

NEW FAMILY INFORMATION GUIDE



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WELCOME TO O'DEA!

In this packet you will find important information to help support you 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
Tim Greenan, Assistant Principal of Student Services
Monte Kohler, Athletic Director

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

Antonio Morton, Educational Support Specialist
Kai Bond, Kilkenny House Counselor
Lawrence Kight, Waterford House Counselor
Erik Michels, Limerick House Counselor
Kit Soldato, Dublin House Counselor

Allie DeLong Thomas, Advancement Director
Janeal Grosinger, Information Technology Manager
Ke'Andre Magee, Dean of Students
Rory McNulty, House Director
Joan Moore, Accounting Manager
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 19
Golf & XC Begins	August 24
9th Grade & Transfer Orientation	August 26
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1st Day of Classes - All Students	August 28
Labor Day (No Classes)	September 7
Back to School Night	September 15
Faculty & Staff Retreat (No Classes)	November 6
Veteran's Day (No Classes)	November 11
Winter Sports Begin	November 16
Family Conferences	November 24 - 25
Thanksgiving (No Classes)	November 26 - 27
Christmas Break (No Classes)	December 21 - January 1
MLK Holiday	January 18
1st Semester Final Exams	January 19 - 21
No School / Makeup Exams	January 22

SECOND SEMESTER

Start of Second Semester	January 25
Faculty & Staff Retreat (No Classes)	January 29
President's Day (No Classes)	February 15
Spring Sports Begins	March 1
In-Service Day (No Classes)	March 5
Celebrate O'Dea Auction	March 20
Good Friday (No Classes)	March 26
Easter Holiday (No Classes)	March 29 - April 2
Memorial Day (No Classes)	May 31
Class of 2025 Graduation	June 2
2nd Semester Final Exams	June 7 - 9

GENERAL INFORMATION

MAIN OFFICE

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

Juli Rangel, Administrative Assistant | jrangel@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 O'Dea 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 House Games, service work, and more. Irish Block is reserved for club meetings, assemblies, Mass or other events that occur throughout the school day.

Example:



SCHOOL START: 8:10AM*

SCHOOL DISMISSAL: 2:25PM

*School will begin at 9:10AM on Wednesdays for all students. Faculty & staff are engaged in professional development every Wednesday morning. Zero period runs each day except 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.

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, and 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 PE.

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 supports 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.**

Why does O'Dea have a single device program?

Among the many reasons to have a single device program, we are excited about the following:

- Enhancing student engagement and learning in the classroom through curriculum designed to use technology
- Fostering digital citizenship related to the appropriate use of technology
- Embracing our digital learners
- Preparing students for success in college and careers
- Ensuring a consistent learning experience



What items are required daily for the Surface Tablet Program?

