

NEW FAMILY INFORMATION GUIDE



O'DEA HIGH SCHOOL
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WELCOME TO O'DEA!

In this packet you will find important information that you will need as you prepare for the upcoming school year. O'Dea Administrators, Faculty, and Staff are always available to answer your questions. We are thrilled you have chosen to join the O'Dea Brotherhood!

O'Dea Administrative Team

Jim Walker, Principal
Laura Weinand, Chief Financial Officer
Lucas Dobbs, Assistant Principal of Academics
Tim Greenan, Assistant Principal of Student Services
Monte Kohler, Athletic Director

Who's Who? Helpful Names to Know at O'Dea!

Angie Gebhart, Educational Support Specialist
Kai Bond, Freshman Counselor
Kit Soldato, Counselor (Last Names A-E)
Lawrence Kight, Counselor (Last Names F-M)
Erik Michels, Counselor (Last Names N-Z)

Allie DeLong Thomas, Advancement Director
Janeal Grosinger, Information Technology Manager
Ke'Andre Magee, Dean of Students
Rory McNulty, House Director
Joan Moore, Accounting Manager
David Olinger, Director of Digital Strategy
Kristian Patterson, Director of Admissions
Eamon Sylvester, Director of Financial Aid
Michaela Vaccari, Director of Campus Ministry

A full email directory of all O'Dea staff and faculty can be found on the O'Dea website.

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YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE

FIRST SEMESTER

Football Begins	August 20
Golf & XC Begins	August 25
9th Grade & Transfer Orientation	August 27
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1st Day of Classes - All Students	August 29
Labor Day (No Classes)	September 1
Back to School Night	September 16
Homecoming	October 10
In-Service (No Classes)	November 10
Veteran's Day (No Classes)	November 11
Winter Sports Begin	November 17
Family Conferences	November 24-25
Thanksgiving (No Classes)	November 27-28
Christmas Break (No Classes)	December 22 - January 2
MLK Holiday	January 19
1st Semester Final Exams	January 20-22 (No School 1/23)

SECOND SEMESTER

Start of Second Semester	January 26
Faculty Retreat (No Classes)	February 6
President's Day (No Classes)	February 16
Spring Sports Begins	March 2
In-Service Day (No Classes)	March 9
Celebrate O'Dea Auction	March 21
Good Friday (No Classes)	April 3
Easter Holiday (No Classes)	April 6-10
Memorial Day (No Classes)	May 25
Class of 2025 Graduation	May 27
2nd Semester Final Exams	June 8-10

GENERAL INFORMATION

MAIN OFFICE

Open Monday-Friday, 7:00AM-3:30PM

Alli Sweet, Administrative Assistant | asweet@odea.org, 206-622-6596

ATTENDANCE

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

Any student who is absent or tardy must have a parent or guardian contact the O'Dea Attendance Line at 206-923-7550 or by emailing attendance@odea.org before 9:30am on the day of his absence. Additionally, please contact the Attendance Line if you need to pick your student up early.

LUNCH

9th & 10th Grade: Required to bring a lunch to school & eat on campus.

11th & 12th Grade: Permitted to walk to lunch off campus.

Food deliveries are not permitted to campus.

PARKING

A limited amount of visitor parking is available in the school parking lot. Assigned parking spaces for students are applied for annually and are primarily given to seniors based on required criteria. If you are visiting the school for any reason, please utilize the designated visitor parking spaces which are on the south end of the parking lot adjacent to the building.

SCHEDULE

O'Dea uses a block schedule. Schedules rotate between Maroon days and Gold days. Mentor Groups meet each day and will participate in SEL activities, House Games, service work, and more. Irish Block is reserved for study hall, club meetings, assemblies, Mass or other events that occur throughout the school day.

Example:

MAROON 1	GOLD 1
MENTOR GROUP	MENTOR GROUP
MAROON 2	IRISH BLOCK
LUNCH	LUNCH
MAROON 3	GOLD 2
MAROON 4	GOLD 3

SCHOOL START: 8:10AM*

SCHOOL DISMISSAL: 2:25PM*

*School will begin at 9:10AM on Wednesdays for all students. Zero period runs each day but Wednesday and begins at 7:10AM. Early dismissals and schedule changes will be communicated in the Family Bulletin each week. A list of all bell schedules can be found on the O'Dea website.

