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O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 8, 2018 - OCTOBER 14, 2018

Weekly Schedule

Monday, October 8th - Gold

IB: Non-Club

*JV Football vs. Eastside Catholic, 4pm @ Eastside Catholic

Tuesday, October 9th - Maroon

Wednesday, October 10th - PSAT Testing Day (11:45AM Dismissal)

Thursday, October 11th - Gold PM/IB

IB: Wall of Honor Assembly

*Cross Country Meet, 3pm @ Lower Woodland

*Wall of Honor Inductee Celebration, 5:30PM @ O'Dea Gym

Friday, October 12th - Maroon PM/IB

IB: Homecoming Assembly

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

Saturday, October 13th

*Frosh Football vs. Blanchet, 10am @ Rainier Playfield

*Homecoming Dance, 8PM @ O'Dea Gym

Please click [HERE](#) to view the entire O'Dea Calendar.

Main Office

Attendance

Punctuality is very important for our young men to get their day started on a good note. Arriving to class late is disruptive for both the student and the class. This is especially important on Wednesdays when we have a late start and school begins at 8:50am.

Students arriving prior to the start of school will be directed to the gym and courtyard. We encourage families to plan for differences in traffic so we can avoid an increase in tardies. Thank you for assisting your son in getting to school on time.

Advancement Office

Wall of Honor Inductee Celebration & Athletic Fundraiser

The Wall of Honor Inductee Celebration is next week! **This is the last chance to buy tickets.** Please join us in the O'Dea Gym on Thursday, October 11th at 5:30pm as we celebrate our 20th year of acknowledging O'Dea's exemplary athletes as well as welcome the 2018 Wall of Honor inductees:

The 1997 O'Dea High School Basketball Team
Kyle Benn '97
Mitch Johnson '05
Taylor Mays '06

Proceeds from the event will go directly to the O'Dea Athletic Department to help build upon our tradition of excellence. Tickets are \$50 and include dinner and cocktails.

RSVP NOW

Announcing the Linda Thornton Athletic Fund

We are proud to announce that this year's **Fund a Need** at the Wall of Honor Inductee Celebration & Athletic Fundraiser will be to raise money for the newly created **Linda Thornton Athletic Fund**. This fund will ensure current O'Dea students with established financial need receive the monetary support necessary to participate fully in the O'Dea athletic program.

For over 30 years Linda has generously and graciously used personal monies to help student-athletes attend sports camps and pay for other athletic needs when they could not otherwise afford to do so. This fund honors the countless ways Linda has made a positive impact on the lives of our student athletes. She has been a remarkable example of selflessness and compassion to the entire O'Dea school community.

Together with Coach Kohler, the current athletes, and the coaching staff, we are encouraging the entire O'Dea Community to come together to support the Athletic Department either through attending this prestigious event, or making a gift to the Linda Thornton Athletic Fund. Click [HERE](#) to make a donation.

Academics & Counseling

Student Assistance Program

In an effort to provide another avenue of support for our students, the O'Dea Counseling Department has developed a Student Assistance Program. We have designed this program so that students can anonymously report when they are concerned about another O'Dea student. When a report is made during school hours, a counselor is notified immediately. The counseling team then determines the appropriate action to be taken for the student of concern. The Student Assistance Program can be accessed by students on Microsoft Teams. If you have any questions, please contact your student's counselor or the Assistant Principal for Student Services, [Jeanne Fulberg](#).

PSAT Testing Day

O'Dea High School will be administering the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) to all Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors on Wednesday, October 10th at 8:10AM. Students should report to their G1 classes in normal school attire at 8:10AM and will be dismissed at 11:45AM. This exam provides firsthand practice for the SAT Test and gives students a comprehensive analysis of their answers. This exam also generates free, personalized SAT Practice on Khan Academy to help strengthen their SAT performance, and gives Juniors a chance to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation scholarship programs. **Seniors do not have classes that day and should spend time working on their college applications.**

College Application Drop In

On Wednesday, October 10th, the counseling department will be offering assistance to all seniors who want help completing their college applications. Drop by Room 100 any time between 9am and 11:30am and there will be counselors there to work with you on your applications.

Academic Resources through Seattle Public Library

O'Dea's Surface Program has opened new opportunities to educate students on how to research and access free academic resources through Seattle's Public Library. All students of O'Dea, even those who reside outside of the city limits, are eligible to receive these library cards. Because of the academic resources made available to us free of charge, **O'Dea is asking that all students come to school each day with a Seattle Public Library card and their pin number.** Please click [HERE](#) to apply on-line and then visit any Library location to pick up your card. Contact Director of Educational Technology, [David Olinger](#), with any questions.

