O’DOWD BACK-TO-SCHOOL

WELCOME TO 2021-2022, DRAGONS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR O’DOWD FAMILIES
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*Updated July 22, 2021*
# Key Dates for 2021-2022

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Student Orientation and School Photos

- **Sunday, August 8 - 9th Grade Welcome Event**
  - New students and parents/guardians
  - 4:00 - 7:00pm
  - Meet on Quad

- **Monday, August 9 - 9th Grade Orientation**
  - 8:15am arrival
  - Lunch provided
  - Bring water bottle, hat, sunscreen
  - Wear O'Dowd Polo for photos
  - Meet on Quad
  - 2:15pm End

- **Tuesday, August 10 - 10th Grade and All Transfer students Orientation**
  - 12:00pm arrival
  - Bring water bottle, hat, sunscreen
  - Wear O'Dowd polo
  - 10th Grade and 10th Grade Transfers Only - Photos
  - Meet on Quad
  - 4:00pm End orientation
  - **10th Grade and All Transfer Families Welcome Event**
    - 4:00 - 6:00pm
    - Meet on Quad

- **Tuesday, August 10 - Senior Photos**
  - Sign up here: [https://pickatime.com/dorianstudio/client?evt=322444](https://pickatime.com/dorianstudio/client?evt=322444)
  - 9:00am - 4:00pm
  - Cafeteria

- **Wednesday, August 11 - 11th Grade & Seniors (including 11th & 12th Grade Transfer Students)**
  - Theater - Talk then dismiss to Annex for photos
    - 9:00 - 10:00am A-L 11th Grade
    - 10:00 - 11:00am M-Z 11th Grade
  - Quad
    - 11:30am - 12:30pm A-Z Seniors
New Faces, New Positions

School Administration And Staff

Will Cantine | Academic Dean
Will joins O'Dowd from Leadership Public Schools, Oakland R&D campus, where he was Academic Dean. Will earned his B.A. from Cornell University (GO BIG RED!) and M.A. from Syracuse University (GO ORANGE!). When not working, Will enjoys spending time with family and playing Ms. PAC-Man. wcantine@bishopodowd.org

Lisa Lomba, Ed.D. | Interim Principal
For the past two years, Lisa served as a leader in communications and program strategy at O'Dowd. Lisa was educated at St. Philip Neri and Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School in Alameda. She earned her B.A. in English Literature at U.C. Berkeley and M.A. in Literature at San Francisco State University. She holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership from St. Mary's College of California. Lisa taught humanities to grades 9-12 for six years at The Athenian School in Danville, designing and teaching more than a dozen different courses that included interdisciplinary and service learning components alongside traditional literature and writing seminars. At Athenian, she coached the cross country and track programs, travelled with students on various adventures, and chaired a task force to strengthen academic support for students. At other Bay Area independent schools, Lisa led successful accreditation processes, and partnered with division heads and teachers to create a thoughtful, mission-aligned K-12 vision and learning framework and related professional development.

At O'Dowd, she served as a member of the committee to design and implement professional development for remote teaching, worked diligently on countless details and outreach regarding Safe Return planning and operations, and built a talented communications team that is well-positioned for ongoing success. Lisa continued her professional growth this year through the California Teacher Development Collaborative's Fellowship for Aspiring Heads and Harvard's certificate program in School Management and Leadership. llomba@bishopodowd.org

Erin Lunde '04 | Assistant Director of Communications and Marketing
Erin returns to O'Dowd after holding various leadership roles in education and marketing organizations throughout the Bay Area. After graduating from O'Dowd in 2004, Erin earned her B.A. in Business Communications and teaching credential at Holy Names University. She enjoys being active with her family, crocheting, and kayaking along the California coast. elunde@bishopodowd.org

Maurita Toler | Director of Alumni Relations
Maurita ’07 returns to O'Dowd from University of California at Berkeley, where she was the Alumni Relations Coordinator, amongst other roles within Cal Athletics for the last seven years. She earned a B.A. in Sociology from UC Berkeley, as well as a master's degree in Sport Management from the University of San Francisco. Maurita enjoys attending sporting events, spending time with family and friends, traveling, hiking, and shopping. mtoler@bishopodowd.org, ext. 317
Faculty And Program Staff

