



Odyssey Charter School

Nurturing a Lifelong Love of Learning

	Date: 04/27/2022
Meeting: April 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 Numbers, logistics, new updates,
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 UPDATES
Part 1: CAMPUS
Prevalence &
Mitigation

Positive Cases, Year to Date:

Lower School

- 193

Intermediated School

- 197

Middle School

- 173

High School

- 92

Campus Totals

- 655

Testing:

Delaware Public Health is partnering with Quidel to offer testing in Delaware Schools.

Building	Next Testing Dates
Lower	Tuesday, May 10, 2022
Intermed	Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Middle	Tuesday, May 24, 2022
High	Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Staff and Student Families are required to reach out to their building level RN for guidance when testing positive or someone within their home is positive.

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.

Vaccination is highly recommended to prevent the spread of COVID.

Students and Staff are continuing with the 10 day quarantine period. Isolation at home for the first 5 days. On day 6-10 they may return to campus and must wear masks at all times except when eating.

Close contacts are no longer notified unless they reside within the same household.

Since Return from Spring Break:

0 positive test results on campus testing with Quidel on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

COVID-19 home tests are still available to any student or staff member that has not yet received one and are available daily in all buildings main offices.

Delaware Update for Schools & Students

<https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/4242>

Odyssey Charter Dashboard SY 2021.2022

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ikDfNFHfc9qbHpXzul57jzpxCDDDB5VeIY4ey9t-FezQ/ed?usp=sharing> *This information remains current and is updated each Thursday. Weekly counts are from Thursday to the following Wednesday.*

State Testing Information:

<https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/>

Information to receive a vaccine:

<https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/vaccine/where-can-i-get-my-vaccine/>

Quidel Information:

<https://ir.quidel.com/news/news-release-detail/2021/State-of-Delaware-Selects-Quidel-for-COVID-19-Testing-Program-at-Schools/default.aspx>

Culture Focus

- OCS Family BBQ for new families and students will be May 12th. Planning is within the final stages.
- Chat and Chews have been successful with gaining staff insight
- Post surveys are being prepared for staff
- All cultural PLCs have been completed for the school year

Building Level Updates

Lower School:

We would like board approval for an out-of-state field trip for 2nd Grade to Plumpton Park Zoo in MD on May 6th.

We have scheduled our annual State-sponsored BeSmart Child Abuse Prevention Program for the beginning of May. Please check the parent communication for details.

We have sent out preliminary information about K Graduation on June 7th via parent communication.

We are hosting pasting bag recycling this week to celebrate Earth Week.

Intermediate School:

Plastic Film Collection Week

OCS K-12 Campus

April 26th-29th

Info [Click Here](#)

DeSSA Testing Grades 3-5

Testing Dates: May 3rd, 4th, 5th

- SBAC Math and Reading Grades 3-5
- Pearson Science 5th grade

- Pearson Social Studies 4th grade

May 3rd, 4th, 5th

5th Grade Band Concert
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 6:00-7:00 p.m.

[Click Here](#)

IS Field Day Grades 3-5

K-5 Field Day on May 20th with a rain
date of May 23rd

5th Grade Graduation

Monday, June 6, 2022

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Dickinson High School

Tickets: Max. 4 per student

Intermediate School Tours:

Grades 3,4,5

Start Date , Wednesdays starting

2-16-2022

No Tour on-3/2/22

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:

State testing will take place for grades 6-8 from May 10-12th, 2022.

**Business Professionals of America
Middle Level:**

Middle school Business Professionals of America (BPA) members attended the BPA/JP Morgan Chase Day on Thursday, April 14. The BPA members had an opportunity to tour the site, discuss careers, ask questions to senior leadership, network with other Delaware middle school members and presented their BPA project to leaders at JP Morgan Chase. They will be attending the BPA National Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas on May 4th-8th.

The members who took part in this fabulous experience were Parishna Datla, Asvika Gobinathan, Sahasra Mudunuri, and Subiksha Srinivasan Vidya. Their advisors, Mrs. Jackie Morrell-Short and Ms. Edina Buzgon are very proud of the team. Best wishes on the next step!

