

Paving the Way to Our Future – Odyssey Charter School- 2017

Dear Families and Friends of Odyssey Charter School,

This past year has been very exciting for Odyssey and is continuing to grow and expand at a rapid pace. In the past year OCS has started the first year of high school by the commencement of the ninth grade, the Odyssey athletic programs and other extracurricular activities such as drama productions, student council and the national honor society have also been expanding by leaps and bounds and our Headmaster and Supervisor of Schools and Instruction have been recognized for excellence in education by the Delaware Charter School Network and by the State of Delaware as a Reward and Recognition school. Our students' test scores spoke and continue to speak volumes about the level of commitment that our teachers bring with them every day to include 40% of the grade level results placed Odyssey in the top 11 schools in the state, while the other 60% placed Odyssey in the top 5.

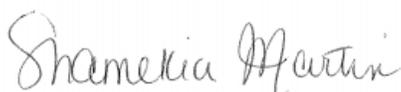
The OCS PTO's ***Paving the Way to Our Future*** campaign is our largest annual fundraising event and runs through April 1st this year. By making a contribution to the school through this event we make a visible show of support for our amazing school and staff. Our contributions go directly to our students. In the past, funds raised during the *Paving the Way* campaign have been used to purchase items such as lower school playground (all equipment, safety surfacing, fencing), SMART boards & ELMO projectors for several grades, sports equipment, middle school sports donation, middle school student council membership, library books, Accelerated Reader program and prizes, other miscellaneous playground equipment (basketball nets and assorted sports balls), Discovery Education software, flat screens and mounts for the high school and middle school, campus signs/flags and teacher supplies and maintenance equipment. As Odyssey continues to grow quickly, it is in need of a variety of resources. This year we are aiming for the purchase of upper school playground equipment to be located near the school's field. Any additional money raised beyond the playground equipment will go toward additional technology in the classrooms, such as additional smart boards for additional classrooms, additional computers and other technology needed as deemed by administration.

In prior years, the support from the families and friends of OCS was overwhelmingly positive in support of our initiative to raise funds for our classrooms; donations exceeded \$32,000, \$46,000 & \$27,000 in years past.

This year we are asking again for your support. **Our goal this year is \$60,000.** Think of what we can do for our school if each family contributes just 10% more than they did last year. If your family contributed \$50, make your donation \$55 this year and if every family donates \$55, we will definitely exceed our goal. Our school board, administration, faculty and staff have their work cut out for them as we continue growing our new campus and prepare for our first graduating class of Odyssey Charter School. Let us give what help we can by providing resources for a portion of the tools, technology and equipment our students use every day. Help us *Pave the Way!*

Please take a moment to complete the attached contribution form and send it back to school with your tax-deductible contribution by April 1st. **We all make a difference and every donation counts!** Thank you for your contribution!

Sincerely,



Shamekia Martin, President, Odyssey Charter School PTO