Allyse Appel | Science
Allyse joins O’Dowd from Kipp San Francisco College Prep, where she taught pre-AP Physics and AP Physics 1, and co-taught Kipp’s FIRST Robotics Team. Allyse has six years of experience teaching intro/honors/AP Physics. She earned her B.A. in Physics with a focus in Astronomy and Mathematics from Valparaiso University in 2015. She enjoys all things relating to outer space and loves to dance, sing, and write music in her free time. aappel@bishopodowd.org

Erica Bryant | English
Erica comes to O’Dowd after nine years of teaching in the Oakland public school system. She earned her B.A. from the University of California, Irvine and her teaching credential from Mills College. Though originally from Southern California, she has lived and worked in Oakland since 2008. She enjoys powerlifting, trying new makeup, and she's never met a leopard print she did not like. ebryant@bishopodowd.org

Jolyn Caoleng-Montes | Science
Jolyn earned her degree in Biological Sciences at San Jose State University and has been teaching since 2015. Her previous teaching experience includes public school in San Jose and on the island of Saipan, her hometown. She has taught Biology, Advanced Biology, and most recently, Environmental Science. She enjoys finding hole-in-the-wall places to eat with her husband, giving belly rubs to her dog, and relaxing on the beach. jcaoleng@bishopodowd.org, ext 759

Alfonso Corona | Religious Studies
Alfonso comes to O’Dowd from Leadership High School, where he taught AP Language and Composition, and also served as the English Language Development Coordinator and an Advisor. In addition, Alfonso served as the Director of Youth Ministry and a Catechist in the Oakland Diocese for over 10 years. He earned his M.A. in Teaching, and his B.S. in Business Administration from Saint Mary’s College of California. When he isn't teaching or planning a youth ministry event, he loves to hike Bay Area trails, or go for a drive while listening to a good podcast. acorona@bishopodowd.org, ext 273

Ryan Dilag | Director of Campus Ministry
Ryan has enjoyed ministering to youth and young adults in various parishes and schools throughout the Archdiocese of San Francisco through retreats, workshops, rallies, prayer services, and Masses. He has served as a Confirmation instructor in several schools and parishes, including as a freshmen Religious Studies instructor at Notre Dame High School in Belmont. Ryan has been happily married to his beautiful wife since 2013 and has two wonderful children. During his leisure time, he enjoys playing the piano, singing, liturgical ministry, watching mixed martial arts, professional wrestling, football, movies, and going on adventures with his family. rdilag@bishopodowd.org, ext 165
Corinna Guerrero | Religion
Corinna earned her B.A. in Comparative Religious Studies from San Jose State University and her M.A. in Biblical Languages and Biblical Studies from the Jesuit School of Theology and Graduate Theological Union. She believes religion permeates human experience, whether the tradition is ancient or modern. She enjoys playing paintball with her kids and watching the drama between the hawks and finches in her backyard.
cquerrero@bishopodowd.org, ext 267

Otis Johnson | Living Lab Lead Gardener
Otis graduated from McClymonds High School and went on to earn a B.A. in Political Science at Humboldt State University, where he was Student Body President. He established Land Stewards Landscaping in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties and operated it for 13 years. He has farmed and raised sheep, goats, chickens and ducks to manage land. He still has his herding dog Riley by his side. Otis enjoys hiking, biking, farming and gardening. He is called to increase awareness and take action to address global warming. ojohnson@bishopodowd.org

Carmen Martinez Utrera | Spanish
Carmen is originally from Spain, and has taught Spanish in Equatorial Guinea, New Mexico, and now California. She holds an M.A. in Education, and enjoys opera, cooking, and swimming. cutrera@bishopodowd.org

Samantha Mercado | Counseling
Samantha joins the O'Dowd counseling team as a recent graduate of Cal State East Bay, where she obtained an M.S. in Counseling, her PPS (Pupil Personnel Services) credential, and her AMFT (Associate Marriage and Family Therapy) license. She also holds a B.A. in Political Science from UC Berkeley and has previously worked as a 7th grade English and History teacher in Richmond. A Bay Area native from Vallejo, Samantha enjoys cycling, watching Cal football, playing video games, and taking pictures of her cat. smercado@bishopodowd.org

