



	Date: 02/16/2022
Meeting: February 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: 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	COVID mitigation, logistics, new updates, livestream options
School Site Goal #2	Minor Modification Logistics/Enrollment, Expansion of Greek Immersion to grade 5, Updated EPER
School Site Goal #3	Fundraising 2.0, facilities updates
School Site Goal #4	Culture Focus: Response to Survey Data, Restorative Practices Part 2 training

COVID-19 Updates													
COVID UPDATES	Part 1: CAMPUS Prevalence & Mitigation	Part 2 Case Management & Contact Tracing											
<p>COVID UPDATES</p> <p>Part 1: CAMPUS Prevalence & Mitigation</p>	<p>Positive Cases, Year to Date: (Information updated until 2/14/22)</p> <p>Lower School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 180 <p>Intermediated School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 163 <p>Middle School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 159 <p>High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 79 <p>Campus Totals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 581 <p>Testing: Delaware Public Health is partnering with Quidel to offer testing in Delaware Schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quidel has remained flexible meeting Odyssey’s needs. • Quidel is on campus each week and alternates buildings tested. • Testing was offered by Odyssey to staff members on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 (1:30pm-4pm) by the nursing team. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Building</th> <th style="width: 75%;">Next Testing Dates</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lower</td> <td>Tuesday, March 8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intermed</td> <td>Tuesday. March 15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Middle</td> <td>Tuesday, February 21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>High</td> <td>Tuesday. March 1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Building	Next Testing Dates	Lower	Tuesday, March 8	Intermed	Tuesday. March 15	Middle	Tuesday, February 21	High	Tuesday. March 1	<p>Part 2 Case Management & Contact Tracing</p> <p>Staff and Student Families are required to reach out to their building level RN for</p>	<p>Please DO NOT send children to school ill. There is a rise in other illnesses on campus. We are currently experiencing multiple cases of Influenza, RSV, Strep throat and colds. Please keep your child home if they are ill. Students should not come to school if they have had a fever in the last 24 hours.</p> <p>Vaccination is highly recommended to prevent the spread of COVID.</p> <p>There are 2466 consents for the program completed at Odyssey Charter School.</p>
Building	Next Testing Dates												
Lower	Tuesday, March 8												
Intermed	Tuesday. March 15												
Middle	Tuesday, February 21												
High	Tuesday. March 1												
			<p>Most recent Governor Carney Executive Order https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/newsroom/</p> <p>Delaware Update for Schools & Students https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/4242</p> <p>Odyssey Charter Dashboard SY 2021.2022 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kDfNFHfc9qbHpXzul57jzpxCDDb5VeIY4ey9t-FezQ/edit?usp=sharing <i>This information remains current and is updated each Thursday. Weekly counts are from Thursday to the following Wednesday.</i></p> <p>State Testing Information: https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/</p> <p>Information to receive a vaccine: https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/vaccine/where-can-i-get-my-vaccine/</p> <p>Quidel Information: https://ir.quidel.com/news/news-release-details/2021/State-of-Delaware-Selects-Quidel-for-COVID-19-Testing-Program-at-Schools/default.aspx</p>										

	<p>guidance when testing positive or someone within their home is positive.</p> <p>Test to Stay:Odyssey Charter continues to participate in the Delaware Public Health Program “Test to Stay”. This program offers unvaccinated close contacts the ability for families to take them to testing each night and attend school the next day. This program is operated at the state level. Odyssey Nursing is responsible for identifying participants, explaining the process, and reviewing the results submitted by families. Testing availability and locations is decided at a state level.</p>	<p>Students are continuing with the 10 day quarantine period and case management with the school RN prior to return to campus. The model has not shifted to the 5 day period for students as spacing during eating can not accommodate a minimum of 6 feet at this time.</p>	<p>OCS Student Guidance: https://drive.google.com/file/d/112z41nJjHLG1k8m18nhijNQvWe3GFwIn/view</p>
<p>Culture Focus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PLCs (culture focus) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will take place each month with each department in all buildings to discuss the staff survey results/feedback and steps we can take to improve school culture. At this time I ‘ve met with all schools 		

	<p>except for the HS but will start with them next Friday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have been administered and data is being analyzed ● Working w/the EPP alumni to move forward with an initiative to provide supports to our LGBTQ+ community, OCS staff and families ● Implementing Parent Camp, which is a parent engagement initiative to bridge the gap between the school and our families. The first meeting will be on March 2nd to aid in building the Parent Camp team, which will consist of parents, teachers and local community members. 		
<p>Building Level Updates</p>	<p>Lower School:</p> <p>Our SEL program collaborating with the Student Services Department and our new part time occupational therapist has begun! Ms. Lindsay Mudalel has surveyed teachers and begun classroom observations to bring restorative practices and zones of regulation training to every classroom throughout the building.</p> <p>This month, we tied together Black History Month, Kindness Week, and International Greek Language Day through the theme of compassion. We learned about how Greek leaders stood with Civil Rights heroes to fight for equality in our country.</p>		

