



WEEKLY COMMUNICATION
WEEK OF 9/10 – 9/14

Event	Location School/Building	Time Start	Time End	Notes
Monday, 9/10				
No After School Activities (Rosh Hashana Observance)				
Tuesday, 9/11				
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Wednesday, 9/12				
Back to School Night Kindergarten & 4th grade	KN – LS/20 4th – IS/22	5:30	6:30	Parents/guardians only please.
Back to School Night 6th & 7th grades	6th – IS/22 7th – US/21	5:30	7:00	Parents/guardians only please.
Middle School sports tryouts			See	https://www.odysseychartersports.com
Middle School Cross Country tryouts	OCS campus/Pick-up in front of building 21	3:15	4:30	Middle school cross country is an after-school co-ed sports team open to 6th - 8th grade OCS students. Practice is held Mon-Thurs from 3:15-4:30 here on campus. Runners will compete in a 2 mile race in meets against other local middle schools which will occur after school during the school week at various locations in the area.
Thursday, 9/13				
Back to School Night 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 5th grades	1st & 2nd – LS/20 3rd & 5th – IS/22	5:30	6:30	Parents/guardians only please.
Back to School Night 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th grades	US-HS/21	5:30	7:00	Parents/guardians only please.
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Friday, 9/14				

AM Carline - IS/US/HS Siblings

AM Carline Traffic Windows

7:20 – 7:40 – US/HS Carline

Carline opens at 7:25a

7:40 – 8:00 – IS Carline

Carline will close at 8:00a sharp this week

Parents with students in both the US/HS and IS do have the ability to be dropped off and picked up at the same time in carline. In the morning follow the 7:20 – 7:40 US/HS traffic window and drop off both of your children in carline. Your 7th-11th grader will go to first period/homeroom starting at 7:30 and your 3rd-6th grader will wait in the HS café for the IS to open. Backpack tags will be put on all IS siblings the week of 9/10-9/14. If you only have a child(ren) in the IS, please do not drop them off in US/HS carline.

Bus Routes and Stop Times

Over the next two weeks we will be updating our route and stop times in both the AM and PM for both our 7-11 OCS runs and K-6 First Student runs. Please look out for hard and electronic copies of your child(ren)'s routes. Thank you for your support as we work diligently to ensure that all students arrive to school safely and on time.

Lower & Intermediate School Reminders

In order to protect the safety and welfare of all our students, parents and guardians are reminded of the following:

- Please do not text message or email teachers about dismissal changes.
- All dismissal changes must be in writing.
- Only emergency dismissal changes are allowed until 2:00 by calling the office.
- There are no early dismissals after 2:45.
- A valid photo ID must be shown when picking up students up from the office and in carline.
- A valid photo ID will be held when visiting the building. The ID will be returned when the visitor badge is returned to office.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

18/19 School Year Student Clubs

Greek Club

Greek Club is offered for **grades 7-9**. Students will be making /cooking Greek foods, publishing a Greek recipe book, and participating in other seasonal activities. Most of all, they will have a blast exploring Greek culture, cuisine, & traditions as a team!

Our meetings will be an hour long **2:45-3:45pm** and will take place **every Tuesday** at the **Lower School Cafeteria**. Our 1st Meeting will be held **on September 25th at Mrs. Mylonas' room 136 Building 21**. If you have any questions please email Alexandra Mylonas at alexandra.mylonas@odyssey.k12.de.us

Book Club

Book Club is offered for **grades 8-11**. Students will be reading a high interest young adult novel once a month and meeting after school to discuss it. Books can be found at local libraries, Amazon or Barnes and Noble. Most of the novels are recommended for students 14 and older.

Our first book of the year is *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone. Our first meeting will be in mid-November. Staff and students are encouraged to read the novel and attend! If you have any questions, please email Juliana Sheehan at Juliana.Sheehan@odyssey.k12.de.us

7th and 8th Grade Student Council

Student Council Elections will be taking place next month. If your child is interested in running, they can pick up a form from Mrs. Sheehan or Ms. Cawley starting September 17th. We will be meeting once a month for an hour starting in October. Our focus for the year will be giving back to OCS and our local community. If you have any questions, please email Juliana Sheehan at Juliana.Sheehan@odyssey.k12.de.us

National Junior Honor Society

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is a national organization that honors students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. At OCS, 7th and 8th grade students are invited to apply for membership once they have achieved a cumulative GPA of at least 3.75 for two consecutive marking periods. NJHS students will meet on the last Wednesday of each month immediately after school until 4:00pm. Students will also meet at various times throughout the school year for service projects and fundraisers.

Math Olympiad

Offered to a maximum of 35 6th to 8th grade students who love to solve challenging math problems and compete against students across the nation. Stay tuned for the date and time of the interest meeting.

Model United Nations (Sept-May)

The high school Model United Nations club is a group of students interested in international issues. This club provides students the opportunity to experience simulations of the United Nations aiming to educate participants about civics, effective communication, globalization and multilateral diplomacy. In Model U.N., students take on roles as foreign diplomats, research a country, investigate international issues, debate, and then develop solutions to world problems. Students will be required to write a position paper and to attend fall meetings in order to participate in a three-day Model U.N. conference in January or May. The first trip will be to Hershey, PA on Jan.

4th-6th. The second trip will be to the United Nations in May. There is a fee to participate in both conferences! Please reach out to Melissa Tracy for more information: Melissa.tracy@odyssey.k12.de.us.

