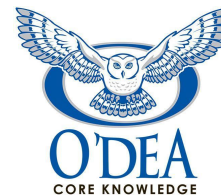




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Dear O'Dea Families,

We are so excited to welcome you back for a brand-new school year! We can't wait to see you **this Wednesday from 4:00–5:30 PM** for our **Classroom Material Drop-Off and Popsicle Party**—a sweet way to kick off the year together!

Our amazing O'Dea staff and construction team are putting the final touches on the building, and we're thrilled to start the year in a refreshed space. The **new air conditioning** is up and running—and it feels fantastic! We're so grateful to have building-wide AC to keep everyone cool and comfortable.

We will have early release on Thursday and Friday due to the heat across Fort Collins - so dismissal will be 1:43. Please pick up by 1:50.

As we get ready to launch into the school year, see below for a few helpful reminders about school operations:

We're so looking forward to a joyful and successful year together. Thank you for being such an important part of our O'Dea community. See you Wednesday!

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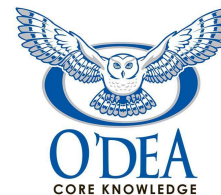
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School Hours & [School Schedule \(Lunch/Recess\)](#)

- **Start Time:** 9:05 AM
- **End Time:** 3:43 PM



Arrival & Dismissal

- **Student Arrival (Non-Breakfast):** Please drop off between **8:50–9:00 AM**.
- **Walking or Biking?** Plan to arrive **between 8:50–9:00 AM** so our crossing guards are in place to help your child cross safely.



Crossing Guards:

- Staff will be stationed at:
 - **Drake/Stover**
 - **Drake/Tulane**
 - **Purdue and Tulane**
 - **Princeton/Tulane**
- Other intersections will have **student crossing flags** available to help improve visibility (e.g., Stanford/Princeton, Stanford/Brown, and Stanford/Tulane).



Breakfast

- Available **8:40–9:00 AM** in the cafeteria.
- If your student is not eating breakfast, please arrive between **8:50-9:00**.



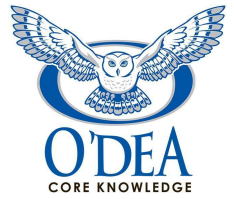
Morning Routine

- When students arrive (8:50–9:00 AM), they'll line up **outside their classroom door**.
- There is **no morning recess** to allow teachers time to prepare for another amazing day of learning.



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Drop-Off & Pick-Up Zones

- **Drop-Off Lanes** are located on both the **north side (Princeton)** and **south side (Tulane)** of the school.
 - Please use only these designated lanes for safety and efficiency.
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End-of-Day Pick-Up

- School ends at **3:43 PM**.
 - We ask that students are picked up by **3:50 PM** so our wonderful teachers can head home to their families, too 😊.
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Attendance Reminder

If your child will be absent, please call our attendance line at **970-488-4451** *before school starts* and leave a message. It helps us keep things running smoothly and ensures everyone is accounted for.

If we haven't heard from you and your child is absent, our system will automatically send **three notification calls** to your home after **9:30 AM**.

Late Drop-Offs & Early Pick-Ups

Early Pick-Up:

If you need to pick your child up during the school day, just come to the front door and ring the bell. We'll buzz you into the office, where you can sign your child out.

Please note: We are not able to call students down until you arrive at the front door.

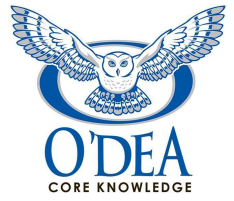
Late Drop-Off (after 9:05 AM):

If your student arrives after the bell, please have them come to the front doors. We'll buzz them in and help them get on their way to class.



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O'Dea August Family Calendar

Arrival/Dismissal Times 9:05-3:43

8/13	Kindergarten class lists emailed to parents. To start the year, kindergarten will have a staggered start with $\frac{1}{2}$ of the students coming on 8/14 and the other half on 8/15. Kindergarten parents will be notified on which day their student will start. ALL kindergarten students attend on 8/18.
8/13	Classroom Material Drop Off and Popsicle Party 4:00-5:30 (K-5 th). Come drop off your materials, meet your teacher, see your classroom, and have a popsicle!
8/14	First Day of School (9:05-3:43) 1 st -5 th Kinder Staggered Start Day 1 ($\frac{1}{2}$ of kindergarten students have 1 st day)
8/15	Kinder Staggered Start Day 2 ($\frac{1}{2}$ of kindergarten students have 1 st day)
8/18	All Kindergarten First Day
8/21	K-5 Back to School Night (5:30-7:00) and 5 th Grade Eco Week Orientation (7:15-8:00)
8/22	Summer Reading and Adventure Log Ice Cream/Recess Party (Due 8/20)