

Class of 2022
Family Social & Information Night



Thursday, April 19, 2018
6:00 – 7:30pm



Welcome Class of 2022! Please enjoy yourself this evening as you spend time getting to know your classmates and their families. In this packet you will find important information that you will need as you prepare for the 2018-2019 school year. O'Dea Administrators and Staff are here to welcome you and answer your questions. We are thrilled you have chosen to join the O'Dea Brotherhood!

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Important Dates to Remember

Father/Son BBQ – May 2, 2018 – O’Dea Courtyard @ 6:30pm

This BBQ is to Welcome the Class of 2022! It is a great opportunity for your sons to meet their future classmates and bond through activities led by current O’Dea students. Fathers also get a chance to meet each other and learn more about the school. Parking will be validated across the street in the Cabrini parking lot. Please email fathers-club@odea.org with any questions!

New Mom Reception – May 9, 2018 – O’Dea Library @ 6pm

This welcome reception is for all the moms, both current and new! It is a chance for new moms to O’Dea to meet one another and learn more about O’Dea. Parking will be validated across the street in the Cabrini parking lot. Please email mothers-club@odea.org with any questions!

Mayfest – May 18, 2018 – 1927 Events @ 7pm

This event is for current and incoming O’Dea families and friends ages 21 and older. Food and drinks will be provided with music by DJ Friday. Tickets are \$35 per person. RSVP on our website: odea.org/support-odea/mayfest/

New Family Picnic – September 9, 2018 – Woodland Park @ 1pm

This picnic is for O’Dea and Holy Names students, parents, and families of the Class of 2022. RSVP information will be available on our website, and in the front office, when school begins in August.

Visit to Puyallup Fair – Saturday, September 15, 2018 – 9am – 3pm

This is an all-day trip for the freshman classes at O’Dea and Holy Names and a great opportunity for the students to get to know one another!

2018-2019 School Calendar

Below are important dates from the 2018-2019 School Calendar. If you have any questions regarding these dates please direct them to Taylor Thornton, Administrative Assistant, at tthornton@odea.org.

FIRST SEMESTER	
Football Begins	August 15 th
Fall Sports Begin (Golf, XC)	August 20 th
Start of 1 st Semester	August 23 rd
Labor Day (No Classes)	September 3 rd
In-Service (No Classes)	October 15 th
Mid Semester Grade Check	October 26 th
Fall Open House	November 7 th
Veteran's Day (No Classes)	November 12 th
Winter Sports Begin	November 12 th
Parent/Teacher Conferences	November 14 th – 16 th
Thanksgiving (No Classes)	Nov 22 nd & 23 rd
Christmas Holiday	December 24 th – January 4 th
1 st Semester Final Exams	January 14 th – 17 th
Grading Day (No Classes)	January 18 th
MLK Holiday (No Classes)	January 21 st
SECOND SEMESTER	
Start of Second Semester	January 22 nd
In-Service (No Classes)	February 15 th
President's Day (No Classes)	February 18 th
Spring Sports Begin	February 25 th
Curriculum Day (No Classes)	March 15 th
O'Dea Auction	March 16 th
Mid Semester Grade Check	March 22 nd
Good Friday (No Classes)	April 19 th
Easter Holiday (No Classes)	April 22 nd – April 26 th
Memorial Day (No Classes)	May 27 th
Class of 2019 Graduation	May 29 th
2 nd Semester Final Exams	June 3 rd – June 6 th
Last Day of School	June 6 th

General Information

Important Contact Information

The Main Office is open each school day from 7:00am to 3:30pm.

Darcy Leary-Bignayan, Receptionist
dleary-bignayan@odea.org or 206-622-6596

Taylor Thornton, Administrative Assistant
tthornton@odea.org or 206-622-6596

Joan Moore, Accounting Manager
jmoore@odea.org or 206-923-7511

Ke'Andre Magee, Dean of Students
kmagee@odea.org or 206-923-7521

Any student who is absent or tardy must have a parent or guardian call the O'Dea Attendance Line at 206-923-7550 before 9:30am on the day of his absence.

Appearance Code

Pants: Dress style pants must be worn on or above the hips. Jeans, workman, athletic or sweatpants are not permitted.