Roberto Montes | Spanish
Robert comes to O'Dowd from Vacaville Christian Schools, where he was a Spanish teacher to students spanning grades 6-12. Roberto earned a B.A. and M.A. in Spanish at California State University, Sacramento. He enjoys learning about languages and cultures, and in his free time enjoys watching FC (Futbol Club) Barcelona with his grandfather. rmontes@bishopodowd.org
Connie Mae Oliver | English
Connie comes to O’Dowd from New York, where she taught at CUNY Brooklyn College and for Syracuse University Project Advance. She earned a B.A. in English at Florida International University and holds an MFA in Creative Writing from CUNY Brooklyn College. Her favorite books include *Just Us* by Claudia Rankine, *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison, *Dictee* by Theresa Hak Kyung Cha, *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler, *Soulstorm: Stories* by Clarice Lispector, *Dubliners* by James Joyce, and *Casas Muertas* by Miguel Otero Silva. cmoliver@bishopodowd.org, ext 291

Tracy Ren | Visual Arts
Tracy is an artist, educator, and curator who holds a BFA in Ceramics from Oakland's own California College of the Arts. She’s taught at numerous studios in the SF Bay Area and has worked with some of the nation’s most celebrated ceramic artists. When not engaged in her many creative projects, you’ll find her outdoors, hiking, cycling, or skating. tracy@bishopodowd.org, ext 246

Justin Rollolazo | English
Justin comes to O’Dowd after teaching English for four years at Salesian College Preparatory in Richmond, California. He began teaching eight years ago at St. Elizabeth High School in Oakland and has also coached both boys and girls basketball. He earned a B.A. in English Literature at San Diego State University and attended Holy Names University with a focus on Urban Education. Justin enjoys basketball, playing golf, and spending time with family and friends. One of his favorite things to do is explore all the great restaurants in Oakland and the Bay Area. jrollolazo@bishopodowd.org, ext 162

Anto Sweeney | Associate Director of College Counseling
Anto has been a counselor with O’Dowd since 2019, and has recently been promoted to Associate Director of College Counseling. She has worked in a similar role at three previous schools, and brings her knowledge, experience, and innovation with her into this new position. Anto has a B.A. from California State University, Hayward and a M.S. and PPS in Counseling from Saint Mary's College of California. Her husband is an alum and she hopes their two boys will attend O’Dowd in the near future. asweeney@bishopodowd.org, ext 343

Caroline Tsuyuki | Science
Caroline comes to O’Dowd from The Bay School of San Francisco, where she taught Honors Biology and a Senior seminar on Human Health and Disease. She earned a B.S. in Biochemistry from Mount Holyoke College and Masters and Doctorate degrees in Biochemistry from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Physiology and Biophysics at Harvard Medical School before joining Smithkline Beecham Pharmaceuticals (now GlaxoSmithkline) to do research on the protease inhibitors currently used in the therapeutic treatment of HIV/AIDS. She left the career track for a late-in-life mommy track. She considers education a “calling” and feels blessed to have found an encore career that she loves. ctsuyuki@bishopodowd.org, ext 287

Dominique Wise | Counseling
Dominique comes to O’Dowd with over 13 years of experience working with K-12 youth in foster care, juvenile probation, and substitute teaching in San Jose, CA. He attended high school at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose and earned both his B.A. in Sociology and M.Ed. in Counseling Education at the University of Southern California. Outside of school, he enjoys spending time with his wife and children, watching movies, and working out. dwise@bishopodowd.org, ext 616
# Bookstore Information

The online bookstore is open as of July 7, 2021. Visit the bookstore at: [https://bnck-12.com/bishopodowd](https://bnck-12.com/bishopodowd).

Enjoy free ground shipping for orders over $99 until August 3, 2021. (Please select ground shipping at checkout).

Questions? Visit the [FAQs](#), contact 800-325-3252 or visit the [Contact Us](#) webpage to send an email or live chat with a representative.

