



Odyssey Preparatory Academy
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NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2017

Committed to academic excellence and the education of the whole child

Our Mission For Every Child

The mission of Odyssey Preparatory Academy is to work in partnership with the family and community, with the aim of helping each child reach their full potential in all areas of life. We seek to educate the whole child with the understanding that each person must achieve a balance of intellectual, emotional, physical, spiritual and social skills as a foundation for life.

Introducing Dr. Monica Knight, Principal

By recommendation of Ms. Constance Ortiz, Odyssey's Founder, the Odyssey Charter School, Inc. Board of Directors named Dr. Monica Knight as the Interim Principal of Odyssey Preparatory Academy for the 2017-2018 school year. Dr. Knight has been an educator for more than two decades, with fifteen years as a school and district leader. She has been working in Odyssey schools since 2013, starting as the principal at Odyssey Charter Elementary and then moving over to the principalship of Odyssey Charter Jr/Sr High School in 2014 to expand the school. During her tenure, she helped to grow Odyssey Jr/Sr High School from 250 7th and 8th graders to the almost 800 students in grades 6th-12th starting this fall. As the principal of both Odyssey Preparatory Academy and Odyssey Charter Jr/Sr High School, she will focus on supporting all students and families by continuing to:

- Grow our green, healthy, and holistic Odyssey School model,
- Ensure that every classroom has high-quality teaching and focused learning taking place daily,
- Increase teacher/staff capacities to meet the needs of all students,
- Enhance our supportive and nurturing school environments, and
- Build more positive communication systems and means of collaboration between school and home.

If you have not met Dr. Knight, she will be available throughout registration to meet new students and families. She will also have a parent coffee during the first few weeks of school to get to know the needs of the families at OPA. If you have any questions for her at any time, please call her at 321-345-4117 or email her at knightm@odysseycharterschool.com.

"Odyssey Preparatory Academy has amazing students, parents, teachers, and staff that are ready to support the learning of all Olympians. With the help of our whole OPA community, we will make sure that every Olympian meets and exceeds his/her full potential. Let's make this another great year!"

~Dr. Knight

CALENDAR

July 20 & 22 -	Registration
August 9 -	Open House/Meet the Teacher 1:00PM-4:00PM
August 10-	First day of classes for all students
August 15 -	First day for Kindergarten
August 16-	Early Release
August 23-	Early Release
August 28 -	OCS Board Meeting
August 30-	Early Release

Summer Registration

Required for ALL Odyssey Preparatory Academy Families

Wyoming Campus
Thursday July 20, 2017: 12pm to 7pm
Saturday July 22, 2017: 10am to 2pm



Odyssey Families who did not purchase a 2017-2018 yearbook will have the chance during July 2017 Registration for \$25!

Please be prepared to complete the following for your student(s):

- Lunch Application
- Bus Assignment & Authorization to Ride
- Elementary Students: Teacher Assignments
- Before and After-Care Registration
- Health Card
- Student fees (check or money order only... NO CASH)
- All 'Dress for Success', school conduct, cell phone, technology, and bus behavior agreements

The following documents must be provided in order to successfully complete the registration process for the 2017-2018 school year beginning August 10, 2017:

- Birth certificate (Kindergarten & all new students)
- Current Immunization form (Grades: Kindergarten & all new students)
- Current Physical Exam (Grades: Kindergarten & all new students)
- IEPs, EPs, Behavioral Plans, 504 Plans (All new students - as applicable)

School Fees (2017-2018)

K - 2nd grade - \$5, includes:
\$2 Writing Journal and \$3 Technology

3rd - 5th grade - \$10, includes: \$3 Technology,
\$5 Student Planner, and \$2 Writing Journal

6th grade - \$20, includes: \$10.00 Technology,
\$5.00 Planner, and \$5.00 Science Laboratory Fees

School Hours

For the 2017-2018 school year, Odyssey Preparatory Academy students may begin arriving at 7:30 am. Students will be tardy by 8:00 am. The school day will end at 3:00pm. Our early release dismissal will continue to be every Wednesday at 1:30pm.

Summer Readings

Students are expected to complete their chosen assignment during the summer. All summer reading assignments will be turned in and reviewed during the second week of school. Information about summer readings for each Odyssey Preparatory Campus is available at our Facebook page or website www.odysseyprepacademy.com.