Upcoming Student Activities:

- MS Spring Fling on May 13th
- Field trip to the Philadelphia Art Museum on May 16th
- Book Club field trip to Dover on May 17th

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JA Finance Park Field Trip on May 20th 		
<p>HS Updates</p>	<p>HS</p> <p>College Acceptances for the Class of 2022 continue to roll in, and our students have been accepted to 50 different universities spanning 22 states from Florida, to Massachusetts, to Hawaii to Louisiana. Our students are busy making final decisions and committing to colleges!</p> <p>Rising 12th, 11th, and 9th grade students have completed their course selections, with rising 10th grade students completing theirs in the coming week.</p> <p>Prom is coming up soon, and tickets are on sale now! We would like to thank all of the generous Odyssey families who have donated to our Amazon wishlist and/or donated dresses, suits, and other formalwear to our newly established prom closet!</p> <p>Graduation plans are also in full swing, with Graduation taking place this year on Saturday, June 4th at 2:00pm at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington. Senior families can expect additional details next week!</p>	<p>School Choice - HS</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.</p> <p>Incoming students who are not currently attending OCS have been invited to attend a course placement and selection day on Saturday, May 14th.</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>Recognitions - HS</p> <p>The HS would like to recognize the following accomplishments this month:</p> <p>Congratulations to OCHS Teacher, Melissa Tracy for recently winning the Society of Women Environmental Professionals grant in the amount of \$3,300 to support the Girls Go Green club and initiative!</p> <p>We would like to congratulate our TSA Advisors, Ms. Sani Chalima and Ms. Jackie Brandt along with their chapter members who did a phenomenal job at their recent competition!</p> <p>The TSA award ceremony was held in April. Odyssey won a total of 14 awards in 6 different events. The awards are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Forensic Team: 3rd place: Isabella Mendoza, Anastasia Rigas · Prepared Presentation: 3rd place: Eesha Sagiraju · Promotional Design: 2nd place: Isabella Mendoza · Webmaster: 1st place: Dakshi Kaushik, Aastha Desai, Aiman Ahmed · Chapter Team: 2nd place: Samreen Ahmed, Dakshi Kaushik,

			<p>Nitya Patel, Eesha Sagiraju, Rishi Bhavsar, Isabella Mendoza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essays in Technology: 2nd place: Eesha Sagiraju <p>All of these students have been invited to attend the National Conference in Dallas, Texas on June 26-30.</p>
<p>Update on school priorities</p>	<p>Enrollment: We are in the process of registering our new students for the 2022/2023 school year. We are especially excited to have over 60 new students join our high school. Next year's 9th grade (class of 2026) looks to be our biggest high school class yet, with potentially more than 130 students for a 49.43% increase from the 2021/2022 school year.</p>		
<p>CIA</p>	<p>Curriculum</p> <p>Budgets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructional Resources related to instructional needs are being 	<p>Instruction</p> <p>Literacy and Parental Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95% of students in the Lower School participated in a Glow Party to celebrate their Word Walls. The goal of 	<p>Assessment</p> <p>SBAC Grades 3-8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families received a testing communication Tuesday morning regarding the schedule for state testing. Intermediate School

