



# Odyssey Preparatory Academy

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## Welcome to School Newsletter • Aug 2019

*"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.

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### SCHOOL-BASED LEADERSHIP TEAM

Ms. Constance Ortiz  
**Founder**

Ms. Wendi Nolder  
**Principal/Site Administrator**

Ms. Pat Carvil  
Mr. Mike Davis  
**Assistant Principals**

Mr. Steve Skinner  
**Dean of Students/Music**

Ms. Marie Cimirro  
Ms. Leslie Guevara  
**Instructional Coaches**

Mr. Sean Antonio  
**Guidance**

Ms. Jill Clausen  
**Registrar**

Ms. Amy White  
**Director, Preschool/VPK and Before &  
After School Care**



### Welcome from the Principal

Welcome new Olympian families, and welcome back returning Olympians! We are so proud of our students, teachers and staff for their outstanding efforts and performance last school year – one percentage point from a school grade of 'A'. This year we are focusing on providing excellent customer service to all and on the acceleration of all students. We look forward to partnering with you to continue to help each child achieve their full potential!

~ Ms. Wendi Nolder

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### Morning Drop Off

For the safety of our students, children are not allowed to be dropped off before 7:30. School personnel begins morning supervision at 7:30am. If your child is dropped off before the 7:30 drop off time, your child will be placed in our before-care program and your family will be charged a drop-in fee.

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### Early Check-out for Students

Parents, consistent student attendance is important to ensure students make progress toward their learning goals. Please make every effort to schedule appointments for your child outside of our school hours in order to maximize your child's learning time and minimize classroom disruptions for all students. If you must check out your elementary student early, please do so by 2:00 PM on a regular dismissal day and by 12:45 PM on an early release day. It can become a dismissal safety concern when students are checked out too close to the dismissal time. Students may be checked out of school by their parent or legal guardian. If you are checking your student out, please present your valid state-issued photo identification at our front office. Please remember that we do not take dismissal changes over the phone. All changes made to your child's normal means of transportation home are required in writing. We thank you for your partnership!



# Mark Your Calendar

## AUGUST

- 8/12 - First Day of School for 1st – 5th
- 8/15 - First Day of Kindergarten
- 8/22 - Bullying presentation for parents (6:00 in the Café)
- 8/23 - Early Release
- 8/28 - OCS Board Meeting
- 8/30 - Early Release/Dress Out of Uniform Day

## SEPTEMBER

- 9/2 - Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
- 9/6 - Early Release
- 9/12 - OPEN HOUSE (6 to 7:30)
- 9/13 - Early Release
- 9/20 - Early Release
- 9/27 - Early Release/Dress Out of Uniform Day

## FortifyFL

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool for parents and students that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. Download app to your phone to get involved.



## Dress Code

OPA students are to be in uniform daily, except for the last Friday of the month (our Dress Out of Uniform Day). If your child has a jacket or sweatshirt it must follow our dress code policy.

## Tardy Policy

Elementary students are expected to be in their seats and ready to learn by 8:00 AM. If you arrive at 8:00 or later, parents must park and walk their child into the office, sign them in, and have a tardy slip issued for admittance to class. We thank you for making the effort to have your students to class on time each and every day.

## Student Medication

Any student requiring medication should have it checked into the front office by a parent or legal guardian. Students may not bring medication to school at any time. If a student requires an asthma inhaler or epi-pen on his/her person, the inhaler or epi-pen must be checked in through the office and must be accompanied by a doctor's prescription stating the child must always carry it with them. Please also notify school administration of any medical conditions your child might have that you believe we should be aware of.



**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. Cindy Gilmore 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. Gilmore can be reached at gilmorec@odysseycharterschool.com or 321-733-0442.