / Home Match vs. Marysville-Pilch @ 9am

Thursday, December 28th / 8-10am Practice

Friday, December 29th / 8-10am Practice

Saturday, December 30th / No Practice

Sunday, December 31st / No Practice

Monday, January 1st / No Practice

Advancement Office

Support O'Dea While You Shop!

Would you like Amazon to donate .5% of your eligible purchase price to O'Dea when you shop on their website? Next time you visit their site, log on at smile.amazon.com (same user name and password as your regular account!) and select O'Dea as your charity of choice. The same products and pricing are available to you AND Amazon will make a donation to O'Dea. After you select us the first time, as long as you log into smile.amazon.com we will automatically receive a donation. It's a great and easy way to support O'Dea!

Annual Fund Pledge

As we reach the end of the year, please visit the [O'Dea Website](#) to pay your Annual Fund Pledge. For questions please contact, Advancement Director, [Allie DeLong](#). Thank you!

Italian Dinner



O'DEA HIGH SCHOOL 53RD ANNUAL ITALIAN DINNER

Join us as we honor the *Terrance Johnson and Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award Winners*

Saturday, January 27, 2018 @ Knights of Columbus Hall, 722 E Union, Seattle, WA

- 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

Reminders for Santa's Helpers

Thank you to all the parents who have donated to our Santa's Helpers Fund. This fund has been a tradition at O'Dea for many years. This tradition allows our parent clubs to give our faculty and staff a cash gift for Christmas from the parents. It is not too late to send in your donation or have your son drop your donation off in the Main Office. Our best wishes to your family for a happy and holy Christmas Season!

Basketball Concessions - Volunteers Needed

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

Looking Ahead

Important Dates to Remember

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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