	<p>submitted within budget requests for SY 22-23.</p> <p>Scheduling & Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Leadership is working to fine-tune our academic schedules for SY 22-23. <p>Placement Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New incoming middle school and high school students will be offered dates throughout the summer to get acquainted with OCS and take placement assessments in ELA and mathematics. <p>Additional</p> <p>Teacher Appreciation Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIA team is working to help coordinate efforts for Teacher Appreciation Week which is being held May 2nd through May 6th. We will be highlighting some of our wonderful educators throughout the ENTIRE month of May on our social media; be sure to check it out! <p>Teacher of the Year</p>	<p>this initiative was to increase parents' awareness of ways in which they can collaborate with teachers in a quest to accelerate learning to read, which was substantially impacted by pandemic-driven shifts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration will continue to promote further students' vocabulary knowledge and usage. <p>Professional Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OCS staff participated in a training with LAIRP focusing on Positive Behavioral Systems during our In-service on March 28th. Additional staff received Restorative Practices Level 2 training by LAIRP on March 28th as well. 1:1 SEL Teacher and Administration Monthly Checks Ins continue 	<p>students are testing Tuesday May 3rd through Thursday May 5th. Middle School students will be testing the following week, Tuesday May 10th through Thursday May 12th. Additional testing information will be provided to students and families throughout the week.</p> <p>Pearson HS Biology, HS US History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High School students taking Biology and US History will be taking the Pearson assessment on Thursday May 12th. Students are being notified this week. <p>DeSSA Social Studies Field Test (#3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eighth grade students will take the third and final DeSSA Social Studies Field Test assessment on Thursday, May 19th. We anticipate to have one last successful experience with 100% participation. <p>SATs and PSATs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We successfully completed the SAT 11 for 11th graders on March 30th and PSATs for 9th and 10th graders on April 13th. <p>AP Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High School students enrolled in AP courses will be taking their AP exams Tuesday May 3rd through Thursday May 12th. Good luck to all students!
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● With student, faculty and community input, OCS had over 70 different educators be nominated for OCS 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year.● Applicants will be interviewed to determine division level awardees as well as for our whole school.		<p>Benchmark Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● During the third week of May, students will be completing their Spring Benchmark testing with their classes. <p>If anyone has any questions regarding testing, please reach out to Jackie.McCutchon@odyssey.k12.de.us</p>
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Financial Update

- Odyssey was awarded \$106k in ARP IDEA Grant funds (\$98k received in March). These funds will be utilized for additional special education staff leveraged this school year, additional related services (i.e., occupational therapy SEL services), as well as supporting purchases of reading and math resources for students identified with special education needs. The expiration of these funds is 11/30/2023.
- Final portion of the State Operation funds received.
- Annual Appeal and Athletics Golf Outing Fundraisers are underway.
- In addition to the 5 routes served for Red Clay School District, OCS Transportation has also supported RCCSD activity runs, resulting in an additional \$15k in revenue starting in April.
- Melissa Tracy and the Girls Grow Greens academic club recently were awarded \$3,300 from the Society of Women Environmental Professionals (SWEP)! In addition, Ms. Tracy secured funding from the Delaware Foundation for Science & Mathematics Education (DFSME) Seed Grant to support the Food Studies classes at OCS!
- To-date, \$1.35mill of expenses have been coded to Federal funds out of the final budgeted amount of \$1.75mill.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The projected year-end cash on hand is \$8.6million, of which \$6.9mill is unrestricted (not including State 2% contingency) and \$1.65mill is restricted for federal funds. 		
<p>Transportation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March of 2022 our fleet ran at 100% on time for all buses K-12, we are running the same for April. We ran 950 total routes in March. OCS did substitute out 9 routes to support our contractor in March, and has taken over 	<p>Transportation Monthly Dashboard: is on the website.</p>	
<p>Student Services</p>	<p>ELL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACCESS for ELLs 2021-22 testing is now complete! Score reports will be delivered in mid-May to share with families and teachers. The ELL department is now piloting the Lexia English program in grades K-6 through the end of the school year. Lexia English is an adaptive blended learning program that supports emergent bilingual students' English language acquisition through academic conversations. Directions for accessing the platform and program information were shared with parents and teachers of K-6 ELL students last week. 	<p>MTSS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on restructuring MTSS and what the cycles and support will look like for next year Summer Learning Leap- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who are struggling with reading and math will be identified based on data and how they have responded to interventions during the year Invitations will be out end of may beginning of June of students who qualify DATES and TIMES 7/12/22-8/4/22 	<p>Special Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parent Council for students with disabilities will have their second meeting which is now May 11 6pm-8pm. This will focus on Transition services for our secondary students Working on summer programming for our student eligible for summer services In the process of reviewing student scheduling based on need using the stetson model and collaborative model of teaching Working on the special education training for our

