



# Odyssey Preparatory Academy

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## SUMMER 2022 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
- Ms. Doreen Carlo-Coryell, Assistant Principal
- Mr. Mike Davis, Assistant Principal
- Mr. Sean Antonio, Guidance
- Ms. Kim Cappelen, Behavior Technician
- Ms. Marie Cimirro, Instructional Coach
- Mr. Jean-Paul Dailo – Academic Coach
- Ms. Megan Bigwood, STEAM Coordinator
- Ms. Emily Dent, Gifted/GATEway Teacher
- Ms. Leslie Guevara, ESE coordinator
- Ms. Nancy Gervais, Registrar
- Ms. Hartwick, Director, Before & After Care

### CALENDAR

- 7/4 – School Holiday – Office is closed
- 7/13 (10 a.m. – 6 p.m.) – Final Registration
- 8/1 – 8/9 – Preplanning for Teachers
- 8/10 – First day of school (1st – 5th grades)
- 8/15 – First day of school for Kindergarten
- 8/25 – Board of Directors Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.
- 9/5 – Labor Day – Holiday

The school calendar is available at <https://odysseyprepacademy.com/Calendar.pdf>

### Happy Summer from our Principal, Ms. Miedona:

I hope you all are enjoying your summer break relaxing, playing and having fun with your family and friends. I would like to extend a special welcome to all new families joining Odyssey Preparatory Academy this upcoming school year and welcome back to all returning families as well! I am so excited you have chosen to be part of the Odyssey Preparatory Family and look forward to welcoming you all in person in August. We have been working hard this summer preparing for the 2022-2023 school year ordering curriculum and materials, registering families, cleaning, new construction and fresh paint. When you visit the front office, you will see a new, fresh look. I look forward to welcoming faculty and staff on August 1st and Olympians on August 10th (Kindergarten Olympians return on August 15th).



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to our OPA family, our new Assistant Principal, Ms. Doreen Carlo-Coryell. Ms. Coryell comes to us with a plethora of experience. She was an assistant principal in Brevard County for seven years and a literacy coach in both Martin and Brevard Counties. She holds her specialist degree in Educational Leadership and is both Reading and ESOL endorsed. We are thrilled to have her here at Odyssey Preparatory Academy.

Mr. Mike Davis, Assistant Principal, has taken on additional leadership responsibilities with Odyssey Schools for the upcoming school year supporting the Discipline Deans for both elementary campuses. However, we are thrilled that he will still be on our campus part-time providing support to students, teachers and families as he has been in the past.

As a reminder, our final registration takes place on Wednesday, July 13, from 10am-6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there. I cannot thank you enough for choosing Odyssey Preparatory Academy and entrusting us with your child(ren). If you have any questions or need anything please do not hesitate to contact me at [miedonas@odysseyprepacademy.com](mailto:miedonas@odysseyprepacademy.com) or at 321-408-9549. It is an honor and privilege to serve your family. Working collaboratively, I am confident the 2022-2023 school year will be one of growth and success!

*Shelly Miedona*

## New OPA Team Members

We are thrilled to welcome our NEW Olympian staff members for the 2022-2023 school year!!

Doreen Coryell – Assistant Principal  
Jean-Paul Dailo – Academic Coach  
Stephanie Dymora – Kindergarten  
Kristin Harris – 1st Grade  
Luis Rosales – 1st Grade  
Rachel Dailo - 3rd Grade  
Tamara Lauritano – 4th Grade  
Justin Thrower – 5th Grade  
Shelby Roberts – 5th Grade



### Required for All Odyssey Prep Families

July 13 (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.) - OPA Summer Registration

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 2022-2023 School Year**  
Kindergarten through 5th grade - \$15, includes:
  - \$2 Student Writing Journal/Folders
  - \$2 Interactive Notebook
  - \$6 Technology
  - \$5 Student ID & Lanyard

The following documents must be provided in order to successfully complete the registration process for the 2022-2023 school year, which begins August 10, 2022:

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

## School Hours

Monday through Friday the school day begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. Students are considered tardy if they are not in class ready to begin their day at 8:00 a.m. The school day ends at 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, students will be released at 1:45 for early dismissal.

*As a reminder...Odyssey Charter Schools (Elementary and Jr. / Sr. High) and Odyssey Preparatory Academy (OPA) follow the Brevard County School calendar. <https://odysseyprepacademy.com/Calendar.pdf>*

### Early Release Days

We will continue early release days on Fridays throughout the school year which is consistent Brevard County School District's schedule. Students will be dismissed at 1:45 p.m.

## Dress Out of Uniform Days

Students have an opportunity to dress out of uniform on the last Friday of each month. Reminder, please ensure that your student follows the Brevard Public Schools dress code for out of uniform days. This year, our Dress Out of Uniform Days will be on the below dates:

August 26, September 30, October 28, November 18, December 16, January 27, February 24, March 31, April 28, May 26

## Student Placement

As a reminder, a great deal of time, effort and thought has gone into the process of student class assignments for the 2022-2023 school year, beginning with input from our teaching staff. Careful consideration was given to student placement and learning styles. Classrooms have been balanced academically and socially. Our class lists are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each grade level. Moving students is difficult without causing imbalances and inequities.

## 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>.

## Moment of Silence (Florida House Bill 529)

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2021/529>

This bill requires a moment of silence to be set aside for public school students during each school day. We will set aside 1-2 minutes daily for a moment of silence during morning announcement following The Pledge of Allegiance. The bill does not allow teachers to make suggestions about the nature of a student's reflection during these moments. Parents should discuss the moment of silence with their children and make suggestions to their children about how they should use this time. Students may not interfere with each other's participation in the moment of silence.

