



# Odyssey Preparatory Academy

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## SUMMER 2020 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.

**Odyssey Schools are safe, clean and ready to welcome back students!**

### CALENDAR

(Odyssey Schools follow the Brevard School Calendar)

#### JULY

- 7/6 – 31 Invite only- Jump Start to Success
- 7/16 OPA Final Summer Registration (3 p.m.-7 p.m.)
- 7/17 OPA Final Summer Registration (10 a.m.- 2p.m.)

#### AUGUST

- 8/3,4,5,6,7,10 Staff Preplanning
- 8/11 First day of school (1st-6th)
- 8/14 First day of VPK
- 8/14 First day of Kindergarten
- 8/14 Early Release Day
- 8/21 Early Release Day
- 8/26 OCS Board Meeting- 5:15 PM
- 8/28 Early Release Day

#### SEPTEMBER

- 9/4 Early Release Day
- 9/7 Labor Day – Holiday for all
- 9/11 Early Release Day

### Welcome Back from our Principal, Wendi Nolder, and our Associate Principal, Pat Carvil:

Welcome Back to our returning Odyssey Prep Academy families! We hope you are enjoying your summer spending time with friends and family as well as remaining safe during this unusual time. As we open another successful school year together, we would like to thank everyone for working diligently throughout the spring on your virtual classes. It is time to come back refreshed and ready for another great year. We have plans to make sure our campus is safe, and all students, staff, and families stay healthy while we continue to provide a high-quality education. Stay tuned for details on how Odyssey is prepared to start the new year safe, clean, and ready to welcome back students.

### New OPA Team Members

### A big welcome to our NEW Olympian staff members for the 2020-2021 school year!!

- Jillian Roney - Kindergarten Teacher
- Alison Marchetti - 1st Grade Teacher
- Amber Vlassenko - 2nd Grade Teacher
- Mishal Bahardy - 3rd Grade Teacher
- Carol Hedrick - 3rd Grade Teacher
- Brittany Bronson - 4th Grade Teacher
- Stephanie Allen - 5th Grade Teacher
- Deena Garcia - 6th Grade Teacher

### Early Release Days

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

### School Hours

For the 2020-2021 school year, Odyssey Prep students will begin the day at 8:00 am; the school day will end at 3:00 Our early release dismissals will now be every Friday at 1:45pm.

To ensure student safety since there is no adult supervision, **students are not permitted to enter the school building prior to 7:30 am.** Students arriving before 7:30 will be placed in before-care and parents will be billed for the time.

### 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](mailto:clausenj@odysseyprepacademy.com).

## COVID Information

Odyssey School Leaders in collaboration with Green Apple School Management have been working on our plan to ensure that our students and staff are able to return to campus and remain safe, clean, and healthy. We have organized our rooms and the cafeteria to allow for social distancing in all rooms to the degree practicable. We have procedures for checking temperatures for all students and staff, along with procedures and guidelines that we will follow if we have someone that gets sick. Our cleaning procedures have been reviewed and enhanced and we have hired additional staff to assist in keeping our campus clean and disinfected throughout the day.

Our schedules will allow for less travel of students, this will decrease the amount of intermingling that takes place throughout the day. The cafeteria will be set up with students facing one direction, and with fewer students per table. For our departmentalized grade levels (4th and 5th) the students will remain in their homeroom and teachers will move to ensure we can still offer quality instruction in a safe way. Several of our Special Activity teachers will travel to the homeroom classrooms, eliminating extra student transitions during the day. Every classroom has already been organized with desks and/or tables to allow students to be successful while ensuring they are healthy too! We have also restructured our arrival and dismissal to decrease groups of students congregating in the main hallway and cafe.

We will continue to monitor the plan that Brevard Public Schools provides as well as the CDC guidelines for schools and will adapt as needed.

### COVID Expectations – for sick students

If a student arrives to school with a temperature, or becomes sick during the day, they will be quarantined in a designated area of the clinic, required to wear a mask, families will be contacted, and the student is expected to be picked up immediately to eliminate exposure to other students or faculty members. A doctor note will be expected to allow for the return of the child to school. Students diagnosed with COVID-19 will be required to quarantine at home for up to 14 days and be released by their doctor.

