



	Date: 05/19/2021
Meeting: May Monthly Board Meeting	Facilitator: Elias Pappas

Our VISION: Open as many doors as possible for our students once they matriculate through our program.
Our MISSION: The Mission of Odyssey Charter School is to prepare students for a lifelong enthusiasm for learning, develop a keen awareness of world citizenship and culture and establish critical thinking and problem-solving proficiency through the added learning of the Modern Greek language and Mathematics focus.
Our CORE VALUES: Ubuntu. Comunidad. Aien Aristeuein.

School Site Priorities: What goals are we focusing on? What data do we have to support this goal (the next 4-6 weeks)?

School Site Goal #1	End of Year Activities, Summer School logistics, hiring, enrollment, schedules
School Site Goal #2	DE&I: Analysis of all programs and structures
School Site Goal #3	Fundraising 2.0, facilities updates
School Site Goal #4	Focus on visual branding, universal branding

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we near the end of the year we are all excited to celebrate our second graduating class. We currently have 60 seniors in our class of 2021. We will be hosting a senior picnic and rehearsal on the Friday before graduation. Graduation will be held at OCS on June 5th, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Graduates are welcome to bring up to six family members. Extra family members may observe from the standing area in the rear of the event.

MS: The Middle School is quickly winding down the year with many exciting activities celebrating our students! We just had our Middle School Movie Night under the stars sponsored by our student council. This event was a huge success and is sure to be a new tradition at OCS. Tomorrow night we will be honoring our spring inductees to the National Junior Honor Society. In the next couple of weeks our students will look forward to field day, spirit week, 6th and 7th grade awards ceremony and we will top it all off with our first ever 8th grade graduation!

IM: IS: At the Intermediate School, we are excited to celebrate the end of the year with lots of activities. Our activity days start next week, please refer to last weeks parent communication for the dates. We are looking forward to field day and our picnic and to celebrate with our virtual students if they choose to come. We are very excited for our 5th graders to walk across the stage at graduation!

<p>Part 2 COVID</p>	<p>Testing is available for all staff Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri in school building</p> <p>Testing: Testing continues to be offered to families to assist with return to school and other campus events. All on campus students are required to submit a negative COVID test during the month of May to continue in June.</p> <p>Families may choose to have COVID testing at a site of their choice or the school offered BD Veritor Antigen testing.</p> <p>Odyssey is enrolled to become part of the new initiative with Delaware Public Health to have State of Delaware lead testing on campus next school year. More information will be communicated as it is available. This will provide more testing access to all families.</p>	<p>The implications of the recent updates to guidelines, new research, and our testing data have allowed for us to expand reopening. We have welcomed back close to 60% of students across all grade levels.</p>	
<p>Flagpole initiative and fundraising updates</p>	<p>The buy a brick flagpole fundraiser has officially launched! The goal is to raise upwards of \$80,000. The bricks can have family names, messages, or can even have names of graduating classes. Communication has been sent out through our PTO! We continue to encourage everyone to take advantage of this unique opportunity to be a permanent part of Odyssey's history! Please share the information with friends, families, and local businesses who could take advantage of a</p>	<p>Following our meetings with consultants, we have started to build a new infrastructure for fundraising. Thanks to our IT department and collective efforts, we are building our capacity for coordinated fundraising efforts in the future through a new database. The cloud based system is in the final stages of construction. We are also finalizing the hiring of a school development consultant to help with future fundraising and strategic initiatives. This process should conclude in the coming days.</p>	