Change to School Uniform Policy

All Odyssey Prep Academy students are required to wear a school uniform. Our uniforms can be purchased through our uniform provider:

All Uniform Wear

2585 W. New Haven Ave. (Rte. 192), West Melbourne, FL. 32904 -
www.alluniformwear.com , (321) 608-3845

* *Discount coupons will be available during Summer Registration at all campuses.*

'Dress for Success' Guidelines: Students can choose from a kelly green or royal blue Odyssey Prep t-shirt, polo, or dry-fit shirt, along with black or khaki bottoms.

- All students are required to wear full-length solid colored pants, shorts, skirts or 'skorts'. Inappropriately rolling or altering the pants in any way is in direct violation of the dress code. Shorts, skirts and 'skorts' length must be at least mid-thigh.
- Pants, shorts, skirts and 'skorts' that are too big or too tight, as determined by Administration, are not acceptable and will be deemed in violation of the uniform code.
- Belts must be visibly worn at all times. These belts must be black or brown and fastened securely at waist level. Pants must be worn at waist level. Loosely worn and lowly worn pants are not acceptable.
- Students must wear a collared polo shirt or dress shirt. Student polo's and dress shirts must be a solid color and in accordance with the individual schools' uniform guide below. All shirts must bear the School logo.
- Any attire and/or backpacks with any inappropriate logos or displays are prohibited.
- All hats, scarves, and bandanas are prohibited on school property.
- Shoes must be closed in the back.

Grievance Procedures

- Step 1: Request Teacher conference to clarify issue
- Step 2: Contact the Site Administrator if unresolved with the teacher
- Step 3: **Contact Board Designated Parent Representative
- Step 4: Contact the President of the Governing Board
- Step 5: Present issue at the next monthly Board Meeting if unresolved
- Step 6: Seek mediation with the Sponsor

**TBD

A contact will be designated by the OCS Board of Directors as the Representative to Facilitate Parental Involvement, provide access to information, assist parents and others with questions and concerns, and resolve disputes according to charter requirements. TBD can be reached at 321-733-0442.

Before and After-School Enrichment

All before and after care programs will be held in the FRONT of the school this year. Please prepare to drop off and pick up students from the front office.

Before-Care: Before-Care begins at 6:00AM. Students participate in art, a variety of team-based games, and social fun. Every student enjoys a healthy breakfast in the café before the school day commences at 7:30AM. Registration forms are available in the front office at Odyssey Preparatory Academy. There is a one-time registration fee of \$25.00 per family. The weekly rate for Before-Care is \$35.00 per week and the daily drop-in rate is \$8.00 per day.

After-Care: After-Care is available to students until 6:30PM each day, and every student is provided a healthy snack. Students are grouped by grade levels and activities include: Yoga, art projects, nature trails, digital learning, and homework support with a certified Odyssey Teacher. Registration forms are available in the front office at Odyssey Preparatory Academy. There is a one-time registration fee of \$25.00 per family. The weekly rate for After-Care is \$55.00 per week and the daily drop-in rate is \$12.00 per day.

Before and After-Care payments are due every Monday (via check or money order payable to OPA). Please place payments in the deposit box in the front office.

For more information about Before and After-Care Enrichment at Odyssey Preparatory Academy, please contact: Amy White WhiteA@odysseycharter-school.com

Odyssey Jr./Sr High Information

If you are interested in learning more about the Odyssey Charter School Jr. Sr. High School (grades 6-12) check out the Jr./Sr. Newsletter at www.odysseycharterschool.com.

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)

Montessori Village Green, located at both Odyssey Charter Elementary School and Odyssey Preparatory Academy provides preschool and VPK programs. Both campuses are School Readiness Providers and offer an integration of Montessori and Classical Education, providing a holistically integrated curriculum approach to learning focusing on the whole-child: heart, mind, socio-emotional, and spiritual. To apply for the Child Care Subsidy, apply on-line at www.elcbrevard.org.

OPA Uniform Swap

Please bring used uniform shirts, pants, shorts, etc. to Final Registration on July 20 and 22 to exchange in our Uniform Swap with other families. Great way to get rid of Uniforms that your children have outgrown!

School Supply Lists

School Supply Lists are available for Kindergarten thru 6th grade students in the front office, and at www.odysseyprepacademy.com.

Bus Transportation

Odyssey provides bus transportation to students who live between two and four miles from the school – more miles might be allotted as per established bus routes. A bus slip must be completed for families who wish to sign up for bus services. Bus assignments will be available during summer registration. Each student is allowed one designated bus stop. Changes to assigned routes or bus transportation needs will not be permitted until a new registration form is completed.