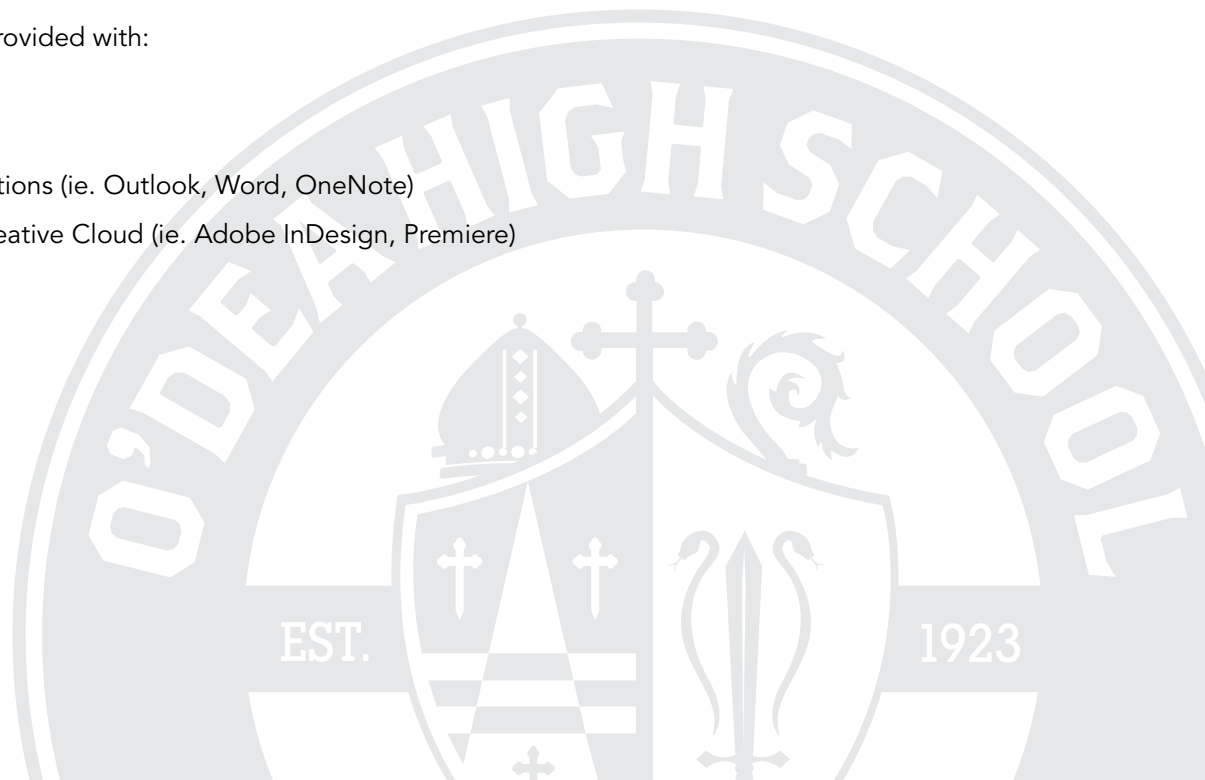
- Microsoft Surface Pen or Compatible Digital Stylus
- Protective Case that attaches to the tablet
- Headphones
- A spills and breaks warranty on the device



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



VERACROSS



VERACROSS & MAGNUS HEALTH

- Student & parent portal to check grades & attendance
- Parents are provided login credentials prior to start of school year
- School health, physical, and athletic form requirements available in Magnus Health
- Important messages such as mass attire reminders and weather delays/closures are sent via email and text through Veracross

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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. He 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 Character, 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 6 - August 5 | Mondays & Wednesdays
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

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 Derby (jderby@odea.org) if you are interested in participating.

ELITE BASKETBALL CAMP

June 3 - June 22 | Mondays & Wednesdays
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

FOOTBALL CAMP

June 23 - June 25 | 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM

FROSH FOOTBALL BEGINS

August 19



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, 2026

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

- 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 20, 2026

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

Wall of Honor Celebration

Fall 2026

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

(L-R) Laura Weinand - Chief Financial Officer, Lauren Andrews - Advancement Manager, David Mazzeo '99 - Alumni Director, Reeha Pervez - Advancement Associate, Allie DeLong Thomas - Advancement Director, Alyssa Nienaber - Advancement Associate





YOUTH CAMPS!

COME FOR THE FUN.
STAY FOR THE COMMUNITY.



Explore Our Current Offerings!

O'Dea High School is proud to offer a variety of youth camps! From enrichment camps to athletic camps, there is something for everyone here at O'Dea!

ENRICHMENT CAMPS

LEGO Camp (June)
Math in Sports Camp (August)
Study Skills Camp (August)
Strategy Board Games Camp (August)

ATHLETIC CAMPS

Baseball Camp (April)
Middle School Elite Basketball Camp (June)
Youth Basketball Camp (June)
Youth Basketball & Football Combo Camp (June)
Youth Football Camp (June)
Pickleball Camp (June)
Soccer Camp (July)

Register Today



Register using the QR code or visit
<https://www.odea.org/youth-programs/>

Please note that all camps must reach a minimum number of registered campers in order to run.

Financial aid is available to help make our programs accessible to all families. For assistance, please contact Alyssa Nienaber, Advancement Associate, at anienaber@odea.org.



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