Shirts: Shirts with collars must be worn and tucked in at all times.

Shoes: Shoes must have soft soles. Gym shoes are permitted if they are clean, in good condition, and laced. Socks must be worn. Sandals, moccasins, house shoes and slippers are not permitted.

Jackets and Sweatshirts: Any item of O'Dea apparel (sweatshirt, jacket, etc.) is allowed. O'Dea logo-wear can be purchased through the Main Office.

Hair: Hair should be neatly combed, properly groomed and of moderate length. Style and hair color must be natural in appearance. Students must be clean-shaven with sideburns not below the ear, or with a neatly trimmed mustache.

Adornments: Earrings are not allowed. Hats and sunglasses may not be worn indoors. Visible tattoos are not permitted. Any student with a tattoo must keep it covered by their clothing during school hours.

Mass: Students are expected to wear a white dress shirt with their O'Dea tie and dress pants each day there is an all school Mass. Ties will be handed out to the students on their first day of school.

P.E.: On the first day of school students will be given their P.E uniform and locks for their lockers. Additional shorts or shirts can be purchased through the Main Office.

Lunch

All freshmen and sophomores are expected to eat their lunch in the Cathedral cafeteria. Juniors and seniors may walk to lunch off campus, or may sit in a car that is parked in the O'Dea parking lot.

Drop-Off / Pick-Up

For the safety of all families it is important that all drop-off and pick-up is done on Terry Avenue, not the parking lot. Our parking lot is very active with students going to and from the building before and after school and can be a dangerous situation when there are moving vehicles.

Parking

A limited amount of parking is available in the school parking lot. Assigned parking spaces are applied for and are primarily given to seniors based on required criteria.

If you are visiting the school for any reason, please utilize the designated visitors parking spaces which are on the south end of the parking lot and adjacent to the building. Please refrain from parking in other reserved parking spots.

Academic Information

Block Schedule / Irish Block

O'Dea uses a block schedule. We rotate between Maroon days (4 academic classes and Mentor Group) and Gold days (3 academic classes, Mentor Group, and Irish Block).

Bell Schedule

The bell schedule has 11 different variations (6 gold, 5 maroon). A typical school day operates from 8:10am to 2:25pm, but there will also be days where there is an early release or late start. Wednesday mornings the staff has a morning meeting and classes begin at 8:50am. The website calendar will always specify the bell schedule for each day. Bell schedules will also be listed in the weekly Family Bulletin. Please check the website for a complete list of bell schedules – www.odea.org/student-life/bell-schedule/

Class Schedule

Your student's class list will arrive in your summer mailing packet sent home in early July. This class list will include course names and numbers but not teachers or class periods. Class schedules will be handed to each student on the first day of school.

Text Books

As a part of our Surface Program, students primarily use eTextbooks which will be delivered to your son's Surface on the first day of school. A \$200 book fee will be charged through your FACTS account in July on the same day as your tuition payment. More information regarding textbooks will be included in the Family Bulletin.

Surface Tablet Program

All O'Dea students are required to have a *Microsoft Surface* and digital inking stylus as part of their academic materials each day. This device will be used to access texts, complete in-class assignments, take tests, collaborate with peers and faculty, and deepen our educator's ability to individualize student instruction. The Surface Tablet Program advances O'Dea's educational mission by enhancing our students' experience of discovery, connection, and collaboration.

Acceptable Surface models include the Surface Pro and Surface Book. All devices should have a protective case and an accidental warranty that extends throughout the student's high school career.

Please check the website for more detailed information regarding the *Surface* Program at www.odea.org/academics/surface-program. Direct any questions to David Olinger, Director of Educational Technology at dolinger@odea.org.

Parent Communications

It is our goal to communicate with families in a timely, succinct and efficient manner. Below are ways that you can expect to receive important information throughout the school year:

O'Dea Family Bulletin

The O'Dea Family Bulletin is a weekly news publication, emailed every Thursday, which provides O'Dea families with a weekly school schedule. This includes event dates, announcements, and important information from throughout the school.