Your student's class list will arrive in a packet sent out in early July. The class list will include course names and numbers but not teachers or class periods.

APPEARANCE CODE

Shirts: Shirts with collars must always be worn and tucked in.

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

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: If a student needs additional warmth during the school day any item of O'Dea apparel (sweatshirt, jacket, fleece, etc.) is allowed. Students are allowed to wear solid colored, plain jackets, fleece, or sweatshirts.

Hair: A student's hairstyle should not detract from but enrich the O'Dea High School learning environment. A student's hair must be regularly maintained, be above the shoulder, out of the student's eyes. Students must be clean-shaven.

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: Approximately once a month, we celebrate Mass together as a school. On these days, students are expected to wear a white dress shirt with an O'Dea tie and dress pants. Ties will be given to the students the first week of school.

P.E. Uniform: Students will be given a P.E uniform on the first day of school.

Spirit Fri'Dea: If students are wearing a visible O'Dea branded top (t-shirt, polo, or sweatshirt), they may participate in Spirit Fri'Dea dress and wear jeans, O'Dea branded sweatpants, or O'Dea pajama bottoms instead of dress pants. If a student is not participating in Spirit Fri'Dea dress, they are expected to follow the daily dress code.

DRESS CODE EXAMPLES



ACADEMIC TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY

Surface Tablet Program

The Surface Tablet Program advances O'Dea's educational mission by enhancing our students' experience of discovery, connection, and collaboration. The 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. **All students need to bring their fully-charged Surface to school every day.**

Approved Devices:

- Microsoft Surface Pro 10 or Surface Pro Copilot + PC

Additional Required Items:

- Microsoft Surface Pen or Compatible Digital Stylus
- Protective Case that attaches to the tablet
- Headphones
- A spills and breaks warranty on the device