## School Visitors

Due to COVID-19 and current conditions, we will not have any school visitors, including family members, until later in the fall when it is determined to be safe. As the year progresses, we will continue to monitor and evaluate the school's health and safety conditions for our Titans and our school community. We thank you for your help and support in making sure the safety of all our students and staff continues to be our priority.

## School Supply Lists

Odyssey Prep grade supply list will be available during registration on 7/16 and 7/17. The list can also be found on our website, [www.odysseyprepacademy.com](http://www.odysseyprepacademy.com), under the parent tab.

Optional & Donated items:

Hand sanitizer      Box of tissue  
Copy paper          Color copy paper  
Blue folders with pockets and 3 tabs  
Notebook paper



## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Summer Registration: Required for All Odyssey Prep Families

We are excited to show off what we have been up to during this time of school closures. We have many new and exciting things coming for next school year! Please join us at final registration to verify information, complete missing documents, pay student fees (cash, check or money order), register for the school bus and more.

In our effort to follow CDC guidelines and social distancing we encourage you to allow plenty of time for final registration so that we can provide for social distancing. We ask that you bring your own pen to complete registration forms. Wearing a mask is optional but encouraged. We will clean and disinfect throughout the registration.

**July 16 (3 p.m.-7 p.m.)**  
**July 17 (10 a.m.- 2 p.m.)**

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

- Lunch Applications
- Questions Regarding Bus Assignment
- Final Class Placement
- Before and After-Care Registration
- Health Card
- Student fees - Cash will be accepted this year (see below).
- 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 2020-2021 school year, which begins August 11, 2020:

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

## OPA Student Fees

### Kindergarten through 2nd grade - \$10, includes:

\$1 Student Data Chat Folders  
\$1 Writing Journal  
\$6 Technology  
\$2 STEAM Fees

### 3rd - 4th grade OPA - \$15, includes:

\$1 Student Data Chat Folders  
\$1 Writing Journal  
\$3 Recorders  
\$2 STEAM Fees  
\$8 Technology

### 5th - 6th grade OPA - \$15, includes:

\$1 Student Data Chat Folders  
\$1 Writing Journal  
\$5 STEAM Fees  
\$8 Technology

## School Uniform Policy

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

**All Uniform Wear** - 4335 W New Haven Ave., Melbourne, FL - [store15@alluniformwear.com](mailto:store15@alluniformwear.com) (321) 608-3845

*\* 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.

## 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.** However, we do need every family to still fill out the income verification form at registration. Please encourage your child take advantage of our healthy and delicious meals. We believe it enhances our students' academic and behavioral development.

Clear Water Bottles - There are water filling stations throughout the campus, but NOT water fountains.

Deep cleaning will take place daily as well as sanitizing throughout the day.

Masks are optional for students/staff, but must meet uniform guidelines.



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## Bus Transportation

In preparation for the upcoming school year Odyssey Transportation is excited to announce we are now working with 3DEZROUTING!! Parents/guardians will be able to update any address changes that might alter a student's bus route through this website. We are happy that this will assist us in keeping you better informed throughout the school year.



Registering your student for school bus transportation will now be handled online for easy access, and the school will be able to provide you with updates on your student's application as well as information on their assigned bus and route. We will also be able to send you important information with any transportation changes or updates that might affect your student throughout the school year.

Registration is required for ALL (new and returning) school bus riders to ensure that your student is routed and assigned to the closest bus stop available. Bus transportation is available for students whose residence is located over two miles from the school they attend. Please register on our transportation website as a parent/guardian, using this link: <https://www.ezrouting.com/odysseyfl>.

You will need the following information to register:

1. Your student's name.
2. Student District ID for Brevard. (The same ID used in BPS Focus)
3. Your student's current physical address.
4. Current Parent/Guardian home and/or cell phone numbers.
5. Current Parent/Guardian email address.