	<p>wonderful advertising opportunity! So far we have sold some large sponsorships and have also sold 79 individual bricks. A corporate sponsorship campaign has also been launched as the next phase in the process. We are proud to announce that flags are being raised and lowered daily in front of building 21.</p> <p>Buy a Brick Flagpole Fundraiser</p>		
<p>Culture Focus</p>	<p>We are moving our parent education seminar series to the fall when we have rolled out our instructional vision for the entire k-12 system. Parents will have opportunities to learn about Restorative practices in parenting, equity practices, SEL education, mental health, and various topics pertaining to the needs of our 21st century learners.</p> <p>OCS 4th dimension diversity, equity, and Inclusion work is continuing for our leadership team. We have completed 4 of the 6 training sessions thus far. Our next objective is to move toward a tangible action plan with measurable goals to be implemented in the fall.</p>	<p>OCS is working to build out some community level events as we have several celebrations in the coming months! Outdoor class celebrations are also being planned for June. As mentioned above we have focused on building culture as we wind down the year. Field days, Movie nights, picnics, the staff party on June 17, and graduations are currently underway.</p> <p>12th grade graduation is scheduled for June 05, 2021 at 1:00pm.</p> <p>Kinder Graduation is scheduled for June 12, 2021 at 8:30am.</p> <p>5th grade graduation will occur on June 12, 2021 at 12pm, and 8th grade graduation will occur on June 12, 2021 at 3:00pm.</p> <p>All graduations will include standing room sections for extra family members since guidelines are permitting for larger gatherings. Masks will be required at all school functions without exception.</p>	<p>The PTO is hosting a Bingo Night Fundraiser this Saturday at 3:00 in the afternoon. Please contact Ms. Kaijia Miller for details and look for communication from our schools.</p>

<p>HS Updates</p>	<p>College Data - HS Total Applications submitted as of 4/21: 193</p> <p>Percent of Class of 2021 applying to at least 1 school: 71%</p> <p>33% of students have reported merit scholarship/grant awards totaling over \$1.4 million dollars!</p> <p>FAFSA completion has risen to 65%</p> <p>We have 106 acceptances spanning 13 states: DE, PA, FL, NJ, VA, NY, MA, TX, NC, IN, CA, GA, WV</p>	<p>School Choice - HS</p> <p>We are poised to accept our largest incoming 9th grade class yet (projected 20% + increase), and continue to solidify enrollments from our current 8th grade students as well as finalizing choice documents with families new to Odyssey.</p> <p>Students who are joining our freshman class have received the Class of 2025 box including their official Class of 2025 T Shirt, Lanyard, Admissions forms, and more. <i>Any current 8th grader who is planning to stay at OCS and has not yet received their box should reach out to Tracie Principe or Kristy Lingo so that we can be sure to count you in!</i></p>	<p>Recognitions - HS</p> <p><u>Varsity Track Team</u> Congrats to the OCS varsity track team on their performances at the New Castle County track championships this weekend. Personal records were set by Alexis and Arianna Donovan, Jayla Mays, Kym Manlove, Walter Thompson, Bailey Hainsworth and Gavin Cassidy. The 4x100 meter relay of Ryan Thompson, Jayla Mays, Arianna and Alexis Donovan placed 6th. The 4x200 meter relay of Brianna Scott, Jayla Mays, Arianna and Alexis Donovan placed 6th. Arianna Donovan placed 6th in the 100 meter dash. Alexis Donovan placed 3rd in the 100 meter dash and earned All County honors. The girls team placed 13th in the county out of 32 schools with only 7 runners. Great job Owls!</p> <p><u>Varsity Baseball</u> On Sunday All Non-Conference teams were selected for Baseball. Four of our players received Honorable Mention to the All Non-Conference team. Those players were:</p> <p>Cole Dunnigan-Hudson, Ryan Logullo, Jamar Taylor and Kevin Sullivan</p> <p>This is a huge honor for these young men and a huge honor for the program and school.</p>
<p>MS Recognitions</p>	<p><u>Middle Level BPA Results!</u> The Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference (NLC) was held virtually from April 26-May 9, 2021.</p>		

Mrs. Morrell-Short and Ms. Buzgon are very proud to announce the Middle Level BPA National Leadership Conference Results:

The following students earned Ambassador Torch Awards:

- Asvika Gobinathan
- Arya Gupta
- Haasini Potluri
- Subiksha Srinivasan Vidya

The following students were recognized in the Certified Student Member Program:

- Arya Gupta
- Haasini Potluri
- Subiksha Srinivasan Vidya

The following students placed in their Competitive Events:

- Financial Literacy
 - 3rd Place - Jaylani Augusthy
- Keyboarding Production
 - 1st Place - Subiksha Srinivasan Vidya
 - 7th Place - Arya Gupta
- Spreadsheet Applications
 - 1st Place - Arya Gupta
 - 8th Place - Isabella Mendoza
- Website Design Team
 - 1st Place - Parishna Datla, Asvika Gobinathan, Sahasra Mudunuri, Subiksha Srinivasan Vidya
- Entrepreneurship Exploration
 - 1st Place - Haasini Potluri
 - 2nd Place - Eesha Sagiraju
- Presentation Management Team

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2nd Place - Sahaj Amin, Isabella Mendoza, Brianna Saxton ○ 7th Place - Jaylani Augusthy, Ruth Donohue, Matin Syed ● Business Communication Skills Concept <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6th Place - Haasini Potluri ● Business Math Concepts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2nd Place - Haasini Potluri ● Graphic Design Promotion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Top 12 - Pratheek Ganta <p>Congratulations to the entire Middle Level BPA chapter for always striving for success.</p>		
<p>Update on school priorities</p>	<p>Enrollment: Our projected enrollment for this year is approximately 2000 students with 2020's enrollment data indicating 1926 students.</p>	<p>DEI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The fourth session for school leadership occurred last week. This is part of a series to empower our school leaders b. A revised attendance policy focusing on supporting families in the maximum capacity by pooling our resources and shifting our overall approach is being vetted by school nurses as another lens before rolling the new policy out for the fall. c. Professional development series on equity in the classroom and in our school as a whole is being developed for early fall, which will be part of a series of instructional lifts designed to elevate our program K-12. 	<p>Stakeholder communication updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. UCP and updated policy for homeless and foster youth to be ratified by the Board in the upcoming board meeting. b. Parent/Student Surveys will be conducted by a national normed independent company. These anonymous surveys will focus on school culture, climate and safety. We will use this data to drive our future decision making. The first such survey will be distributed in the fall semester and the second one in the spring to monitor our progress toward goals set from the feedback we receive on the fall survey.

Visual Branding	<p>A major focus of our campaign this year is to improve the visual footprint of the school. You may have noticed tremendous efforts made to maintain all our flowerbeds, manicure our athletic facilities, place new signs outside buildings, reorganize lobbies and entryways, etc. We are also in the process of placing signage on all our school buildings to remove previous designations associated with prior occupants of the buildings.</p>	<p>The athletic fields are being branded with our logo and block letters on the sidelines as a centerpiece of competitive sports. Our teams have received new uniforms and we have seen success on the field as well, with soccer, baseball, softball and track all seeing success in competition. The Parliament of Owls is starting to soar!!! GO OWLS GO!!</p>	
Financial Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odyssey has been awarded \$1,972,460 as a part of the ESSER III (American Rescue Plan). A mandated 20% of funding must be reserved to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions and ensure that those interventions respond to students' social, emotional, and academic needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups. These funds will be available through 9/30/2024. It is expected that Odyssey will receive 67% of the award amount during May 2021, and the final third in June/July after grant approval. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Final grant application due August 23, 2021. ○ The Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan will be reviewed/reported upon bi-annually during 		

	<p>the financial portion of future OCS Board meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Community feedback to be provided from previous and future Consolidated Grant Advisory meetings, as well as future community surveys.● Projections currently include receipt of \$1,314,975 from ARP (ESSER III) without an offsetting expense as it will be completely carried into the next fiscal year. As a result, we are showing a positive variance to the final budget for approximately \$1.94mill, of which \$542k is unrestricted. The projected year-end cash on hand is \$6.4mill, of which \$5.0mill is unrestricted.● Unrestricted Cash Basis investors report projects 1.70 debt coverage ratio (requirement is 1.10) and 73.24 estimated days of cash on hand (covenant is 60.00 days) at yearend.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Business Office is working on refining future reports to differentiate the restricted/unrestricted cash balances as the restricted balances have grown immensely due to the additional grants in FY2021.		
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Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer Routes have been finalized, will mirror SBAC testing routes and past summer school routes.• Working to improve efficiency of the carline at both the IS and LS. We have made some great steps and strides this year with the influx of vehicle traffic on campus.• Newly enrolled families will receive a Transportation communication beginning next week to determine their mode of transportation for the 21-22SY. This process will go through the summer when all families are notified about their transportation through OCS postcards.		
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