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O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 5, 2018 - NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Weekly Schedule

[Monday, November 5th](#) - Gold (Freshman Retreat)

IB: Arts & Technology

[Tuesday, November 6th](#) - Maroon

[Wednesday, November 7th](#) - Gold Min (12PM Dismissal)

IB: Non-Club

*Fall Open House, 6PM @ O'Dea Gym

[Thursday, November 8th](#) - Maroon

[Friday, November 9th](#) - Gold

IB: House Games Finals

*Football State Playoffs (TBD)

[Saturday, November 10th](#)

*Football State Playoffs (TBD)

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

Main Office

Financial Aid

The financial aid application process for the 2019-2020 school year has opened. If you are currently on financial aid you must re-apply each year. There are two separate applications to complete. The [Fulcrum Foundation Application](#) is due January 4, 2019 and the [O'Dea High School Financial Aid Application](#) is due January 9, 2019. Your application is not considered complete until all the required documentation has been submitted. If you have any questions, please contact [Linda Thornton](#), Director of Financial Aid.

Cookies Needed - Fall Open House

Every year Freshman and Sophomore families provide three dozen cookies each for the prospective students and families that attend our Fall Open House. Please help us continue the tradition this year and drop off your three dozen cookies in the Main Office on the morning of Wednesday, November 7th. Thank you!

Advancement Office

Advancement Manager Needed

O'Dea High School's Advancement Department is seeking a talented Advancement Manager with fundraising experience to join our team! To view the job description please click [HERE](#). Please send resume and cover letter to our Advancement Director, [Allie Thomas](#). Thank you!

Amazon Smile

Through Nov 2, AmazonSmile is donating 5% (ten times the usual amount) to O'Dea High School when you shop at [AmazonSmile](#). #AmazonSmile #StartWithaSmile

Academics & Counseling

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Parent / Teacher Conferences are coming up on Wednesday, November 14th, Thursday, November 15th, and Friday, November 16th. Conference sign-ups are now available online through [SignUp Genius](#). The sign-up period will end on Sunday, November 11th at 11:30 PM. You will need the names of your son's teachers before you begin the sign-up process. Click [HERE](#) for more information regarding the times of the individual sessions. Please contact O'Dea Registrar, [Barbara Verzemnieks](#), with any questions. Thank you!

Counseling Survey

The Counseling Department would like to get your input on the timing for parent meetings that we hold at O'Dea. Please click [HERE](#) for our very short 2 question survey and complete the survey by Friday November 9th. Thank you!

Faith & Service

Canned Food Drive

The Canned Food Drive for Northwest Harvest starts on November 5th, ending at our Thanksgiving Prayer Service on November 21st. Each house is encouraged to bring as many cans as possible to their mentor group, which will be weighed on the final day to determine which house is the winner! Here are the items Northwest Harvest is in particular need of this year:

General Food Items:

- Beef stew, chili and similar meals with low salt, sugar and saturated fats
- Canned fruit, especially with low sugar (but not artificial sweeteners)
- Canned fish or meat
- Peanut butter (plastic jars are preferred)
- Canned vegetables (low sodium)
- Brown rice
- Whole grain pastas
- Canned tomato sauces
- Shelf-stable milk

Infant and Baby Foods:

- Baby formula
- Jars of baby food
- Powdered or canned milk
- Infant cereal

*They also accept baby diapers.

Please contact Director of Campus Ministry, [Danielle Curl](#), with any questions. Thank you for your participation in this important food drive.

Freshman Retreat

The Freshman retreat is coming up on Monday, November 5th. This retreat occurs during the school day at Camp Don Bosco. Students will leave school by bus and spend the day learning about the O'Dea Brotherhood, what it means to be an O'Dea Gentleman, and the importance of prayer. Please be sure to pack a lunch, and wear your house shirt.

Encounter with Christ Retreat

Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to sign up to go on the Encounter with Christ Retreat from December 5th through December 8th. Permission forms can be found in Ms. Curl's office or online [HERE](#).

New Mission Trip Opportunity - Shirts Across America

O'Dea Campus Ministry is happy to announce that **in addition to our Peru Mission trip, an unexpected additional opportunity has become available** with a Program called Shirts Across America. This trip will take place in New Orleans over Spring Break and consist of 12 O'Dea students with a Faculty member TBA.

Please see Shirts Across America's ad below:

Over 3,000 high school students. 85,000 volunteer hours. 175 rebuilt homes. We're Shirts Across America (SAA). House by house, block by block, we're working towards something bigger than ourselves. SAA was created in 2008 by Seattle area high school students who wanted to make a difference in the lives of those impacted by Hurricane Katrina. We provide students the unique opportunity to experience New Orleans culture and develop invaluable leadership skills while also giving back to the community through direct service. Our program fulfills service hour requirements and is recognized among institutions of higher education.

Now, 13 years after the storm, there is still much work to be done. We hope you and your student will consider being a part of our family as we continue to help families move home in New Orleans this Spring Break.

Please join us for O'Dea's New Orleans Trip Information Night on Thursday, November 15th at 6:30 PM in the Library.

Athletics

Football Playoffs

Come out to Memorial Stadium this Friday, November 2nd at 7PM and cheer on the Fighting Irish as they take on Wilson of Tacoma in the district playoffs. The winner will move on to the first round of the state playoffs. First round matchups will be posted [HERE](#) at the conclusion of the WIAA Football Seeding Committee's meeting on Sunday, November 4th. GO IRISH!

Lacrosse Winter Clinic

O'Dea Lacrosse will be hosting a 2-Day Winter Clinic for youth lacrosse players in grades 3rd through 8th. Please pass along this information to any families or friends that you think might be interested.

Friday, November 23rd: 12:00-3:00pm at Washington Park

Saturday, November 24th: 10:00am-1:00pm at Miller Playfield.

Click [HERE](#) to register. GO IRISH!

Mothers' Club

Open House - Volunteers Needed!

Every year Mothers' Club assists with Open House. Roughly 600 visitors come to O'Dea throughout the evening. This is the single largest and most important event for prospective families. They are able to come tour our school, ask questions, get to know O'Dea and find out what O'Dea is all about. Shifts begin at 4:30pm and run through 9:00pm. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and to sign up to help with this important event. Thank you!

Looking Ahead

Important Dates to Remember

[November 12th](#) - No School, Veteran's Day

[November 12th](#) - Winter Sports Begin

[November 15th](#) - Shirts Across America - Parent Meeting, 6:30PM @ O'Dea Library

[November 14th -16th](#) - Parent Teacher Conferences

[November 22nd & 23rd](#) - No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

[November 27th](#) - Give GOLD for O'Dea!

[November 28th](#) - Mothers' Club Meeting, 6:30PM @ O'Dea Library

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

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