The eBooks listed below will be provided to students at no cost to families. Students have the option to purchase or rent a physical hard copy version of these books at their own expense. The complete Book List can be found on our website at [bishopodowd.org/academics/book-program](https://bishopodowd.org/academics/book-program).

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Food Service - MySchoolBucks

Epicurean Group, dedicated to sustainable dining, manages our Cafeteria, Dragon Lair and Dragon’s Snack Bar for breakfast and lunch every school day. This means locally produced, natural foods for delicious meals! Grass-fed or Niman Ranch beef. Eggs from cage-free raised chickens. Seasonal menus—sometimes with vegetables from our Living Lab!

Bishop O’Dowd High School and Epicurean Group have partnered again this year with MySchoolBucks for your student’s cafeteria account. This system will benefit you, your student, and the school in many ways. MySchoolBucks offers the following benefits:

- Scheduled recurring payments
- Automatic deposits when your child’s account balance runs low
- Extended purchase history for the past 90 days
- Set Low balance email notifications
- E-wallet to save credit card information for future use
- Mobile-friendly website

All enrolled students will have an established account to which you may add money online. Epicurean Group is requesting your support in the process of going cash free at the cafe.

Email foodservice@bishopodowd.org with general food service questions.

Enrolling is Easy!

2. If you are new to MySchoolBucks, create your free account, then add your students using their name and student ID. For existing users, continue to use the same account as last year.
3. Please make sure to load your student’s declining balance account.
4. Please remember to set your low balance reminder at $50.
5. Your student will be able to access these funds to purchase lunch and snacks at the café.

We appreciate you using this cashless option as a way to eliminate crowding. If you need assistance with your account, you can find helpful how-to videos and answers to commonly asked questions by visiting myschoolbucks.com. Or, you can contact MySchoolBucks directly by logging into your account to start a chat conversation or give them a call at (855) 832-5226.

Thank you for your cooperation and your participation. We are excited about serving the students and community fresh, natural, and organic food to nourish their bodies and minds.
Dragon Den - School Spirit Wear

Always open at dragonen.mybrightsites.com

Here is what we expect every O’Dowd student to wear every day, on campus, from 8:00am - end of school day:

- Approved O’Dowd polo and O’Dowd outerwear available exclusively at the Dragon Den
- Clean, intact jeans, dress slacks, or khakis, shorts to the knees
- Shoes with backs or back straps

Friday Only: Sports/Club Wear

- Students may wear O’Dowd club, team, and other school organizations sanctioned t-shirts or outerwear on Fridays. These are worn in place of the O’Dowd polo and approved outerwear. Items worn below the waist are expected to follow the regular dress code guidelines.

For more specifics regarding dress code, please review the Student-Parent Handbook, pages 36-37

Please be sure to use each size guide on each item for proper fit.

Returns are accepted by the Dragon Den for merchandise exchanges only. No refunds are given.

All items returned for exchange must have any original tags on the item(s) and must not have been washed or worn. The item must be returned to the Dragon Den in the same condition received (i.e., brand new). O’Dowd strives to purchase goods and services that have been manufactured in a fair and just manner in accordance with our Fair Trade Policy. You will find some items in the Dragon Den are made from recycled materials and are manufactured in factories that meet the standards of fair trade, fair labor, and sustainability. It is our goal to bring quality and justly produced apparel and other products to our school community, and we are diligently working toward that goal.

For assistance, please contact:
Cindy Conley | dragonen@bishopodowd.org | (510) 577-9100 ext. 138
Parent Education Events

*Partners In Parenting*

In the spirit of partnership, the Parent Education Program at O'Dowd and the Dragon Parents Group offer a series of events throughout the year aimed at supporting parents as the primary educators of their children to help build a meaningful sense of community. The Academic Support Department also offers several events.

Our Parent Education Events for 2021-2022 are developed in response to a parent feedback survey, our school climate survey, and in coordination with school initiatives. Program topics, information, and dates are shared in the Weekly e-news to families and are announced at the start of the school year. To view additional resources, visit our webpage.

www.bishopodowd.org/parents

Mark your calendar for the 2021-2022 Parent Education Events:

- **Wednesday, August 18 2021:** *Parenting Past the Pandemic* – [link to RSVP](#)

- **Thursday, September 9:** *Tackle Procrastination: Tips for Students about How to Organize Time and Follow Through.* 7:00-8:00pm. Academic Support. RSVP link TBD.