		<p>Building 22 Mon-Thurs 9:00-12:30 Breakfast and lunch included</p>	<p>staff next school year focused on the collaborative teaching model</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In the process of hiring 3 new special education teachers for the 2022-2023 school year
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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	In process of calculating cost for next year's Chromebook purchases.
Facilities	<p>Athletic Field Scoreboard</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>Admin Offices Renovation</p>	<p>Foundation and steel has been erected. Pending delivery of the scoreboard has been extended to the end of April 2022. Working with vendors to expedite delivery date</p> <p>All facilities employees are working (5 of 5) Custodial employees working (12 of 13). One employee on extended medical leave. Interviewing 13th PT position.</p> <p>All work completed except to paint one door frame white.</p> <p>Hot Water Boilers (21 & 22) - .</p>	<p>Scoreboard should arrive soon for installation.</p> <p>Interviewing for facilities assistant position due to pending retirement 6/30/22.</p> <p>95% Completed.</p> <p>Operating normally</p>

	<p>HVAC Systems</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>8 tickets pending action</p> <p>Help Desk Ticket Status</p> <p>Campus Concrete Sidewalks</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>8 tickets pending action</p> <p>Trip hazards around buildings 20, 21, 22 and 23 have been removed by the contractor.</p> <p>Experiencing roof leaks in building 21 and 22.</p>	<p>Operating normally</p> <p>Operating normally</p> <p>Operating normally</p> <p>Operating normally</p> <p>Operating normally.</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Leaks have been corrected. by contractor.</p>
Food Service			

**Fundraising/
Development**

Details of current Development and Fundraising Priorities are included in the Fundraising Committee's Report.

The Inaugural Annual Appeal has been sent out by email to all families of the Odyssey Charter School. We have had a good initial response to our appeal including a number of monthly pledges. We have worked out an initial interface between the school's PayPal system and our new CRM system. We have established templates for Annual Appeal thank you letters, and the 1st batch of letters have gone out.

Once donations level off - we plan a second solicitation to focus on those not yet contributing.

A Quarterly Development Newsletter will soon be kicked off featuring Development news, supporting our fundraising activities, and updating our community on the status of our Annual Appeal campaign.

Work is underway to create and execute a Corporate Sponsorship Appeal. This is planned as a mailed with email follow up appeal to offer 40 targeted corporate entities sponsorship opportunities. We will offer sponsorship for Golf Outing, Color Run, Bricks, and other sponsorships to include Score Board Logo Sponsor, Bleacher ads, School Activities fund, as well as other current projects (i.e., New Playground Equipment).

	<p>Going forward we will invest time in the <u>CRM setup and integration</u>.</p>		
<p>Human Resources</p>	<p>2022-2023 recruiting is in full-swing. Open job postings are active and interviews are currently being held or scheduled.</p> <p>CBA contracts and Non-CBA letters of intent to renew for FY23 are set to be issued by no later than the third Friday of May.</p> <p>Online reference manual for use in recruiting and onboarding US and Non-US candidates will be finalized by 4/29/2022.</p> <p>Three bi-weekly chat-n-chews with new hires, seasoned staff, Hos, HR Mgr and Culture Coordinator have been held thus far. Key take-aways: Staff is appreciative of the opportunity to openly share feedback. Administration has a pulse on staff concerns as well as areas of praise. Efficiencies in several areas of concern have already been addressed/improved or are actively being addressed in mid- and long-term planning for the FY23 school year.</p>		

Board Approvals	<p>What: HS Dorney Park Trip Who: HS Chaperones, HS Students Where: Dorney Park, PA When: May 20th, 2022</p> <p>What: TSA (Technology Student Association) National Competition Who: Chapter Advisor, HS Students Where: Dallas, Texas When: June 26-30, 2022</p> <p>What: 2nd Grade Field Trip Who: LS Chaperones, LS Students Where: Rising Sun, MD When: May 6th, 2022</p>		
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