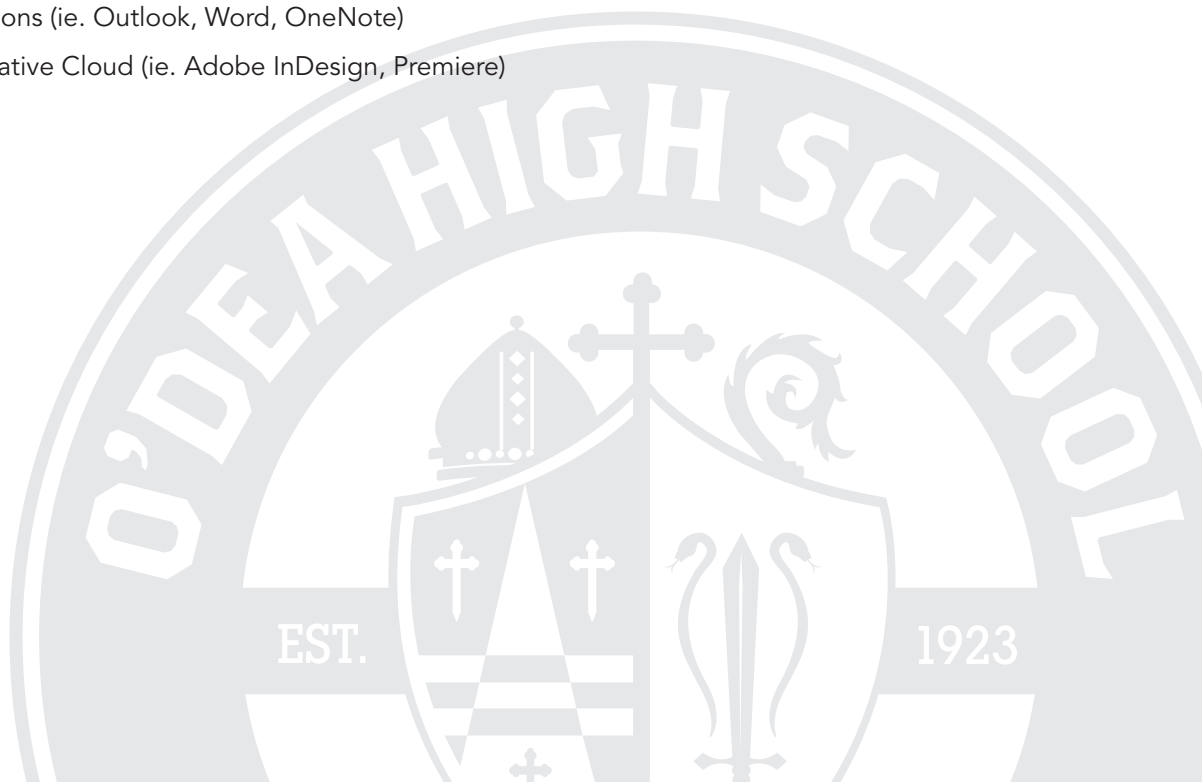


Microsoft Teams

Students will communicate with faculty, staff, and fellow students primarily on Microsoft Teams. Homework assignments, club meetings, House and Student Services information will also be shared on Teams.

All O'Dea students will be provided with:

- An O'Dea email address
- An Office 365 account
- Access to Office applications (ie. Outlook, Word, OneNote)
- Access to the Adobe Creative Cloud (ie. Adobe InDesign, Premiere)
- Access to Canva
- Digital Textbooks



PARENT COMMUNICATION

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

FAMILY BULLETIN

- Emailed every Thursday to all parent/guardian email addresses
- Provides the upcoming weekly school schedule, event dates, announcements, and other important information
- New families will begin to receive the Family Bulletin in mid to late June



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- Student & parent portal to check grades & attendance
- All parents are provided login credentials prior to start of school year
- Magnus Health portal accesible via Veracross
- All school health, physical, and athletic form requirements available in Magnus Health
- O'Dea Family Directory accesible in Magnus Health



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- Mass communication systems used to send important and emergency messages, such as Mass Attire reminders, weather delays/closures, or emergencies on campus.
- System generates voice, email, and SMS text alerts to all parent/guardian phones.

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HOUSE SYSTEM

When a student enters O'Dea, he is assigned to one of four Houses: Dublin, Kilkenny, Limerick, or Waterford and will remain in that House throughout his four years at O'Dea.

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.

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.



Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry is part of the O'Dea mission of Faith and Service. Students and families have the opportunity to participate in a number of activities, experiences and service projects that deepen and enrich their own personal journey of faith.

MONTHLY MASSES

- Mass is celebrated once a month at St. James Cathedral. Masses begin at 10:10 am and all families are welcome to join.

RETREATS

- All grade levels participate in retreats, allowing our young men the chance to make lasting connections to their personal faith and strengthening their bonds with each other.

SERVICE LEARNING

- Students are required to complete 25 service hours per year. Service is logged through our Mobile Serve app. Service opportunities are shared through the Family Bulletin, Daily Announcements and on Teams. O'Dea also offers Service Immersion trips in the fall and summer. Service completed in the summer (prior to the start of school) can count towards 25 hour requirement of the upcoming school year.



ATHLETICS

FRESHMAN STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

July 7 - August 6, Mondays & Wednesdays

All freshman are welcome and encouraged to attend!

SUMMER CROSS COUNTRY PROGRAM

O'Dea XC will meet weekly in June & July. Please reach out to Coach Bazzi (dbazzi@odea.org) if you are interested in participating.

ELITE BASKETBALL CAMP

June 4 - June 23, Mondays & Wednesdays

FOOTBALL CAMP

June 24-26

FROSH FOOTBALL BEGINS

August 20

GOLF & CROSS COUNTRY BEGIN

August 25

OFFERINGS

FALL (AUG-DEC)

Golf
Football*
Cross Country*

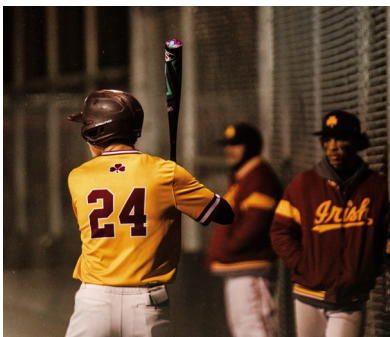
WINTER (NOV-MAR)

Basketball
Wrestling*
Swim & Dive*

SPRING (MAR-MAY)

Lacrosse
Baseball
Tennis
Soccer
Track & Field*

*Denotes non-cut sport



ALL PARTICIPATION FORMS DUE AUGUST 1, 2025

ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORMS TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS AND/OR P.E. AT O'DEA ON MAGNUS HEALTH

- PHYSICAL FORM
- PARENTAL APPROVAL & STUDENT INFORMATION FORM
- STUDENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION & DISASTER FORM
- CONCUSSION INFORMATION & SUDDEN CARDIAC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

The Advancement Office raises necessary funds to:

1. **Bridge the Gap** between tuition and the actual cost to educate a student at O'Dea.
2. **Provide Financial Aid** to assist families who would not otherwise be able to afford a Catholic education.
3. **Fund Capital Projects** that include building improvements, technology, and other educational needs.