World Quest (Nov-Feb)

The high school World Quest team will compete in an academic bowl in Feb. at the University of Delaware. Students will study independently before competing in teams. Please reach out Melissa Tracy for more information: Melissa.tracy@odyssey.k12.de.us.

Youth in Government (Jan-April)

The middle school and high school Youth in Government club is a group of students interested in state government. Students will spend a total of four days in Dover, Delaware at legislative hall debating bills or debating cases in the judicial program. There is a fee to participate but scholarships are available through the YMCA. Please reach out to Melissa Tracy for more information: Melissa.tracy@odyssey.k12.de.us.

Strings Ensembles Announcement and Invitation

Beginning this fall, the Odyssey Charter School Music Department will be offering students the opportunity to participate in one of two **Strings Ensembles**. These ensembles will be directed by Mr. McGlinchey and rehearsals will be held from 3:30 until 4:30 pm after school once a week (specific day TBD). **Students in grades 4 through 11** are invited to participate and will be separated into two ensembles, the **Beginners Strings Ensemble** and the **Advanced Strings Ensemble**. Students must **own or rent an instrument to play**, take private lessons, and pass an audition with Mr. McGlinchey to be eligible for the Advanced String Ensemble. All others who wish to participate **must own or rent an instrument to play and be willing to sign up for private lessons** on their own time. Both **ensembles will meet together** for rehearsals. Members of the Advanced Strings Ensemble will rehearse together with the Beginners and then have a half hour of more advanced material while Beginners observe or do homework. If you are interested in having your child participate in either ensemble, please **email Mr. McGlinchey directly** at Thomas.Mcglinchey@Odyssey.k12.de.us and he will send you a permission slip and provide you with all pertinent information including where to find private lessons. **OCS Strings Ensembles will meet after school once per week from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Band Room.**
Stay Tuned for more information...



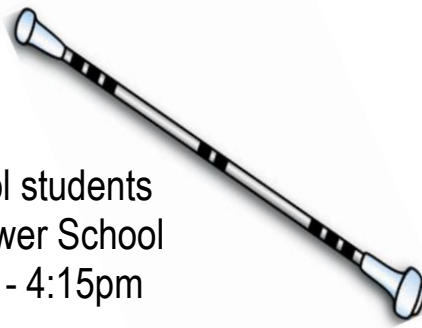
Upper/High School Twirling Interest

Want to try your skills at baton twirling? Want to march with the parade band? Want to compete? Well, twirling might just be the sport for you!!

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or definitely want to join, please sign up with Ms. Cawley outside her classroom – Building 21 Room 125. Sign-ups will be available from Monday 9/10/18 – Wednesday 9/12/18.

Students that are interested will be contacted and a meeting will be held.

Fall Season Baton Twirling!



Sign – up
Due:
Thursday
9/13/17

Who: Lower and Intermediate school students
Where: Odyssey Charter School Lower School
When: Weekday TBD end of school - 4:15pm

**Depending on the number of students will dictate which day your student(s) will have rehearsal on. **

What you need: A great attitude, smiles, appropriate athletic clothing, sneakers and a baton. Batons can be purchased through any supplier. Size of the baton should be the length of twirlers arm (armpit to finger tips). You can find multiple sizes and options through <http://www.twirplanet.com/categories/Twirling-Batons/>

Name of Twirler: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Age: _____

Grade: _____

Contact e-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

**If there is a change in transportation, it needs to be communicated to Jackie Cawley prior to the class. **

I cannot wait to work with the twirlers! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out at jackie.cawley@odyssey.k12.de.us –Jackie Cawley

**INTRAMURAL SOCCER REGISTRATION
ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL 2018-2019
GRADES 5-8**

PLEASE RETURN TO THE ODYSSEY CHARTER UPPER/HIGH SCHOOL TO JOEL
FETIZANAN OR MATT LAUDEMAN **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCTOBER 1st.**
OR SEND TO: Building #21 Barley Mill Plaza – 4319 Lancaster Pike Wilmington, DE 19805

NAME OF PARTICIPANT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **AGE** _____ **D.O.B:** _____ **GRADE:** _____

EMAIL: _____

SKILL LEVEL: (CIRCLE ONE) BEGINNER INTERMEDIATE ADVANCED

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN COACHING A TEAM YES NO

In case of emergency, notify: Name _____

Emergency # _____ Work # _____

Is there and medical condition that would affect participation? Yes/No

If yes, please explain: _____

Waiver of Liability: I, the undersigned, hereby agree to release the Odyssey Charter School and its staff and coaches from all responsibility resulting from injuries or accidents which may occur while participating and /or playing games. I also understand that participation on an Odyssey sports team is a privilege and that all children will be required to behave in a sportsman-like manner. I further understand that I am responsible for the replacement cost of any uniform or other equipment if it is damaged or not returned at the end of the season.

Parent/Guardian Date

Please note any concerns or conflicting activities that may affect your child's ability to participate

Program Details

- Practices will be on Fridays after school until 4:30 pm on the OCS athletic fields.
- Games will be played on Saturday mornings at either 8 AM or 9 AM on the OCS athletic fields.
- The first practice will start on October 5th and the first games will be played on October 13th.
- October 30th night games at Baynard Stadium.
- **We are in need of parent volunteers to help coach teams and assist with practices.**
- Players of all skill levels are welcome to join the program – There are no cuts.

For more information email matthew.laudeman@odyssey.k12.de.us or visit our web page at
www.odysseychartersports.com
Matt Laudeman – Odyssey Athletic Director