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Weekly news for current families of O'Dea High School

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O'DEA FAMILY BULLETIN

AUGUST 26, 2019 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 26th - Freshmen & Transfers (9AM - NOON)

- *Varsity Football Doubles, 8AM @ O'Dea
- *Frosh Football P, 2:30PM @ O'Dea
- *Golf Tryouts, 2PM @ Jefferson Golf Course
- *Cross Country Practice, 2:30PM @ O'Dea

Tuesday, August 27th - Freshmen ONLY (9AM - NOON)

- *Varsity Football Doubles, 8AM @ O'Dea
- *Frosh Football, 2:30PM @ O'Dea
- *Golf Tryouts, 2PM @ Jefferson Golf Course
- *Cross Country Practice, 2:30PM @ O'Dea

Wednesday, August 28th - All Students (NOON - 2:25PM)

- *Varsity Football Practice, 2:30PM @ O'Dea
- *Frosh Football, 2:45PM @ O'Dea
- *Cross Country Practice, 2:30PM @ O'Dea

Thursday, August 29th - Gold (regular schedule)

- *Varsity Football Practice, 2:30PM @ O'Dea
- *Frosh Football Practice, 2:45PM @ O'Dea
- *Cross Country Practice, 2:30PM @ O'Dea

Friday, August 30th - Maroon (regular schedule)

- *Varsity Football Practice, 2:30PM @ O'Dea
- *Frosh Football Practice, 2:45PM @ O'Dea
- *Cross Country Practice, 2:30PM @ O'Dea

Saturday, August 31st

- *Varsity Football Practice, 8AM @ O'Dea
- *Frosh Football Practice, TBD
- *Varsity Football Team BBQ, NOON @ O'Dea
- *Cross Country Practice, 9AM @ O'Dea

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

Message from the Principal

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year

Dear O'Dea Families,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer. I also trust you are relaxed, recharged, and ready to start a new school year. I am so grateful that you are part of our amazing faith-based learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication, and I look forward to working with you and your son this year.

Each year brings positive change within the O'Dea community. This year change includes new additions to our faculty and staff. We are delighted to welcome Mara Bray (Advancement Manager), Lucas Dobbs (A.P. of Academics), Ryan Horton (Athletic Trainer), Jennifer Kerr (Administrative Assistant), Megan Marengo (Biology), Quauhili Martinez (IT Manager), Tyler McLaughlin (Contemp. Prob. & AP Gov.), Kate Orizotti (Director of Educational Support), and Susan Sutton (Geometry).

If you came by O'Dea this summer, you might have noticed numerous maintenance and construction vehicles in the parking lot and work crews throughout the school. I am excited to announce the installation of enhanced audio and visual systems in the gymnasium and a new fourth-floor Student Resource Center. Unfortunately, due to permitting issues, this center is currently behind schedule and will not be available for the first week of school. I recognize this impacts programming and instruction and appreciate everyone's patience and understanding. More detailed information will be shared as it becomes available.

Thank you to all who are helping to prepare for our new school year. Your commitment to ensuring that O'Dea remains a celebrated and successful school is awe-inspiring. I eagerly look forward to greeting students and families again. It continues to be a privilege to serve as your principal. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all our students as we strive to ground all we do in our core values of Character, Faith, and Service.

Warmest Regards,

Jim Walker

Principal

Main Office

First Week of School - IMPORTANT CHANGES

Please see below for details about the first week of school. Please note that a few changes have been made so this information should be read carefully.

Monday, August 26th

All freshmen and transfer students must arrive by 9AM and assemble in the O'Dea Courtyard. Students will be given their House t-shirts and should wear these shirts with relaxed pants (jeans or sweats) or shorts for the remainder of the day. Students will be attending Mentor Group and their *Maroon* Classes. Please bring a charged Surface tablet. Lunch is provided and dismissal is at 12PM.

Tuesday, August 27th

**Due to limited access to the 4th floor, transfer students are no longer required to attend orientation activities on this day.*

All freshmen must arrive by 9AM and assemble in the O'Dea Gym. Students should wear their House t-shirts with relaxed pants (jeans or sweats) or shorts. Students will be attending Mentor Group and their *Gold* Classes. Please bring a charged Surface tablet. Lunch is provided and dismissal is 12PM.

Wednesday, August 28th

All students must arrive by 12PM and report directly to their Mentor Group. Students must be in school dress code (collared shirt and dress pants). Please bring a charged Surface tablet. All students will be attending their Maroon classes. Dismissal is at 2:25PM.