- **Tuesday, October 5:** *Maintaining Mental Health and Wellness* – [link to RSVP](#)

- **Thursday, October 28:** *Substance Use and Abuse Awareness and Prevention* – [link to RSVP](#)

- **Thursday, November 18:** *Rock Your Finals: How to Make an Anti-Cram Exam Plan.* 7:00-8:00pm. Academic Support. RSVP link TBD.

- **Tuesday, January 18, 2022:** *Gender Justice and Community Healing* – [link to RSVP](#)

- **Wednesday, January 26:** *Take Powerful Notes: How To Remember What You Learn By Writing It Down Well.* 7:00-8:00pm. Academic Support. RSVP link TBD.

- **Thursday, February 10:** *Racial Justice and Community Healing* – [link to RSVP](#)

- **Wednesday, March 23:** *Supporting Seniors in the Transition from High School to College* – [link to RSVP](#)

[Click here to follow updates and RSVP](#) for any of these events! Updates may also be found in our Weekly e-news.

All Health and Wellness events are scheduled for 90 minutes, starting at 6:30pm and ending at 8:00pm, with hospitality starting at 6:00pm. Academic Support events are 7:00-8:00pm. These events are opportunities to come together as a community to learn about issues related to parenting teenagers. Events are geared toward parents and caregivers. Students are welcome to attend.

Please direct any questions and comments to Mark Lederer, Director of Health and Wellness and Clinical Services, at mlederer@bishopodowd.org, 510-577-9100 ext. 264; or Maisha Wilson, Dragon Parent Education Chair at maishawilson@sbcglobal.net; or Catherine Harris, Director of Academic Support, at charris@bishopodowd.org.
Parent/Family Engagement

Parent Support For Our Mission And School

By investing in Bishop O’Dowd High School, you advance the mission of the school as well as the daily experience of your O’Dowd student. O’Dowd depends on philanthropy to provide close to $3 million annually for the innovative academic and co-curricular programs that make O’Dowd unique, as well as critical funds for long-term and strategic improvements.

Annual Giving

Parent Pledge and Annual Fund

Tuition and fees cover 89 percent of the cost to educate each student at O’Dowd. In order to minimize tuition increases and still provide an excellent O’Dowd education, we depend on philanthropic support to close the gap. Every parent is asked to contribute to the Annual Fund through the Parent Pledge Program.

Your 4-year parent pledge provides funding for engaging academic programs; service learning and retreats; dedicated and talented teachers; campus improvement and a robust co-curricular program which provides extensive engagement opportunities for our diverse student body. Parents, alumni, grandparents, past parents, foundations and friends all contribute to provide the highest quality experience for our students.

For questions about the Parent Pledge Program please call Karolyn Cherryhomes at (510) 577-9100 x304 or by email at kcherryhomes@bishopodowd.org

Transforming Lives Dinner

The Transforming Lives Dinner brings together those individuals who are able to provide additional support to our mission-critical financial aid program. This signature fundraising event, which raises over $450,000 annually, features student speakers who share their stories of transformation here at O’Dowd and includes an opportunity for guests to raise their paddle in support of financial aid.

Crab Feed and Auction

This sell-out community event held in February brings us together for a fun evening of crab and pasta, raffles, and both silent and live auction bidding. Proceeds from the event support the co-curricular programs at O’Dowd.

Strategic Giving

Capital Campaigns

Through the generosity of our community, the school has invested $20 million over the last 15 years through capital campaigns that enhance the student experience, including the Center for Environmental Studies, improvements to the Living Lab and the complete renovation of our academic classrooms and science labs. Capital campaigns are essential for the continued improvement of the school and rely on leadership giving as well gifts at all levels.
Bishop O’Dowd is currently engaged in a capital campaign to bring a new building – the O’Dowd Center – to campus. The O’Dowd Center will support the heart of the O’Dowd co-curricular experience. Designed to host a wide range of activities, the O’Dowd Center will provide our students a place to learn, perform, compete, and worship. The building will house a new gymnasium, strength and conditioning facilities and 4 classrooms, including specially equipped studios for music and drama.

