



Odyssey Preparatory Academy

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SUMMER 2018 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.

CALENDAR

- July 10 (2 p.m.-7 p.m.)
Summer Registration
- July 12 (12 p.m.-6 p.m.)
Summer Registration
- August 10
First day of school
- August 10
VPK starts
- August 15
First day of school for Kindergarten
- August 17
Early Release (1:45 p.m.)
- August 24
Early Release (1:45 p.m.)
- August 31
Early Release (1:45 p.m.)
- September 3
Labor Day- Holiday for all

OPA SCHOOL HOURS

Instruction will begin at 8:00 am and end at 3:00 p.m. **This year our weekly early release dismissals have moved to Fridays at 1:45pm.**

Welcome Back from our Principal, Dr. Knight

Greetings to our Odyssey Preparatory families! We hope you are enjoying your summer time together. As we embark upon another successful school year together, I'd like to share some of our most recent achievements as one of the top performing schools in the state of Florida!

For the 2017-2018 school year, our Odyssey Preparatory students equaled or outperformed the state of Florida in every tested subject area required by the Florida Department of Education.

- Overall Tied for 2nd Highest Performing School in Palm Bay with Odyssey Charter Elementary School
- Odyssey Preparatory 3rd Grade ELA – 4th in Palm Bay; 73% proficiency – higher than the Brevard (63) and state average (57)
- Odyssey Preparatory 3rd Grade Math – 3rd in the Palm Bay; 74% proficiency – higher than Brevard (62) and state (62) average
- Odyssey Preparatory 4th Grade ELA – 2nd in Palm Bay; 63% proficiency – higher than Brevard (57) and state (56) average
- Odyssey Preparatory 4th Grade Math – 3rd in Palm Bay; 62% proficiency – higher than Brevard (58) average and on target with state (62) average
- Odyssey Preparatory 5th Grade Science – 3rd in Palm Bay; 59% proficiency – higher than Brevard (57) and state (55)

We are very proud of our teachers, faculty, and support staff for their continued efforts and innovative, solutions-oriented mind-set who, collaboratively, provided the climate, culture, and environment necessary to ensure the continued success of Odyssey Preparatory OLYMPIANS.

We are excited about the 2018-2019 school year, and we are looking forward to expanding our GATEway (Gifted and Talented), hosting science lab during specials every other week, and breaking ground on our NEW GYMNASIUM and FINE ARTS building. I would also like to share that due to the interest in and growth of our school, we are adding several new members to our Odyssey family. Please help us welcome Mr. Mike Daves, our new Assistant Principal of Safety, Facilities, and Operations, Ms. Pat Carvil, our new Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction, and Ms. Cuthbertson, our new Instructional Coach. We will be sharing information about each of them in this and future newsletters.



FSA Update

Congratulations to our Olympians on their FSA performance. Odyssey Prep outperformed all Palm Bay traditional public schools in several grade level subjects. Great job Olympians!

Summer Registration

Required for All Odyssey Preparatory Academy Families

Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 2pm to 7pm
Thursday, July 12, 2018, 12pm to 6pm
Wyoming Campus



Odyssey Families who did not purchase a 2017-2018 yearbook will have the chance during July 2018 Registration for \$28.50!

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
- All 'Dress for Success', school conduct, cell phone, technology, and bus behavior agreements
- Student fees - Check or money orders made payable to Odyssey Preparatory Academy

K – 2nd is \$5 (\$3 technology fee and \$2 writing journal)

3rd – 5th is \$10.00 (\$5 technology fee, \$3 planner, and \$2 writing journal)

6th is \$20 (\$10 technology fee, \$5 planner, and ; \$5 science lab fees)

The following documents must be provided in order to successfully complete the registration process for the 2018-2019 school year beginning August 10, 2018:

- Birth certificate (Kindergarten & all new students)
- Current Immunization form (Grades: K, 7, 9, & all new students)
- Current Physical Exam (Grades: K, 7, 9, & all new students)
- IEPs, EPs, Behavioral Plans, 504 Plans (All new students - as applicable)
- 6th is \$20 (\$10 technology fee, \$5 planner, and \$5 science lab fees)

MyOn

Students at Odyssey Preparatory Academy can continue to use MyOn and iReady this summer.



• MyOn makes it so easy for students to log-in from home and read from thousands of book titles in their area of interest. Odyssey Prep Academy has the highest usage for MyOn for a school its size in our county. Way to go Olympians - Keep up the good reading!!! To access MyOn go to <https://www.myon.com/login/index.html>

• iReady is an interactive and adaptive program that allows students to apply their understanding of the standards during computer-based lessons and games. Using the program at least 3 times a week for 45 minutes for both Math and Reading has shown to dramatically increase overall student proficiency and learning gains. If your child does not know his or her iReady login, please contact the front office.