PowerSchool / SwiftK12

The PowerSchool Parent Portal is where parents can check their students' grades and attendance. All parents are provided with initial login information at the start of school. SwiftK12 is O'Dea's mass communication system and is used to send both general and emergency messages. The system generates voice, email and text alerts. Parents may adjust their preferences in how they receive message by logging into the PowerSchool Parent Portal, clicking SwiftReach/SwiftK12, and then Alert Preferences.

Family Connection

Family Connection is a web-based program that is an essential component of our College Counseling program. Each student has his own account and each parent has a parent account. The counselors are able to send direct emails to both the students and parents through this program. Students will be given instructions from their counselors at the beginning of the school year for how to open up their accounts.

Summer Mailing

The summer mailing packet will be sent home in early July. This packet will include your son's Class List, eTextbook Information, Summer Reading List and additional paperwork for the 2018-2019 school year.

For questions regarding the summer mailing, please email Taylor Thornton, Administrative Assistant, at tthornton@odea.org.

Athletics

Summer Weight Room

Throughout the summer our weight room is open to O'Dea student-athletes to help prepare them for fall, winter and spring sports. Paxton Paynter, Director of Strength & Conditioning, supports our young men during this time.

An introduction to the weight room will be held on Monday, July 2nd from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. All freshmen are encouraged to attend!

From July 9th through August 1st the weight room is open to all freshmen from 3:00pm to 4:00pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.

*** Due to summer renovations in the Gym, times are subject to change.*

Summer Camps

This summer we are offering a football camp for all students entering grades 4th – 9th in the Fall of 2018 and Frosh Fundamentals, a basketball camp for all students in the Class of 2022.

Football Camp – June 19-21, 2018

Frosh Fundamentals – Mondays and Wednesdays, June 4-20, 2018 from 5-7pm

Registration forms can be found online: odea.org/athletics/summer-camps/

Participation Forms

All students must complete the following forms in order to participate in sports and/or P.E. at O'Dea High School:

- Physical Form
- Parental Approval & Student Information Form
- Student Emergency Information & Disaster Form
- Concussion Information
- Sudden Cardiac Acknowledgement Form

This year, all forms must be completed online through Magnus Health. More information regarding where to access these forms will be forthcoming.

Fall Sports

Below are some important dates to remember for those student-athletes interested in playing sports this fall. Please note that all participation forms must be completed before the below dates.

Football:

- First Frosh Football Practice – August 15th @ 2:30pm (meet @ O’Dea)
- Freshmen Parent Meeting – August 20th @ 1:30pm in the O’Dea Gym
- Football practices for the remainder of the month of August are on the 16th, 17th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st at 2:30pm

Golf:

- Golf Tryouts – August 21st and 22nd @ 10:15am – Jefferson Golf Course

Note: If your son will be trying out for golf, please email Coach Vaughn by August 7th at 2vonhome@comcast.net. Bring food and water on both days.

Cross Country:

- Practice – August 20th and 21st @ 10:00am (meet @ O’Dea)
- Practice – August 22nd, 23rd and 24th @ 2:30pm
- Practice – August 25th @ 9:00am

Please direct any questions regarding O’Dea’s Athletic Program to Monte Kohler, Athletic Director, at odad@odea.org or 206-624-2068.

Student Life

House System – *Four Houses, One Brotherhood!*

The House System at O’Dea has been designed to support the academic and social growth of our students and fulfill our mission of developing them into men of character, faith, and service. Some key aspects of the House include providing student leadership opportunities, organizing and promoting student events and activities, and promoting positive competition through the Irish Cup competition.

When a student enters O’Dea he is randomly assigned to one of four Houses: Limerick, Kilkenny, Dublin, or Waterford. In addition, each student is assigned to a Mentor Group and Mentor Teacher with students from their House. Mentor Group time is designed to intentionally integrate "the social" into the curriculum. This dedicated time fosters connectedness with both peers and members of the faculty and staff. Mentor Group meets every day throughout the school year.

All incoming students will be assigned to their House and given their House t-shirt during a special House Welcome event on the first day of school, August 23rd. They will also be introduced to their Mentor Teacher who they will remain with for all four years while attending O’Dea.

For any questions regarding the House System, please email House Director, Rory McNulty, at rmcnulty@odea.org.