The O’Dowd Center and this vision for the future of O’Dowd will only be a reality through the generosity of our families.

Senior Class Gift
The Senior Class Gift is an opportunity for seniors and their parents to celebrate their time at O’Dowd, show gratitude for the opportunities received, and ensure that an O’Dowd education remains accessible for the future. Recent Senior Class Gift campaigns have each contributed over $60,000 to the school’s financial aid program.

Endowment Funds
The school is blessed with an $9 million endowment which provides a perpetual source of income primarily supporting our financial aid program. Donations to the general endowment are welcome, or individuals may choose to create a named fund with a minimum investment of $50,000.

Planned Giving
Members of the school’s Heritage Society have created a legacy for their family and future generations of students by remembering the school in their will or trust.

For more information about investment opportunities and fundraising program priorities at O’Dowd, please contact Rebecca Bischoff, Chief Development Officer, at (510) 553-8628 or Michelle Hawkins, Senior Director of Development, at (510) 553-8630.

Volunteering
Parent volunteering expands the capacity of O’Dowd and supports connectivity within the parent community and between parents, faculty and staff. Our parents mirror the diversity of our student population, bringing their talents, skills and interests to bear in their volunteer work. All parents are asked to volunteer, and each year O’Dowd parents contribute tens of thousands of hours in support of the school.

Board of Regents
Service on the Board of Regents is initiated via the Nominating Committee. The Board of Regents is comprised of members from a range of professional backgrounds with a unified interest in advancing the capacity of O’Dowd to carry out its educational mission. The Board carries out fiduciary oversight as well as committee work across key strategic and operational areas.

Dragon Parents Group
The Dragon Parents Group is a group of committed, energetic, diverse and generous parents who encourage a culture of active involvement in community building at O’Dowd. The Dragon Parents Group holds regular monthly meetings and has regular postings for volunteer engagement in the Bishop O’Dowd Parents Weekly E-newsletter.
Parent Dragon Ambassadors

Our Admissions Parent Dragon Ambassadors play a vital role in welcoming prospective parents to the school. These Ambassadors help provide families with invaluable insight about the O'Dowd admissions process and life at O'Dowd, and are present at all of our admissions events to provide the current parent perspective.

Crab Feed and Auction Committee and Volunteers

Each February the Crab Feed and Auction brings 500 community members together to raise funds in support of co-curricular activities. Parent volunteers chair the event and serve on the committee, driving everything from marketing to the live and silent auctions. Over 200 volunteers give their time at the event, registering guests, serving dinner, selling drawing tickets, and much more.

Transforming Lives Dinner Committee

The Transforming Lives Dinner raises critical funds in support of financial aid. Not only does the financial aid program provide access and opportunity to over 30% of O'Dowd students, it also enriches the experiences of all students by maintaining socio-economic diversity. Committee members - made up of Board of Regent, parent and alumni volunteers - work to secure sponsorships, sell tables, and drive event attendance.

Athletics Team Parents

Being a team parent is a great way to get involved with your student-athlete's team, as well as meet new people. Team parents are a pivotal part of every team. They assist the coach with communications and help coordinate a variety of team activities, such as preseason parent information meetings, team apparel purchasing, team meals and celebrations, photography and filming, and supporting overall team spirit.

How Do I Get Involved?

Please visit the O'Dowd website to find contact information for the Development, Admissions or Athletics staff members, or Dragon Parent Board volunteer leaders. Many requests for volunteer opportunities throughout the year are posted in the Parent Weekly E-newsletter.

Shop to Give

Did you know you can support O'Dowd and all of its programs every time you shop on Amazon? Or every time you buy groceries? Giving to your school has never been easier.

Amazon

As an affiliate, O'Dowd can earn a percentage rebate of the purchases you make via Amazon—at no added cost to you. Just remember to start with the "Amazon Shop to Give" link on the school's website. It's easy to find.

