



September 2014

Five Keys To Success Here At O'Gorman High

- Be Here.
- Be on time.
- Be Involved.
- Be Prepared.
- Be Respectful.

News from the KNIGHTS



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the start of another school year. For those students returning to O'Gorman and those new to our school community, we have great opportunities for you to get involved in. During the lunch hour, we will provide to the students opportunities to participate in activities ranging from clubs to intramurals, to accessing extra help with their homework and more. Tryouts for fall teams begin immediately. Listen for announcements, check the media boards within the school and the O'Gorman newsletter for times and locations. Stay informed and get involved.

Parents, we need you to encourage your son/daughter to get involved. If you are having a hard time finding a connection for them, call a teacher, the guidance counsellor or an administrator and ask for ideas. There are many positive ways for students to make connections with our community. We know that these connections will enhance their sense of belonging, positively impact their learning and contribute to what we hope is a great year for each and every one of our students.

The entire staff would like to take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting us with the education of your son/daughter. It is extremely important that both the school and the home work together to ensure your son's/daughter's success. We hope that this partnership will grow throughout the school year. Finally, welcome to the O'Gorman High School family.

The Staff of O'Gorman High School.

Our School Day – Bell Times

- 8:50 – Warning Bell
- 8:55 to 10:10 - Period 1
- 10:13 to 11:28 - Period 2
- 11:28 to 12:28 - Lunch
- 12:33 to 1:48 - Period 3
- 1:51 to 3:06 - Period 4

Regular attendance is critical to academic achievement and overall student wellbeing. When a student misses school or is late for class regularly, this has a direct and serious impact on learning—and it causes disruption in the classroom. We want to work with families to ensure each student is getting the most from his/her school year. **For this reason, attendance will be monitored closely and parents will be notified when attendance becomes a concern. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure each student arrives on time and is in attendance regularly.**

Virtue: Faith

The quote from John's gospel reminds us, *"Happy are those who have not seen, yet still believe."* John 20:29 We will encourage our students to continue to put their faith into action by bringing the Gospel spirit into every aspect of their lives. This is how we become true witnesses to Christ, extend the kingdom of God and build a more humane world.

During the month of September, how will you practice the virtue of faithfulness?

Parent Involvement Opportunities

O'Gorman High School is proud to have two parent committees dedicated to supporting our students in and out of our school. O'Gorman Parents For Kids and the Catholic Parent Council, are looking for new members. Both groups are vital to our school community. Please consider joining these teams by contacting the school today! Each year we are required to call for nomination for our Catholic School Council. Nomination forms for our Catholic School Council are located below. We hope that you will consider forwarding your name for this important home-school partnership.

Nomination forms must be returned by Monday, September 15th, 2014.

Mark Your Calendar!

- Sept. 17th – School pictures
- Sept. 18th – Gr. 9 retreat at the MacIntyre
- Sept. 19th – School Mass at St. Joseph at 10:00
- Sept. 26th – National School Run Day for Terry Fox
- Sept. 29th – Catholic Learning Community – School ends at 2:00

