



Odyssey Charter School
Nurturing a Lifelong Love of Learning

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION
WEEK OF 3/16/2020 – 3/22/2020

- Schools are closed through March 27, 2020.
- Due to the heightened level of health precautions being taken at this time, the city of Philadelphia has canceled the Greek Independence Day parade in which Odyssey students were invited to participate on March 29th. We look forward to a healthy and happy celebration in 2021.
- Spring picture day will be rescheduled.



Shamrock Hop

The first annual Shamrock Hop held at the lower school was a huge success. We would like to thank all those who volunteered to make a great night for our families. Specifically we would like to thank:

- DJ Big Village for spinning the awesome tunes!
- The PTO for their assistance with buying the pizza and other snacks.
- Our great staff for preparing and volunteering to make for a wonderful evening.
- All of our parents and community members who donated cakes.

Students had a great time dancing to the music, making crafts, and of course enjoying some tasty treats. Parents also had a terrific evening, dressing up, helping their students with crafts, and socializing with other parents.



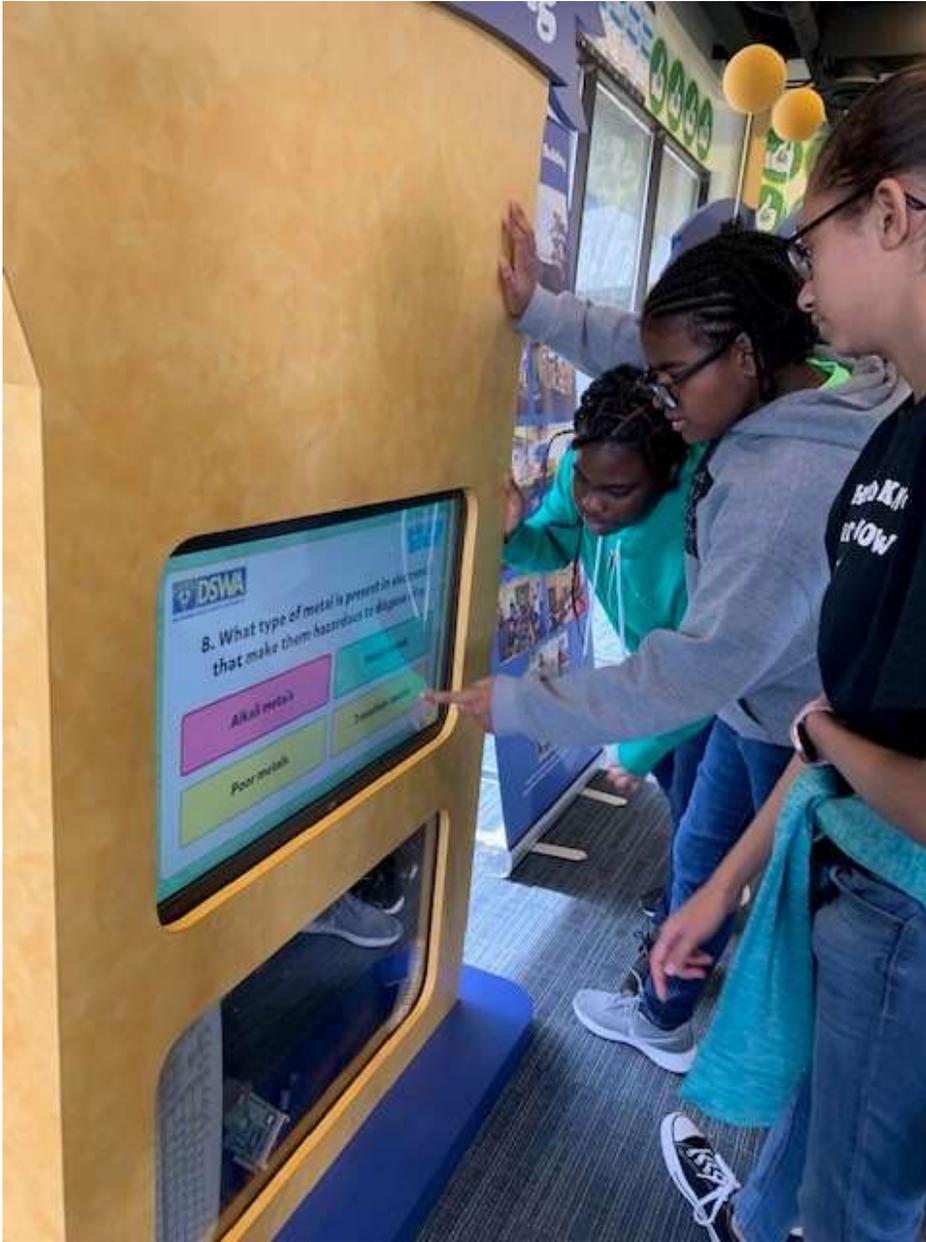


Delaware Solid Waste Authority Education Center Field Trip

OCS Middle School Green Team explains the benefits of RECYCLING:

- Recycling reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators.
- Conserves natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals.
- Prevents pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials.
- Saves energy.
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change.
- Helps sustain the environment for future generation.
- Helps create new well-paying jobs in the recycling and manufacturing industries in the United States.









THANK YOU

...for your donations to the Name-the-Goats raffle. We raised \$775 for the goat project! The goats are scheduled to come at the end of the month.

CONGRATULATIONS

...to Juliette Tingey (12th grade student) and Evy Weisberg (6th/7th grade science teacher) for winning the raffle. We will announce the goats' names soon!

STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCS STUDENTS

Harvard University Hellenic Studies in the High School Summer Program (HSSP)

Don't miss out on the learning opportunity of a lifetime! Your high school student could study abroad in Nafplio, Greece this summer with the [Harvard University Hellenic Studies](#) in the High School Summer Program (HSSP). Each year, this innovative program gives one 10th-12th grade OCS student and one OCS teacher chaperone the opportunity to participate in **this all-expenses-paid program** between July 2 and July 17 that includes workshops with Harvard faculty and access to Harvard's digital library. Applications are due March 31st, 2020.



The Pierce Leadership Academy (PLA)

The Pierce Leadership Academy (PLA) is a three-week summer program (June 22th - July 10th) for OCS students grades 8th-10th, which fuses overseas adventure travel with transformative academic study in the fields of **Stem, Human rights & Sustainable Development, Leadership, and Entrepreneurship, Aeronautics-Aviation**. It is a powerful educational experience at a breathtaking campus offering hands on academics, as well as guided tours of museums and islands, and with the opportunity for students to be fully immersed in the culture and developing lifelong friendships by staying with a host family. For additional information and/or application please visit: <https://pla.pierce.gr/>

Applications are due May 10th, 2020.



The "Greek Summer" Program at the American Farm School (AFS)

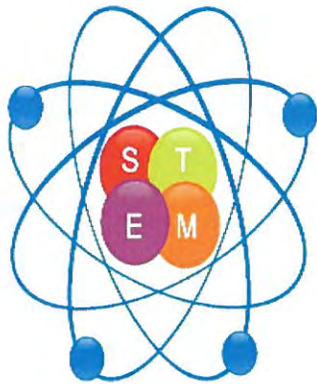
The "Greek Summer" Program at the American Farm School is a four-week program (June 26 - July 26), for OCS students grades 8th-10th. The program promotes the "Learn by Doing" approach to learning in the areas of **Agriculture, food systems, the environment and other life sciences related to our sustainable future** and is based at the school campus located in Thessaloniki. Participating students will have the opportunity to travel around the area, climb Mount Olympus and sail the Aegean to visit sites and people on some of the most beautiful islands in Greece.

For additional information and/or application please visit: <http://www.afsgreeksummer.com/>

Applications are due May 1st, 2020.