- Go to bit.ly/easygiving
- Or, on www.bishopodowd.org, select My O'Dowd in navigation then Amazon Shop to Give.
- Be sure to tell grandparents and friends about this easy way to contribute to our school. O'Dowd receives rebates that average around 5% of the total purchase amount.
- Amazon does not share purchasing details with O'Dowd.
eSCRIP

You may be familiar with this well-known program. If you’ve been an eScrip contributor at another school, please consider changing your designated organization to Bishop O’Dowd High School.

Participating retailers include Mollie Stones, Lunardi’s, Piedmont Grocery, and many others featured on the eScrip online portal.

To register for eScrip:

- Go to escrip.com and “Sign Up!”
- Designate “Bishop O’Dowd High School” to receive contributions or use ID# 139840033.
- Register your grocery club cards from participating merchants and your credit cards.
- If you have an existing account, update credit cards and add Bishop O’Dowd High School as the designated organization.

Thank you for taking that extra step when you shop to benefit our students! If you ever have any questions about these programs, please email dragonparents@bishopodowd.org.
Parent Communication

Staying On Top Of School Information

Communication between home and school is a high priority at O’Dowd. The school uses various channels to communicate on specific topics, ranging from student progress to timely, important, and interesting information for parents and students.

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<td>An online career and college program that links students, parents, and counselors. Counselors send important notifications regarding SAT and ACT testing, college visits, and scholarship opportunities via Naviance from O’Dowd’s Counseling Department. <a href="http://connection.naviance.com/odowd">connection.naviance.com/odowd</a></td>
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**CLASS OF 2025 WEB PAGE**
www.bishopodowd.org/class-of-2025/
Transportation - Getting to O’Dowd

Car

To complement our campus-wide sustainability efforts, we encourage students to take public transportation. We provide on-campus parking spaces reserved for seniors with additional first come, first serve parking near our school entrance and in our lower lot.

Any time before 8:30am or after 3:15pm, you may pick up or drop off students in the main upper parking lot near the Quad. Between 8:30am and 3:15pm, students must be dropped off on Stearns Avenue or in the 98th Avenue parking lot. Remain in your vehicle and remember to be courteous to other drivers.

BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) With School Shuttle

O’Dowd provides free and convenient transportation for students and staff on an O’Dowd shuttle bus to and from campus and the San Leandro BART Station. See https://www.bishopodowd.org/getting-here/ for schedule updates and signup forms.

AC Transit

There are two chartered bus lines to/from O’Dowd that serve our students:
  • Route 682 starts in Rockridge and runs the length of the Highway 13 corridor.
  • Route 680 runs along MacArthur Boulevard from Lakeshore Avenue.
See https://www.bishopodowd.org/getting-here/ for schedule updates.

Youth Clipper Card

Students can apply for Youth Clipper Cards and receive a discount off of adult fares. Visit the Clipper Card website www.clippercard.com/ClipperWeb/discounts.html for more information.
Drop-off/Pick-up Route For Cars

*Please note that all transportation information is intended for the time when we return to campus on our regular schedule, not during remote learning.
Weekly Bell Schedule

Over the course of the 2020-21 school year, O’Dowd implemented weekly schedule adjustments for remote and hybrid learning. Looking ahead to the 2021-22 year, we listened to families, students, and faculty through surveys, examined what we wished to retain moving forward based on feedback, and explored how to create a weekly schedule to successfully promote greater community connection, continuity of learning, faith and other opportunities for belonging beyond the classroom, and the social-emotional health of all.

Key features of our new, 2021-22 weekly schedule include:

- 9:00am start maintained, a piece favored by students and parents from surveys
- More time for a zero hour class, with Academic Support having a later, more reasonable starting time in the morning
- 80 minutes for Mass, assemblies, and other community experiences in middle of the day (Community blocks)
- 1 hour common lunch every day to facilitate community building
- 70 minutes for professional development and collaboration on Wednesdays to enhance teaching and learning
- Simple, more consistent 70/50 minute class blocks
- Built-in time during periods 2 and 6 for announcements in 75/55-minute periods

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Campus Map

A more detailed map with room #s can be found on the About/Getting Here web page.
O’DOWD BACK-TO-SCHOOL

WELCOME TO 2021-2022, DRAGONS