Our counselor, Ms. Ryk, kicked off a tremendous kindness week campaign and has organized a **Virtual Assembly** that will spread compassion and provide clean drinking water to a school in Kenya on 2/18. The admin team and our PTO (coordinated by our Student Advisor, Dr. Yarram) kicked off kindness and appreciation week for our staff as well.

We are wrapping up our **American Heart Association campaign** this year and encourage all families to register for free and take a heart healthy pledge! Our PE teacher, Mr. Plerhoples, has organized a virtual assembly on 2/24.

The lower school admin team is launching **building tours for prospective parents** every Tuesday starting on 2/15 and plans to introduce over 20 families to our school during this first session!

Intermediate School:

Intermediate School Tours:

Grades 3,4,5

Start Date , Wednesdays starting

2-16-2022

No Tour on-3/2/22

Odyssey Charter Intermediate School has partnered with Special Olympics of Delaware to present a **Spread the Word**

End the Word assembly to students in grades 3, 4, and 5 on the national day Wednesday, March 2, 2022, from 9:30 to 10:25 a.m. in building # 22.
Live Streaming to the entire OCS campus
K-12

Three After-school Programs started

1/11/2022

Science Explorers- Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Young Rembrandts Art-Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Freestyle Martial Arts

Karate-Wednesdays 3:25-4:10 p.m.

5th Grade AAA Safety Program starting 2/1/2022- 12 students with arrival and dismissal duties through the school, uniforms and supplies provided thanks to AAA Safety Patrol Program

Middle School:

Odyssey Charter Middle School is now providing tours to prospective parents on Tuesdays from 9:00-11:00 AM.

On 2/22 we have the BPA Finals Competition- Four MS students are participating

- **Hermon Ghebreslassie** for Graphic Design Promotion
- **Vanessa Ngamau** for Entrepreneurship
- **Asvika Gobinathan** for Extemporaneous Speech
- **Caitlyn Oyombe** for Prepared Speech

8th graders will be taking their second Social Studies field test on 2/24 and a sample group of 8th graders will be participating in NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) on 2/23.

Upcoming Student Activities:

- JA Financial Park field trip 2/17 & 2/18
- MS Dance 2/18
- 6th field trip to see Freedom Riders at the Grand Opera House 3/1
- Parent Conferences are being held 3/10 & 3/11

HS Updates	HS	School Choice - HS	Recognitions - HS
	<p>College Acceptances for the Class of 2022 continue to roll in, and our students have been accepted to 34 different universities spanning 15 states from Florida, to New York, to Minnesota. We continue to await additional application decisions!</p> <p>As we continue toward the spring, we have finalized our 2022-23 Course Catalog and will become available soon for our rising students and admitted students.</p> <p>We are beginning course selection meetings with students over the next month, and our school counselor and work based learning coordinator will be meeting with each rising senior, and rising freshman, sophomores, and juniors will meet in the spring as well. We are excited to offer additional courses this year, including revamping our social studies course progression to include World History in the 10th grade. We are also adding several additional courses, including new AP classes: AP World History - Modern and AP African American Studies Pilot.</p>	<p>The school choice process is still continuing at the HS! We are looking forward to welcoming our largest class of 9th graders yet. We are also accepting applications for limited seats at the 10th grade level!</p> <p>Our first Fri-YAY event occurred this past Friday, February 11th. We will have additional Fri-YAY events on Friday, February 25th and Friday, February 4th.</p> <p>Fri-YAY events invite students currently attending outside middle schools to join us for a tour, shadowing, tie dye activity, lunch, and conversations with staff, students, and teachers. If you would like more information, please email hellohs@odyssey.k12.de.us</p> <p>We are also planning an exciting event for our current 8th graders who are planning or possibly attending OCHS to occur in March! Keep an eye out for this new event and information coming soon!</p> <p>We are also recruiting families who would potentially like to host a foreign exchange student in the fall! If you are interested, please email ashley.lipson@odyssey.k12.de.us</p>	<p>The HS would like to recognize the following accomplishments this month:</p> <p>We would like to congratulate our BPA Advisors, Ms. Jackie Brandt and Ms. Sani Chalima, along with their chapter members who did a phenomenal job at their recent competition!</p> <p>The following students competed with other BPA High School groups across the state in various Business Events and the following Odyssey students have placed in the top 3 of their events and will receive their awards at the live awards ceremony on Feb. 28th. We will also know the actual placement and have a more comprehensive list of winners after the BPA State Leadership Awards Ceremony being held on 2/28/2022.</p> <p>Our preliminary list of winners are:</p> <p>Aiman Ahmed Isabella Mendoza Nitya Patel Eesha Sagiraju Mitchell Smith Thomas Walder</p> <p>The following students made it to the SLC Live Finals being held on 2/22/22 where they will complete in the final round of their competitive events against 4 other Delaware High Schools. Wish them luck:</p>