The Arts

Our growing Visual and Performing Arts Program showcases the many artistic talents of the young men at O'Dea, and allows our students to explore, understand, and appreciate the importance of artistic expression. Opportunities to participate are offered both as classes and after school activities.

Jazz Camp: This summer we are offering a Jazz Camp to students entering grades 6 – 9 in the Fall of 2018. The dates of this camp are June 12th through the 15th. The camp registration form can be found on our website: odea.org/arts/welcome-overview.

Choral Music: The choral music program at O'Dea includes the O'Dea Men's Choir and the Cathedral Choir.

Instrumental Music: The instrumental music program at O'Dea includes the O'Dea Band, Drum Line, Chamber Ensemble, and Jazz Combo.

Drama: The purpose of O'Dea Drama is to help students discover leadership, language, public speaking, analytical, and teamwork skills in the context of an authentic, structured, theatre production experience. An annual (drama/musical) production takes place in the winter each year; this is in conjunction with the ladies of Holy Names Academy.

Clubs

There are a variety of clubs available for students to participate in while attending O'Dea. A Club Fair will take place in the fall introducing students to all club offerings. Students may then fill out a club sign-up form online.

General Interest: Junior State of America (JSA), Knowledge Bowl, National Honor Society (NHS), Service Projects

Cultural: Black Students United for Excellence (BSUE), Celtic Cultural Club, Japanese Club, Latino Cultural Club, Asian/Pacific Islander Cultural Club

Arts/Technology: Cathedral Choir/Chamber Ensemble, Digital Audio/Video, Improv, Rhythm & Poetry

For more information, please contact Dr. Jeanne Eulberg, Assistant Principal for Student Services, at jeulberg@odea.org.

Campus Ministry

Service Hours

Christian Service Learning (CSL) connects O'Dea's classroom curriculum with community issues and needs. CSL engages students in projects that serve the community and puts their faith into action.

Service Learning Requirements are as follows:

- 25 hours per school year between the first day of summer and May 1st of the following year
- Additional hours may go towards House points but may not rollover to the following year

Freshmen service hours completed over the summer may be manually tracked prior to receiving a service orientation at the beginning of the school year and being registered with an X2vol account.

Visit our website: odea.org/faith-service/service/christian-service-learning/ to learn more about what sort of service counts towards the required hours, and which agencies are acceptable.

Freshmen Welcome Retreat

In October the freshmen will have an opportunity to participate in a one-day welcome retreat. This is a great opportunity for the young men to become acquainted with their classmates and learn more about O'Dea.

For questions regarding our Campus Ministry program please email Danielle Curl, Director of Campus Ministry, at dcurl@odea.org.

Advancement Office

Fundraising Campaigns

Each year our families are required to contribute in a variety of ways to help O'Dea High School provide the best environment for students to learn and grow. During the school year we ask you to participate in these campaigns:

Annual Giving Campaign – The Annual Giving Campaign is the foundation of our fundraising program. You can pay your pledge anytime during the 2018-2019 school year. We ask every family to contribute and appreciate gifts of any amount.

Celebrate O'Dea Auction – The Celebrate O'Dea Auction will be on Saturday, March 16, 2019. It raises money for financial aid and specific projects. Be an auction sponsor, procure an auction item, or make an outright cash donation. The required minimum donation per family is \$300.

Wall of Honor Celebration – The Wall of Honor celebration is Thursday evening before the Homecoming football game and celebrates the achievements of past student athletes and coaches while supporting our current athletic programs. All alumni and current families are encouraged to attend this important fundraising event.

Volunteering

Here are a variety of ways you can help the Advancement Office:

- **Annual Giving Campaign:** Support the overall direction of the campaign, or help with the phone-a-thon in the fall.
- **Advancement Committee:** Join this committee which will help lead the strategic direction of O'Dea's fundraising activities.
- **Celebrate O'Dea Auction – March 16, 2019:** Join the committee or fill coordinator roles throughout the year to help guide the auction.
- **Golf Tournament – June 19, 2018:** Help with sponsorship, logistics, and attendance.
- **Office Duties:** Assist with data entry or mailings

For questions about our fundraising efforts or to find out how you can get involved, contact Allie DeLong, Advancement Director, adelong@odea.org.



Welcome to the Brotherhood!