



Odyssey Preparatory Academy

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SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER

"Committed to academic excellence and the education of the whole child"

OUR MISSION FOR EVERY CHILD

The mission of Odyssey Charter School 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.

OPA LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Ms. Constance Ortiz, Founder
- Ms. Shelly Miedona, Principal
- Mr. Mike Davis, Assistant Principal
- Mr. Sean Antonio, Guidance
- Ms. Kim Cappelen, Behavior Tech
- Ms. Marie Cimirro, Instructional Coach
- Ms. Leslie Guevara, Instructional Coach
- Ms. Emily Dent, STEAM Coordinator
- Ms. Jill Clausen, Registrar
- Ms. Amy White, Director, Before & After School Care

CALENDAR

(Odyssey Schools follow the Brevard School Calendar)

- 7/15 (10 a.m. -7 p.m.) - OPA Summer Registration
- 8/2-9 - Preplanning
- 8/10 - First day of school (1st-5th)
- 8/14 - First day of Kindergarten
- 8/26 - OCS Inc. Board of Directors Meeting 4:30pm

Welcome Back from our Principal, Ms. Miedona:

I am happy to welcome you back to the 2021-2022 school year! I would like to extend a special welcome to all of the new families joining Odyssey Preparatory Academy this year and welcome back all of our returning families as well. I am honored to be your principal. The mission of Odyssey Preparatory Academy is to work in partnership with the family and community, with the aim of helping each child reach full potential in all areas of life. I look forward to getting to know each child and his/her family as we work collaboratively helping each child to meet his/her greatest potential. Instilling a love of learning and having never-ending curiosity is very important to me. I have an open-door policy and invite you to contact me at any time via email at miedonas@odysseyprepacademy.com or by phone at 321-372-7263 (OPA) or 321-372-7263 (cell). I am so excited to be here and cannot wait for the new school year to begin! Enjoy your family and friends and be safe this summer!

Shelly Miedona Ed.S., Principal



New OPA Team Members

We are thrilled to welcome our NEW Olympian staff members for the 2021-2022 school year!!

- Kendra Traut - 1st Grade Teacher
- Tara Macpherson - 2nd Grade Teacher
- Brenda Heil - 2nd Grade Teacher
- Bill Svendsen - 4th Grade Teacher
- Taffee Kelly - 5th Grade Teacher
- Elaine Meyer - ESE Teacher
- Emily Blandon - Music

School Hours

For the 2020-2021 school year, Odyssey Prep students will begin the day at 8:00am; the school day will end at 2:45 pm for K-2nd and 2:50 pm for 3rd-5th. Our early release dismissals will now be every Friday at 1:25 pm for K-2nd and 1:30 pm for 3rd-5th.

As a reminder...Odyssey Charter Schools (Elementary and Jr. / Sr. High) and Odyssey Preparatory Academy (OPA) follow the Brevard County School calendar.

Early Release Days

We will continue early release days on Fridays throughout the school year which is consistent with Brevard County School District's schedule.

Parent/Student Handbook

Please take a moment to review our Parent/Student Handbook, It is full of important information for you and your student and is available on our website at <http://odysseyprepacademy.com/OCS-Inc-Parent-Student-Handbook.pdf>.

Uniform Policy (Grades K-5)

All Odyssey Prep students are required to wear a school uniform. Our uniforms can be purchased from our uniform provider: All Uniform Wear (Address: 4335 W New Haven Ave, West Melbourne, FL 32904). (Note: Please be certain you select Odyssey Preparatory Academy uniforms and not Odyssey Charter School uniforms.) You can find our uniform policy on our website at <http://odysseyprepacademy.com/OPA-Uniform-Policy.pdf>.

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

- 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. Joggers are allowed. Jeans, stretch pants, and athletic wear are not allowed. Students may wear solid color leggings under uniform shorts or skorts.
- Students must wear an approved t-shirt, collared polo shirt, or dress shirt. Student 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, including backpacks, displaying gang related paraphernalia or symbols, profanity or any inappropriate logos or displays are strictly prohibited.
- All headgear (hats, scarves, bandanas etc.) are prohibited on school property.
- Shoes must be closed or be strapped in the back. Flip-flops, slippers, or high heel shoes are prohibited.
- If a student chooses or needs to wear a jacket or sweatshirt due to cold weather, it must be a solid color of blue, black, or grey and in accordance with the individual schools' uniform guide.