Welcome to our NEW Assistant Principal of Safety, Facilities, and Operations, Mr. Mike Davis



Dear Odyssey Preparatory Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to say I am honored and very excited to join the Odyssey Preparatory School family. The Odyssey mission to work in partnership with the family and community, with the aim of helping each child reach full potential in all areas of life, has proven results and I am looking forward to serving this mission alongside you and your child.

Here's a little bit about me; for the past 6 years I have worked as Dean of Students for both Odyssey Charter School campuses. Before my tenure as Dean I spent 10 years as an elementary education teacher. As Odyssey Prep continues to grow I look forward to being part of the Olympian family. Feel free to stop in chat the next time you are in the building.

Welcome to our NEW Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction, Ms. Patricia Carvil

Dear Olympian families,

It is with a great sense of enthusiasm and excitement that I join Odyssey Preparatory Academy as one of the new Assistant Principals. I will continue to work tirelessly every day to deliver a caring and safe learning environment, with rigorous and relevant curricula for our students. My focus is on establishing a positive rapport which will lead to academic excellence, respect for others, and a commitment to maintaining a positive school culture. I am committed to support your child's educational development and work toward achieving new milestones of excellence.



Welcome back to Mrs. Alicia Cohen, New Family Engagement Specialist and Dean of Students!

We are pleased to announce Alicia Cohen as our new Family Engagement Specialist, along with her work as our Dean of Students. Mrs. Cohen has been with OPA for the past 6 years. We are excited to have her working in partnership with all our families to come up with new and exciting ways to get families involved at the Wyoming campus through parent/family events, parent conferences, volunteer recruitment, and student mentoring programs.



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. 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.

Uniform Policy Changes!!

All Odyssey Students are required to wear a school uniform. Our uniforms can be purchased through our uniform provider, All Uniform Wear (321-608-3845) at 2585 W. New Haven Ave. (Rte. 192), West Melbourne, 32904, or online at www.alluniformwear.com.

School uniform reminders:

- Students will wear kelly green or royal blue polo's or T-shirts with proper logo.
- Students may wear khaki shorts, skirts, skorts, or pants.
- Belts should be black or brown
- Jackets and undershirts should be solid school colors.
- All shoes must have backs or straps.
- NO Flip Flops or sandals!

Please note that if your child is wearing a jacket or sweatshirt, it must be in the designated school colors outlined in the uniform policy and may not have any other logo other than the Odyssey Prep logo. Jackets and sweatshirts that are not in compliance with the school uniform policy will be confiscated.

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.

School Age 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 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

School Supply Lists

OPA School Supply Lists are available for Kindergarten through 6th grade students from the front office and at www.odysseyprepacademy.com.

Summer Readings



All Odyssey Charter School students received summer reading and assignment choices. Students are expected to complete their chosen assignment by the second week of school.

Information about summer readings for each Odyssey Charter School campus is available at:

www.odysseycharterschool.com and www.odysseyprepacademy.com

OPA Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)

Montessori Village Green, located at both Odyssey Charter Elementary School and Odyssey Preparatory Academy provides Preschool and VPK programs. Both offer an integration of Montessori and Classical Education, providing a holistically integrated curriculum approach to learning focusing on the whole-child: heart, mind, social-emotional, and spiritual.



Our Lead Teachers are Montessori Certified with over 60 years of combined teaching experience.

Our Preschool and VPK are offered Monday through Friday, morning or full-day classes. VPK full-day requires a wrap-around tuition at a rate of \$360.00 per month. To apply for a full-day childcare subsidy, please visit the Early Learning Coalition website at www.elcbrevard.org and click on School Readiness.

Montessori Village Green Preschool is offered to children aged three, and our Montessori Village Green VPK is available for children aged four on or before September 1, 2018. In line with supporting the needs of all families, please visit: elcbrevard.org, to receive a VPK voucher, which provides families with three hours of tuition-free VPK education. Families may use this three hour, tuition-free VPK voucher at Odyssey Preparatory Academy (8:15am-11:15am).

For availability, email Amy White at whitea@odysseycharterschool.com, or call 321-733-0442, Ext. 126. Tours and enrollment begin January 1st for the following school year and placements are available until Montessori Village is full.

Grievance Procedures

- Step 1: Request Teacher conference to clarify issue
- Step 2: Contact Principal 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

**Mrs. Wendi Nolder has been 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. Mrs. Nolder can be reached at nolderw@odysseycharterschool.com or 321-733-0442.