All these items are keys to providing the O'Dea experience for our students. Here's how we ask our families to help:

Annual Giving Campaign

The Annual Giving Campaign (The O'Dea Fund) is the foundation of our fundraising program. Every family is asked to contribute, and gifts of any amount are appreciated. We strive for 100% participation.

Celebrate O'Dea Auction - Saturday, March 21, 2026

The required minimum donation per family is \$300 through sponsorship, item procurement, or outright cash donations.

Wall of Honor Celebration - Thursday, October 9th, 2025

The Wall of Honor celebrates the achievements of past student athletes and coaches while supporting our current athletic programs. Families are encouraged to attend this important fundraising event. For questions about our fundraising efforts or to find out how you can get involved, contact Allie DeLong Thomas, Advancement Director at athomas@odea.org.



Meet The Advancement Team

(Back Row L-R) Ethan Greenberg - Advancement Associate, David Mazzeo '99 - Alumni Director
(Front Row L-R) Laura Weinand - Chief Financial Officer, Allie DeLong Thomas - Advancement Director, Lauren Andrews - Advancement Manager





O'DEA SUMMER CAMPS

ATHLETIC CAMPS

Youth Basketball Camp


A fun, skill-building camp for rising 5th-8th graders of all levels, featuring drills, games, and expert coaching.

 **Session 1: June 16-18**

 **Session 2: June 23-26**


Elite Basketball Camp

For rising 7th-9th graders looking for elite-level training and an introduction to the Fighting Irish Basketball Program.

 **Dates: June 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23**


Basketball & Football Combo Camp

For rising 5th-8th graders who want the best of both sports! Campers will be bussed from football to basketball Tuesday–Thursday.

 **Dates: June 23-26**

Football Camp


Non-contact football camp featuring over three hours of daily on-field instruction. Open to boys entering 5th-9th grade in Fall 2025.

 **Dates: June 24-26**

ENRICHMENT CAMPS


Maker Camp

Join us for a week of creativity and innovation! Our Summer Maker Camp is for middle school inventors who love to tinker, build, and explore. Students will use the Engineering Design Process with Tinkercad to design original creative projects for laser cutting and 3D printing.

 **Dates: June 23-27**

Storytelling Through Drama and Written Word

Ignite creativity and expression in young writers and performers! Students will explore storytelling through drama games, improv, and written narratives. They'll create original stories, illustrations, and a hand-bound book, then share their work at a local library. Perfect for budding storytellers!

 **Dates: June 23-27**

Math in Sports

Explore the exciting connection between math and sports this summer! Students will apply statistics, probability, geometry, and physics to real-world sports scenarios, discovering how mathematical analysis shapes the game.

Perfect for athletes and math enthusiasts alike!

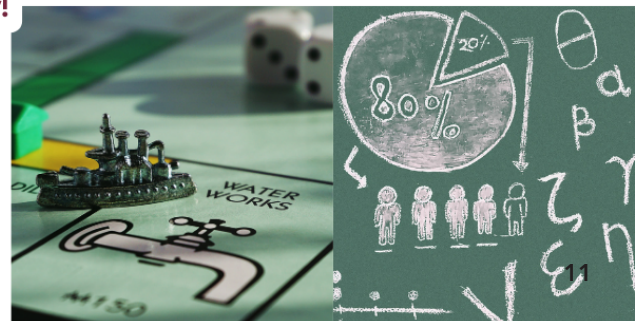
 **Dates: August 18-22**

Strategy Board Games

Sharpen your critical thinking this summer with a fun, interactive class that explores strategy through board games! Students will develop problem-solving skills by analyzing games like Settlers of Catan while learning probability, logic, and decision-making skills. Perfect for gamers and thinkers alike!

 **Dates: August 18-22**

Scan the QR Code or visit odea.org to register today!





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