Healthy Café and Wellness

We believe that fresh, seasonal, local, sustainably grown foods are a primary and recommended source of nutrition for growing, high-achieving children and we offer these **FREE** daily in our healthy café at breakfast and lunch times. **YES, WE SAID FREE.** This year, Odyssey Prep Academy students all qualify for free breakfast and lunch. So please help your child take advantage of our great food. We believe it enhances our students' academic and behavioral development. You can find our wellness policy and menus on our website at <http://odysseyprepacademy.com/cafe.html>.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Summer Registration: Required for All Odyssey Prep Families

July 15 (10 a.m. - 7 p.m.)

- Please be prepared to complete the following for your student(s):**
- Income Verification Form
 - Questions Regarding Bus Assignment
 - Final Class Placement
 - Before and After-Care Registration
 - Health Card
 - All 'Dress for Success', school conduct, cell phone, technology, and bus behavior agreements
 - Odyssey Preparatory Academy Fees 2020-2021 School Year Kindergarten through 5th grade - \$10, includes:
 - \$2 Student Data Chart Folders
 - \$2 Writing Journal /Interactive Notebook/Folder
 - \$6 Technology
 - \$5 Student ID & Lanyard

The following documents must be provided in order to successfully complete the registration process for the 2020-2021 school year, which begins August 10, 2021:

- Birth certificate (All new students)
- Current immunization form (Grades K)
- IEPs, EPs, Behavioral Plans, 504 Plans (All new students - as applicable)

Bus Transportation

Odyssey Charter Schools 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. Bus registration is online this year and computers 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 by a parent/guardian with proper ID completes a new registration form.

Here is a snapshot of the enhanced Transportation Services for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Students are encouraged to practice social distancing at their assigned bus stops
- Students are encouraged but do not have to wear mask during bus routes
- Students will use hand sanitizer as they enter and exit the bus
- Any students with an elevated temperature will be seated in the designated area in the front, parents will be contacted, and students will have to be picked up from the school.
- Siblings will sit together during all routes
- Students will exit the bus one row at a time from front of the bus to the back of the bus, during arrival to the school in the morning
- Be mindful and practice good hygiene and manners.

Rosie Greer - Fleet Coordinator
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Summer At-Home Readings

All Odyssey Charter School students are required to read the grade-specific novels(s). The reading list and accompanying assignment is available in the front office and is on our website: <http://odysseyprepacademy.com/summer-reading.html>.

Supply Lists

Odyssey Prep grade supply list will be available during registration on 7/15. The list can also be found on our website, <http://odysseyprepacademy.com/supplies.html>.

Optional & Donated items:

1. Hand sanitizer
2. Box of tissue
3. Copy paper
4. Color copy paper
5. Blue folders with pockets and 3 tabs
6. Notebook paper

Before and After-School Enrichment Programs School Age Before-Care

Before-Care begins at 7:00 am. 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 offices of Odyssey Charter Elementary School and Odyssey Preparatory Academy. There is a one-time registration fee of \$25.00 per family. The weekly rate for Before-Care is \$15.00 per week and the daily drop-in rate is \$4.00 per day.

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 offices of Odyssey Charter Elementary School and 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 hand in payments at the OPA Front Office. For more information about Before and After-Care Enrichment at Odyssey Charter Elementary School, please contact: Amy White WhiteA@odysseycharterschool.com

Substitutes

We are always looking for parents or community members to join our OPA family. We are in need of great, positive, and driven individuals looking to make an impact in our Olympians daily scholastic goals. If you are interested in joining our team as a substitute, please contact Jill Clausen at clausenj@odysseyprepacademy.com. Training is provided.



Volunteering at OPA

Please go to the Brevard County Schools web page: www.brevard-schools.org.

- 1) Click the Parents & Students heading.
- 2) Scroll down to Volunteer Information and click on the link
- 3) On the left of the screen, click on the Fingerprint link (The volunteer application is at the bottom of the page)
- 4) Complete the Application (\$35 for the first year, \$8 for renewals)
- 5) After completing the Application and payment, please visit: District and School Security - 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940 Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (No appointment necessary)

If you are planning to chaperone any field trip please complete this process as soon as possible so it is completed before any field trips might occur.



Clubs/Extra-Curricular *Prospective / Tentative (based on interest)*

Our Before and After School Enrichment Program offers a variety of afterschool club opportunities to our students. Look for information to come out in October and January on our available clubs for 2021-2022.

Winter- 2021

- Coding
- Legos
- Running Club
- Yoga
- Environmental Club

Spring- 2022

- Art
- Soccer
- Running
- Environmental Club
- Spirit Squad

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

** 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, will be determined by the OCS Board of Directors at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.