Tech Night

O'Dea's Technology and Educational Design (TED) Team is hosting a night to showcase how we are using technology in our classrooms on Wednesday, October 17th from 6-7:30PM in the O'Dea Library. The team will focus on O'Dea's use of our Math digital textbook through Pearson and our use of Microsoft Teams. We encourage families to attend with their son and bring their surface device for the interactive sessions. If you intend on attending, please let us know by signing up through [HERE](#). If you have any questions regarding these sessions, please contact [David Olinger](#).

Study Hall

All students interested in a quiet place to study after school may come to Room 203 from 2:30-3:30pm, Monday through Thursday. Please contact [Mr. Ryland Brown](#) with questions.

ACE Mentors

Is your son interested in Architecture, Construction or Engineering? ACE Mentors is a free after-school program which pairs high school students with professional mentors from the building industry. During the meetings – held once every two weeks during the school year – he will participate with other students and mentors in activities from site visits to actually designing a unique building project. Meetings are typically held from 4-6pm at the offices of your son's mentors. The program runs from the beginning of November through May and is open to students in grades 9-12. At the end of the year, your son's team will have the opportunity to present his project to other teams, mentors, professionals, and parents. Seniors in the program are also eligible to apply for scholarships. Last year 15 students received a total of nearly **\$90,000** in scholarships in the ACE Washington chapter. Non-seniors have the opportunity to apply for an all-expenses-paid trip to the ACE Summer Camp in Colorado. Click [HERE](#) to sign up by Friday, October 12th.

College & University Visits

This Fall colleges and universities from all over the United States will begin to visit O'Dea High School. These visits are open to all Juniors and Seniors and offer a great opportunity for students to learn more about the schools that they may wish to attend after graduation. Students must sign up for these visits in [Naviance Student](#) and have their teacher sign a [Permission Form](#) excusing them from their scheduled class. This form must be returned to Dr. Eulberg no later than the day prior to the scheduled visit.

A complete list of college visits can be found [HERE](#) or by referring to [Naviance Student](#). Freshmen and Sophomores are encouraged to attend any of the college visits that are listed with evening or weekend dates. If you have any questions, please contact [Dr. Jeanne Fulberg](#).

Student Life

Homecoming Week 2018

Homecoming Week 2018 is upon us! Homecoming is a week of spirit, competition, and honoring O'Dea's rich history. Here are some highlights:

Daily Spirit Themes

Each day during homecoming week has a unique theme. Students should show off their creativity and spirit by participating in each day's theme. Spirit points for participation will be earned for the students' Houses. Jeans are allowed for students who participate in the theme, but sweats, shorts, and slides/flip flops are not allowed.

Monday 10/8: Ugly Sweater - wear your ugliest sweater or vest!
Tuesday 10/9: Tropical Tuesday - Hawaiian shirts, leis (no shorts or flip-flops)
Wednesday 10/10: Regular Dress Day (PSAT testing)
Thursday 10/11: Seattle Day - Seattle sports, famous Seattleites, landmarks, etc.
Friday 10/12: O'Dea gear (not relaxed dress)

Lunch competitions

Representatives from each Mentor Group will participate in lunch competitions of Limbo, Spikeball, and Musical Chairs basketball. The winners from each House will compete on front of the whole school during the Homecoming Assembly on Friday.

Homecoming Football Game

Come support the varsity football team as they face the Rainier Beach Vikings Friday, October 12th at 7 pm at West Seattle Stadium.

Homecoming Dance "Out Of This World"

This outer-space themed semi-formal dance will be held on Saturday, October 13th, from 8-11pm in the O'Dea gym. Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#) and are \$25 a couple, or \$15 a person. All guests, including guests from Holy Names, must complete a [Guest Dance Form](#). Please turn this form into either the House HUB or email it to [Rory McNulty](#) no later than Thursday, October 11th. All students must also carefully review the [Dance Guidelines](#), which includes semi-formal dress protocol. Ticket sales end Friday, October 12th at Noon; no tickets will be sold at the door.

We look forward to another spirited Homecoming Week! Please contact House Director, [Rory McNulty](#), with any questions. GO IRISH!

Athletics

Come support your O'Dea Fighting Irish this Friday, October 5, 2018 as they take on the Eastside Catholic Crusaders for the **Seahawks Blue Friday Night Lights** game at West Seattle Stadium at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 for all adults and high school students without student IDs, \$4.00 for tickets senior citizens, K-8 students and high school students with a student ID. O'Dea students and the Little Irish are free with their ID. **Please have the exact change ready to go so the lines can move quickly.** GO IRISH!

Looking Ahead

Important Dates to Remember

October 15th - No School, Faculty & Staff Retreat
October 19th - Picture Retake Day
October 25th & 26th - Sophomore Service Retreat
November 2nd - National College Fair, 12PM @ WA State Convention Center
November 5th - Freshmen Retreat
November 7th - Fall Open House, 6PM @ O'Dea Gym
November 12th - No School, Veteran's Day
November 12th - Winter Sports Begin

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

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