Greek Summer programs will give students something to remember and share with friends, family – and colleges. If you think you child would excel in either of these rigorous, immersive learning environments please contact the Dean of the Greek Program, Dr Marina Mattheoudakis (Marina.Mattheoudakis@odyssey.k12.de.us)





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Currently accepting applications from 8th - 11th grade students Application deadline 4/15 APPLY ONLINE!
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**Center for Hellenic Studies in Greece,
Harvard University,
High School Summer Program 2020**



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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

A unique opportunity for an Odyssey Charter School High School student (10th, 11th and 12th grade)

The [High School Summer Program \(HSSP\)](#) run by [the Center for Hellenic Studies in Greece, Harvard University \(CHS Greece\)](#), is an innovative program in English for talented high school students with a passion for learning and a desire to excel.

Thanks to the communications between the past Chair of OCS, Dimitris Dandolos and Nicolas Prevelakis (the Program's Director and Lecturer at Harvard's Committee on Degrees in Social Studies and Assistant Director of Curricular Development, CHS DC), the HSSP, starting in 2018, launched a new collaboration with the Odyssey Charter School, offering a slot to an OCS high school student.

For the third consecutive year, OCS students will [be eligible to apply](#) and **one student** will be selected by the Selection Committee of the High School Summer Program to travel to Nafplio, Greece and participate in the Program. **An OCS teacher** will also be selected by OCS to accompany the student. The teacher will be at times allowed to attend the seminar without, however, being actively involved in student discussions or assignments. The accompanying teacher will be given full access to the Digital Library of the Center and will thus have the opportunity to use this unique tool for his/her own professional development. Any OCS teacher who has an active interest in History, Philosophy, or related issues regardless of the subject they are teaching, is encouraged to apply.

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The participation of the OCS student in the Program is offered without any cost (participation fee or other), while Odyssey Charter School will cover transportation, accommodation, and breakfast for both the student and the accompanying teacher. The Center for Hellenic Studies also offers to the students a light lunch every day during the program.

For more information please contact the Dean of the Greek Program, Dr Marina Mattheoudakis (Marina.Mattheoudakis@odyssey.k12.de.us).

Structure and Content of the Program

The HSSP **starts on July 2nd and ends on July 17th, 2020**. It is designed and implemented by the Center for Hellenic Studies in Greece in collaboration with the Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University Faculty, and is supported by the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University.

The seminars are inspired by a course offered by the Committee on Degrees in Social Studies. Six Teaching Fellows, students at Harvard University, will teach under the supervision of Harvard Faculty. It will introduce high school students to the foundations of the social sciences and will cover such topics as the different types of human societies, the factors that lead to social change, the relationship between morality and politics, and the role of nationalism, ethnicity, and religion in today's world.

Each day will consist of **3 hours of class in the morning, followed by 3-4 hours of activities, lectures, and study sessions in the afternoon**. The students will have the opportunity to experience an American college-level course, relying heavily on student participation, class discussion, writing assignments, independent research, and public presentations. They will engage in a mixture of challenging activities, projects, field surveys, teleconferences, presentations, a volunteer activity, simulation games, and a conference. Online sessions with Harvard scholars will be held occasionally. Moreover, the students will



develop a research project, which they will present at the program's closing event. While working on their assignments, students also have the opportunity to use the Digital Library of the Center.

Participation in the High School Summer Program of CHS in Greece can be a life changing opportunity for an OCS high school student this summer. The participant will be studying and reflecting upon historical and philosophical topics while living in the country where Philosophy and History were born. We are sure that this will be a challenging, exciting and mind broadening experience!

Due date: March 31, 2020

Dr Marina Mattheoudakis
Dean of the Greek Program
Odyssey Charter School

ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL

SUMMER CAMP

2020

Camp Hours

8AM-4PM
BEFORE CARE: 7-8
AFTER CARE: 4-5:30

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& LUNCH
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Dates & Location

WEEKLY FROM
6/22-8/21

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