Thursday, August 29th

Gold Regular Schedule (Click [HERE](#) to view all bell schedules)

Friday, August 30th

Maroon Regular Schedule (Click [HERE](#) to view all bell schedules)

We look forward to seeing all of our students next week. GO IRISH!

Financial Aid Families

If you are receiving financial aid for the 2019-2020 school year, here are a few important reminders:

- Check your account and be sure you have uploaded the required 2018 tax forms.
- Update your mailing and email addresses if either have changed since you filled out your financial aid application.
- Send in your signed Financial Aid Agreement. This was emailed to those that have not yet completed this form; many of you have not opened the email.

Your award is not final until each of these are completed. If you have any questions, please contact [Linda Thornton](#). Thank you!

Student Life

New Family Picnic - Class of 2023

The New Family Picnic is for O'Dea and Holy Names students, parents, and families of the Class of 2023. Please join us on **Sunday, September 8th from 1-4PM** for an afternoon of fun, food, and new friends. The BBQ is at Woodland Park and includes hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and a variety of salads, chips, beverages and desserts. The cost is \$15 per person. Please register [HERE](#) by Friday, September 6th. Thank you!

Back to School Dance - "Summer Vacation"

The first dance to kick off the school year will be held on Saturday, September 7th in the O'Dea gym from 8-11PM. Dance tickets are \$10 and should be purchased online [HERE](#). Attire is casual; students should wear their favorite summer-inspired outfit. [Guest forms](#) for non-HNA students are required and should be turned in to [Ms. McNulty](#) no later than September 5th.

Frosh Trip to the Washington State Fair

All members of the Class of 2023 are invited to join freshmen from Holy Names Academy for a fun day at the Washington State Fair Saturday, September 14th from 8:45AM – 3PM. The first 100 students to purchase tickets will receive a free fair ticket and be driven by charter bus to spend the day getting to know each other and enjoying fair activities and rides. Cost for the charter bus is \$18 and tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#). [Permission slips](#) are due to [Ms. McNulty](#) no later than September 10th. O'Dea students who sign up should meet at O'Dea at 8:45AM on September 14th. O'Dea and HNA chaperones will accompany the freshmen group.

O'Dea / HNA Frosh Social

The Frosh Social brings together O'Dea and Holy Names Academy freshmen for food, games, and activities in the O'Dea gym Saturday, September 14th from 7-10PM. All freshmen are invited to join in the fun, which will include a pizza dinner, DJ, and fun! Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online [HERE](#). Please contact [Rory McNulty](#) with questions.

Faith & Service

Easter Break - Service Opportunities

O'Dea is very excited to announce two Easter Break service trip opportunities. Please reach out to Director of Campus Ministry, [Danielle Curl](#), with any questions.

Travel to Ecuador with Unearthed

On this Community Service Tour you will have the opportunity to serve a small community in the town of Lluman, Ecuador helping to renovate a school nursery. San Juan de Lluman community has 4 small nursery schools in need of necessary renovation of the toilets, the kitchen, the classrooms and the baby rest room (heated dormitory). Each nursery supports roughly 120 families of very low economic resources. The community of San Juan de Llumán is a parish of Otavalo county, located at approximately 2600m above sea level at the base of the Imbabura volcano.

Students who visit San Juan de Lluman community will be part of the larger sustainable community development project to complete the following smaller project tasks at 1 nursery site alongside local professional builders:

1. Plastering external walls
2. Plastering and painting the internal walls
3. Install insulation flooring to maintain heating in rooms
4. General kitchen and bathroom maintenance

This is an O'Dea private event. We will be travelling with Unearthed and a student travel company who will be guiding us every step of the way. All hours logged will count towards the yearly requirement. Spots are limited and all students must meet application requirements. Not all applicants will be selected. Click [HERE](#) to see the trip brochure.

Shirts Across America

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 repair their homes in New Orleans this Spring Break. All hours logged will count towards the yearly requirement. Spots are limited, all students must meet application requirements. Not all applicants will be selected. Click [HERE](#) for more info.

A parent info night will be scheduled for both trips to provide further details. Please check the Family Bulletin for this information.

Looking Ahead

Important Dates to Remember

- [September 2nd](#) - No School, Labor Day
- [September 7th](#) - Back to School Dance
- [September 8th](#) - Class of 2023 New Family Picnic
- [September 14th](#) - Frosh Trip to Puyallup Fair
- [September 17th](#) - Senior Parent, College Info Night
- [September 17th](#) - Back to School Night
- [September 25th](#) - Senior Class Picture

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

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