			<p>Isabella Mendoza Eesha Sagiraju Arnav Taduvayi Nitya Patel</p> <p>HS Teacher Melissa Tracy recently won two additional separate grants. She was a recipient of the Delaware Pathways Mini-Grant and Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundations Award! Congratulations, Melissa!</p>
Update on school priorities	<p>Enrollment: Invitations and waitlist notifications for the 2022/2023 school year are being sent out. Invited applicants will have until March 18, 2022 to accept their invitations.</p>		
CIA	<p>Curriculum Grades K-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers are piloting units from Amplify - Reading curriculum 	<p>Instruction Grades K-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BenchMark data is being analyzed, Dr Thompson is working with K-2 	<p>Assessment</p> <p>National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th Grade NAEP

	<p>adoption decision will be made by the end of March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Instructional Resources relative to instructional needs are being identified for purchase. <p>Grades 6-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beginning to identify needs for SY 22-23 courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early stages of creating the instructional budget 	<p>classroom teachers to build capacity around differentiating for meeting diverse needs in a diverse setting. In addition, modeling strategies for addressing opportunity gaps evident in math and reading, per the recent benchmark assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ramping up RIME time intervention based on recent STAR data analysis. ● On 2/16/22 Lower school will welcome the State's Leading Early Literacy team and partner school (Jennie Smith Elem), as they conduct literacy walkthroughs and provide feedback, (2/16/22). ● On 2/17/2022 the State's Accelerating to Grade Level Math initiative Coach will visit Odyssey to develop a building-specific math coaching plan. Each school's academic dean, as well as selected math representatives, curriculum coordinators, and Greek Dean, will collaborate around the plan. ● Parental Academic Engagement Sessions: During the March 7-11 parent conferences, Dr Thompson will be running parental academic engagement sessions (lower school) to build parent capacity for driving student achievement in math and reading. Flyers will be sent home. <p>Grades 6-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completing gradebook audits for semester one 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Successfully tested 48 students on Thursday, January 27th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8th Grade NAEP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 50 students will be taking the NAEP assessment on Wednesday, February 23rd <p>DeSSA Social Studies Field Test (#2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All 8th grade students will be taking the assessment on Thursday, February 24th <p>STAR Testing, DIBELS and our new iReady Kindergarten Math Screener have been administered.</p> <p>SATs 2022 are now digital. Our SAT Coordinator, SSD Coordinator, and District Test Coordinator are working on the transition to ensure students are prepared this spring.</p>
--	---	--	---

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Analyzing formative and summative data from semester one for subpopulations to identify areas of need and targeted instruction● 1:1 Teacher Administration Monthly Check Ins | |
|--|--|---|--|

Whole School

- Restorative Practices training scheduled for March with LAIRP

<p>Financial Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State has completed their mid-year unit count processes and reconciliations are underway. The associate information from the State should be provided before the end of February to guide the Final Budget process. • The Food Services Department has been awarded a \$31k federal grant to procure a new steamer for the kitchen. • The generous \$40k capital donation has been received and recognized, bringing the total amount restricted for future capital projects to \$283k. • Outages related to COVID-19 are being analyzed to submit a reimbursement to the State to recoup some of the costs associated where applicable. • To-date, \$1.1mill of expenses have been coded to Federal funds out of the preliminary budgeted amount of \$1.96mill. • The projected year-end cash on hand is \$8.3million, of which \$6.8mill is unrestricted (not including State 2% contingency) and \$1.4mill is restricted for federal funds. 		
<p>Transportation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Charles Balback to the OCS Transportation Team. He 	<p>Transportation Monthly Dashboard:</p> <p>Transportation Website</p>	