## 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>



## 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 - 4335 W New Haven Ave, West Melbourne, FL 32904

### Can't make it to the store? Shop Online!

Shopping made easy...  
Choose Shipping!



Free Shipping on orders  
of \$75 or more!

During Back to School season only.



Scan here to shop!

1. Open phone camera
2. Hover over QR code
3. Click link
4. Find your school & shop!

*(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  
were emailed to  
families in June  
(expires July 15) &  
can be found here:  
<https://www.odysseycharterschool.com/AllUniform-Wear-coupon-summer2022.pdf>



- As part of our uniform requirement, students must wear their issued ID badge/lanyard at all times while on campus.
- 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-colored leggings under uniform shorts or skorts, but leggings worn alone as pants are not permitted.
- 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.

## Bus Transportation

Odyssey Charter Schools provide bus transportation to students who live between two and four miles from the school. Students living more than 4 miles will be assigned a pick up and drop off location as per established bus routes.



**Each student is allowed one designated bus stop.** Changes to assigned routes or bus

transportation needs will not be permitted until a parent/guardian with proper ID completes a change of address form with the front office and then contact the Transportation Coordinator, Ms. Rosie Greer.

**Here is a snapshot of the enhanced Transportation Services for the 2022-2023 school year:**

- 1) **Student Grade-Level Identification badge (ID badges)** - Each Odyssey student will receive one ID badge at the start of the school year. Students are required to wear their ID badge at all times as part of their school uniform. The replacement cost for an ID badge is \$5.
- 2) **Online Student Transportation Registration (EZRouting)** - EZRouting is the online registration tool for families applying for bus transportation. Computers will be available for families to use during summer registration on July 14. We recommend that families register for transportation for the 2022-2023 school year in advance from home (using Google Chrome - must use a computer - will not work on a phone) at the following link [www.ezrouting.com/odysseyfl](http://www.ezrouting.com/odysseyfl).
- 3) **Student Tracker System (Here Comes the Bus)** - This system will give you a "real-time" notification when your student's bus is within 100 yards of the bus stop. The system will send "real-time" notification to your phone or computer when your student scans his/her ID upon entering the bus.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please call Ms. Rosie Greer, Fleet Coordinator, below.

Rosie Greer, Fleet Coordinator  
[greerr@odysseycharterschool.com](mailto:greerr@odysseycharterschool.com)  
321-345-4117 option 3 • 321-338-5187 cell

## Substitutes

We are always looking for parents or community members to join our OPA family. We need positive, driven individuals looking to make an impact in our Olympians' daily scholastic goals. Training is provided. Substitute teaching rates are as follows: HS Diploma (\$100/day; \$50/half day); Bachelor's Degree (\$120/day; \$60/half day); Certified Teacher Substitute (\$160/day; \$80/half day). If you are interested in joining our team as a substitute, please contact Nancy Gervais at [gervaisn@odysseyprepacademy.com](mailto:gervaisn@odysseyprepacademy.com).

## Summer At-Home Readings

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



## Odyssey Prep Academy –Supply Lists

Odyssey Prep grade supply list will be available during registration on 7/13. The list can also be found on our website, <http://odysseyprepacademy.com/supplies.html>.

## We Need You for our Clubs/ Extra-Curricular

Do you have a special talent you can share with our students for nine (9) weeks out of the school year after school? Our Before and After School Enrichment Program offers a variety of afterschool club opportunities to our students. Look for information to come out in September and December on our available clubs for 2022-2023. Parents with a special talent or skill may volunteer to lead one of the clubs listed below or may suggest a club. Please help us enrich our deserving students' education. At our summer registration, parents will have an opportunity to sign up to sponsor a club.

### Possible Club Offerings

- Computer Coding
- Guitar Lessons
- Environmental Club
- Art Club
- Basketball
- Dance
- Lego Club
- Culinary Club
- Tae kwon Do
- Soccer
- Musical/Theatre

### Grievance Procedures

- Step 1: Request Teacher conference to clarify issue
- Step 2: Contact the Principal if unresolved with the teacher
- Step 3: \*\*Contact Board Designated Parent Representative – Amber Miller 321-442-2742
- 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. Amber Miller 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. Amber Miller can be reached at [miller@odysseycharterschool.com](mailto:miller@odysseycharterschool.com) or 321-442-2742.

\*\* 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 2022-2023 school year.

## Volunteering at OCS

Please go to the Brevard County Schools web page: [www.brevardschools.org](http://www.brevardschools.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 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: Mon. - Thurs. 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.

We are seeking parents who may have a special talent or skill to lead a club (for volunteer hours). At our summer registration, parents will have an opportunity to sign up to sponsor a club.

## Before and After-School Enrichment Programs

We are delighted to offer our Before and After School Enrichment program to our families who need it. Registration forms are available in the front office of Odyssey Preparatory Academy. There is a one-time registration fee of \$50.00 for one child and \$75 for two or more children. Before and After-Care payments are due every Monday (via ProCare App or by check or money order). Please pay online, or hand in a check to the front office. For more information about Before and After-Care Enrichment at Odyssey Preparatory Academy, please contact: Alia Hartwick at [HartwickA@Odysseycharterschool.com](mailto:HartwickA@Odysseycharterschool.com).

### School Age 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. The weekly rate for Before-Care is \$35.00.

### 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. The weekly rate for After-Care is \$65.00.

### Full Time School Age Before-/After-Care

Full time Before/After-Care is available from 6:00am-7:30am and after school through 6:30pm daily. The weekly rate for Before/After-Care is \$75.00.