This information will only be used for transportation routing and communication purposes, so accuracy is important.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rosie Greer at Odyssey Transportation, 321-345-4117 ext. 1123, or by email [greerr@odysseycharterschool.com](mailto:greerr@odysseycharterschool.com).

Odyssey Charter Schools provide bus transportation to students who live between two and four miles from the school (some farther than 4 miles). Bus registration is online this year and computers 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 by a parent/guardian with proper ID.

Odyssey's Transportation Department will operate in accordance with CDC Guidelines We thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping our children safe and healthy. Please take the time to review and discuss the following safety procedures and expectations.

- Students are encouraged to practice social distancing at their assigned bus stops.
- Students are encouraged to wear an optional 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 need 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.



## Summer Reading

All Odyssey Prep students are required to read the English Language Arts, grade-specific novels(s). Books and Choice Boards are available in the front office, please stop by to pick them up! The list was given to students before the end of the school year and is also available on our website: [www.odysseyprepacademy.com](http://www.odysseyprepacademy.com).

## Summer School

JumpStart to Success will begin July 6th and end on July 31st. Students will attend from 8:00am-12:00pm and focus on reading skills to get ready for the next grade level. JumpStart to Success is invite only, but if interested, please call the front office. CDC Guidelines will be followed.

## i-Ready and Reflex Math

i-Ready will be available until July 17th. Students may continue to log in and work on their 'my path' lessons. Reflex Math is available all summer, this is a fun program that your child can use to strengthen their math facts.



## Clubs/Extra-Curricular

Prospective / Tentative (based on interest)

### Winter- 2020

Coding  
Art  
Lego's  
Kindness Club  
Running Club  
Zumba

### Spring- 2021

Art  
Soccer  
Running  
Kindness Club

### 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

\*\*Ms. 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. Ms. Gilmore can be reached at [cgilmore@greenappleschools.com](mailto:cgilmore@greenappleschools.com) or 321-676-8737.

## Before Care at OPA Wyoming campus

Before Care begins at 7:00am. Students participate in art, a variety of team-based games, and social fun. At 7:30am, students go to the café where they may enjoy a healthy breakfast at no additional cost. Registration forms are available in the front office of 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.

**Before and After Care payments are due every Monday** (in the form of a check or money order payable to OCS or OPA) to pre-pay for the week. Please place payments in the deposit box outside of the multi-purpose room at OCS or to the front office deposit box at OPA.

\*\* Registrations are based on a first come, first serve basis in the order they are received. If maximum capacity is reached, your child may be on a Wait List until a placement becomes available. \*\*

\*\* All 19-20 Before & After Care outstanding balances must be paid in full in order to participate in 20-21 Before & After Care. \*\*

For more information about Enrichment Before and After Care at Odyssey Charter Elementary School, please contact: Amy White at [WhiteA@odysseycharterschool.com](mailto:WhiteA@odysseycharterschool.com).

For OCS Billing & Payments, please contact: Andria Ramm at [RammA@odysseycharterschool.com](mailto:RammA@odysseycharterschool.com).

For more information about Enrichment Before and After Care and Billing at Odyssey Preparatory Academy, please contact: Danielle Johnson at [JohnsonD@odysseyprepacademy.com](mailto:JohnsonD@odysseyprepacademy.com).

## 20 THINGS WE SHOULD SAY MORE OFTEN

The words we speak matter. They help to shape the world around us. That's why we need to speak words of truth and hope, not only to ourselves but to others as well. Here are 20 things we should say more often if we want to make the world more positive:

- I love you.*
- I believe in you.*
- You are worthy. You deserve it.*
- The best is yet to come.*
- Stay positive.*
- I was wrong. I'm sorry.*
- Please.*
- How can I help?*
- I'm here for you when you want to talk.*
- You can do it.*
- You've got this.*
- Please forgive me.*
- I forgive you.*
- I've got your back.*
- I'm open to your feedback. Help make me better.*
- You are not alone.*
- Even if we disagree, we can still be friends.*
- You matter.*
- Thank you.*
- There is greatness inside you.*