	<p>passed his CDL test on Jan 28th and is now driving full time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 newly purchased OCS buses are up and running and supporting our fleet. Having spare, reliable buses is crucial to the success of our department. • Jan 2022 our fleet ran at 100% on time for all buses K-12. 		
<p>Student Services</p>	<p>ELL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCESS for ELLs testing will began February 1st and continues through March 18th in all four buildings. The ACCESS test entails delivering four English language tests (listening, speaking, reading and writing) to each of our 200 ELL students. Our goal is to complete testing efficiently while reducing disruption to instructional time for students and teachers, therefore flexibility to accommodate testing is appreciated during this time. A preliminary ACCESS testing schedule can be found here: Odyssey ACCESS Schedule 2022. Please contact Laura.Favatas@odyssey.k12 	<p>MTSS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with CIA to support MTSS and implementation of research based instruction • OT has started with K on on f Regulation strategies to help support Social Emotional Learning for our youngest and most struggling students 	<p>Special Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition fair for students with disabilities will be held March 24 2022, 5-8 at the chase center. Odyssey has helped to support charter school input at the New Castle County Transition Team Meetings • Indicator 13 Transition came back 100% Compliance • Working on budget and grants for next year how to continuing support the students with spec ed services • Spread the word to end the word March 2, 2022 each school is supporting in their own unique way • Rock your Socks March 21

	.de.us with any questions regarding ACCESS testing.		
--	---	--	--

IT	Upgrading BlackBoard Connect to BlackBoard Mass Notification, an easier and more robust version to help improve school communications.	Still waiting for 92 Chromebooks still on Backorder	
Facilities	<p>Athletic Field Scoreboard</p> <p>Athletic Field Electric Service</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>Admin Offices Renovation</p> <p>HVAC Systems</p>	<p>Foundation and steel has been erected. Pending delivery of scoreboard in March 2022.</p> <p>85% completed. All electrical panels and concrete foundation installed. Power to the scoreboard has been trenched from the electrical panel. Pending high voltage cutover on 2/21/22 @ 9AM while school is closed.</p> <p>All facilities employees are working (5 of 5) Custodial employees working (12 of 13) Interviews are being schooled for PT position</p> <p>Completed the division of the middle office in the admin suite. Working in the right office to divide in two.</p> <p>Hot Water Boilers (21 & 22) - .</p>	<p>Final installation pending delivery of scoreboard in late February 2022</p> <p>Moving forward as planned.</p> <p>Metal door frame received. Wooden door expected by the first of March 2022.</p> <p>Operating normally</p>

	<p>Help Desk Ticket Status</p> <p>AHERA Testing Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act</p> <p>Roof Leaks</p>	<p>Building 20 - 24 HVAC units.</p> <p>Building 21 - 19 Rooftop Units.</p> <p>Building 22 - 18 Rooftop Units -</p> <p>Building 23 - 16 Rooftop Units -</p> <p>Small Gym - 1 Rooftop Unit -</p> <p>13 tickets pending action</p> <p>Required six month surveillance inspection was completed on 2/7/22.</p> <p>Experiencing roof leaks in building 21 and 22.</p>	<p>Two units under repair</p> <p>Operating normally</p> <p>Operating normally</p> <p>One unit under repair</p> <p>Operating normally.</p> <p>All building binders have been updated</p> <p>Roofing contractor has been notified for repairs.</p>
<p>Food Service</p>	<p>Excited to announce that Our 2021 Equipment Grant Assistance application has been approved. We received \$31,000 to purchase a steamer for the kitchen.</p>		

Fundraising/Development

Efforts are now focused upon preparing our message for rolling out to our targeted sponsors.(Including our targets in the Philanthropic, Corporate, School and Greek Communities.)

Specific efforts include bringing on CRM software to help track and engage all OCS patrons.

We further plan to begin an initial Annual Campaign to kick off after the CRM system is up and functional. This campaign will target families and friends with collateral that allows selection of either a restricted Capital gift or a donation to an unrestricted operations fund.

OCS is now registered for the Do More 24 fundraiser, which is scheduled for March 3rd to March 4th. Do More 24 Delaware is a 24 hour day of giving designed to help nonprofits raise more money and engage new donors.

--	--	--	--

Human Resources	Talent Acquisition has begun for the 2022-23 school year. Staffing is being identified with each department and job postings are being activated. OCS is scheduled to participate in AREA Teacher Recruitment Fair; 3/26/2022, & is planning a fair on Campus, and working to identify other fairs that will assist in attracting qualified and talented individuals		

	<p>with a DE&I focus who will live out the OCS mission and vision.</p> <p>HR partnering with the Greek Dean to create recruiting opportunities/fair to attract qualified candidates.</p>		
Board Approvals	<p>What: 3rd Grade Field Trip Where: Longwood Gardens (Kennett Square, PA) When: April 1 & 4</p>		