



Odyssey Charter School

Nurturing a Lifelong Love of Learning

	Date: 03/16/2022
Meeting: March 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

- 185

Intermediated School

- 180

Middle School

- 172

High School

- 89

Campus Totals

- 626

Testing:

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

Building	Next Testing Dates
Lower	Tuesday, April 5
Intermed	Tuesday, March 12
Middle	Tuesday, March 22
High	Tuesday, March 29

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.

Test to Stay: Delaware Public Health has closed Test to Stay at this time.

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.

Plan for Spring Break:

Odyssey had applied to DPH to obtain one free take home test for every student and staff member. Ideally these tests would be given out on the last day on campus before Spring break. Students and staff would use their test at home prior to return to campus.

Most recent Governor Carney Executive Order
<https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/newsroom/>

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/1ikDfNFHfc9qbHpXzul57jzpxCDDb5VeIY4ey9t-FezQ/edit?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>

OCS Student Guidance:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/112z41njHLG1k8m18nhijNQvWe3GFwIn/view>

Culture Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greek Heritage Night at the Sixers game has sold over 225 tickets!!!!• OCS Family BBQ is in the planning stages• Chat and Chews are off to a great start• Assisting the 3rd EPP cohort with planning the LGBTQ+ workshop• Collaborating with the transportation department to plan an appreciation BBQ for them		
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Building Level Updates

Lower School:

Parent-teacher conferences were a great success. Thank you to all who attended in person and on zoom.

Our SEL program has launched in the K-2 building and we are planning to hit the ground running next year with a program that builds empathy, supports positive peer interactions, and reinforces strong behavioral expectations.

We are planning for the Greek Independence Day celebrations with the Greek Department. We look forward to high attendance at the Greek Independence Day Parade in downtown Philadelphia on March 20th. We will also be sending out a schedule of events and inviting parents to campus to witness our own Greek Independence Day Parade at the lower school.

Building tours are still occurring every Tuesday and we are enjoying showing our prospective Odyssey Owl Families.

We have scheduled our annual State-sponsored BeSmart Child Abuse Prevention Program for the beginning of April.

Intermediate School:

Grades 3-5 Greek and English Conferences

Teacher/Parent Conferences had a large number of parents/guardians who attended!

5th Grade Biztown Economics' Field Trip
3-29/22 & 3/30/22

Reading Under the Stars

Thursday, 4-7-2022

4:30-6:30 p.m. in the IS/MS Courtyard

Grades 3-5

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:

Out of State Field Trip Approval:

- **BPA Nationals in Texas in May**
- **Philadelphia Museum of Art in May for Art Classes**

Business Professionals of America Middle Level:

The middle school Business Professionals of America Club advisors, Ms. Buzgon and Mrs. Short are pleased to announce that the following students who competed in the Presentation Management event will be going on to the National Competition.

- Parishna Dalta
- Asvika Gobinathan
- Sahasra Mudunuri
- Subiksha Vidya Srinivasan.

Additionally, these students along with the advisors have been invited to attend the Digital Design Day at JP Morgan Chase on April 14th.

The events of the day include site tours, career Q&A with JPMC Leadership, Pizza Party, and the opportunity to present or

	<p>demonstrate their award-winning abilities to subject matter experts in business, operation and technology at JP Morgan Chase in preparation for the upcoming National Conference.</p> <p>The student presentations will be broadcast over Zoom, allowing the JP Morgan/Chase staff outside of Delaware to watch the presentation, evaluate their performance and provide feedback to the advisors for the team. The feedback will be sent to advisors to be shared with the team.</p> <p>This wonderful invitation gives the team a valuable opportunity to practice their presentation for Nationals.</p> <p>Upcoming Student Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Current 8th grade students went to the high school on 3/14 & 3/15 to select their courses for the following year and shared their excitement to be part of OCHS.● The Honors Academy informational meeting will be held on 3/21 in the high school.● 7th grade field trip to National Constitution Center 3/24		
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<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 40 different universities spanning 20 states from Florida, to New York, to California to Louisiana. We continue to await additional application decisions!</p> <p>As we continue toward the spring, we have finalized our 2022-23 Course Catalog and made it available for our students and families.</p> <p>Course Selection for the rising seniors in our Class of 2023 was completed and rising Sophomores and Juniors will complete theirs in April.</p> <p>We'd also like to shout out the following students who recently competed in the Entrepreneurship course and presented on the customer service aspects of the Apple Battery Life controversy.</p> <p>The following seniors and 1 junior were presenting, and their teams:</p> <p><u>Team 1</u> Aryan Bhavsar Jason Kamau Ian Lester Aaron Munene</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. We are also accepting applications for limited seats at the 10th grade level!</p> <p>We concluded our 4th and final Fri-YAY event today, Wednesday, 3/16! These Fri-YAY events provided valuable opportunities for students currently attending outside middle schools to join us and learn more about the OCHS Experience.</p> <p>Rising 9th graders who are current OCS students planning or possibly attending OCHS in the fall came over to the High School on Monday and Tuesday of this week for Course Selection and to learn more about our CTE pathways. These same future OCHS Class of 2026 students will join the HS students in a pep rally tomorrow!</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>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 have accepted the invitation to compete at the national level in Dallas, TX on May 4-8th against other high school students from across the country.</p> <p><u>Individual Event Winners:</u> Aiman Ahmed - Basic Office Systems and Procedures Rishi Bhavsar - Digital Communication & Design Concepts Isabella Mendoza - Presentation management Individual Nitya Patel - Payroll Accounting Arnav Taduvayi - Digital Communication & Design Concepts Eesha Sagiraju - Prepared Speech, Business Management Concepts, Medical Terminology Concepts Reuben Busich- White - Payroll Accounting</p> <p><u>Team Event Winners:</u> Small Business Management Team - 1st Place</p>

	<p><u>Team 2</u> Noah Brietzke Amalia Castillo Jennifer Choi Noelle Jackson-Northrup</p> <p><u>Team 3</u> Ryan Logullo Mitchell Smith Jordan Wright Julie Yost</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Arnav Taduvayi & Nitya Patel <p>Small Business Management Team - 2nd Place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Eesha Sagiraju & Isabella Mendoza <p>DE BPA State Officer - Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Eesha Sagiraju <p>Congratulations to all our wonderful students and best of luck at Nationals in May!!</p>
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<p>Update on school priorities</p>	<p>Enrollment: Invitations and waitlist notifications for the 2022/2023 school year were sent out in February. Invited applicants from the initial round have until March 18, 2022 to accept their invitations!!!!</p> <p>Waitlisted families have begun to be offered seats this week.</p>		
<p>CIA</p>	<p>Curriculum</p> <p>Grades K-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teachers are piloting units from Amplify - Reading curriculum adoption decision will be made by the end of March. ● Instructional Resources relative to instructional needs are being identified for purchase. <p>Grades 6-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identifying needs for SY 22-23 courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early stages of creating the instructional budget 	<p>Instruction</p> <p>Grades K-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BenchMark data is being analyzed, Dr Thompson is working with K-2 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. ● Ramping up RIME time intervention based on recent STAR data analysis. 	<p>Assessment</p> <p>DeSSA Social Studies Field Test (#2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 100% of our 8th grade students successfully completed the DeSSA Social Studies Field test on Thursday, February 24th. The students will take the third and final assessment on Thursday, May 19th. <p>SBAC Grades 3-8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scheduling for SBAC is underway. Final schedules will be pushed out and shared with staff by the end of March. The community will also

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 third marking period to make sure they are aligned with our grading policy ● Analyzing formative and summative data from semester one for subpopulations to identify areas of need and targeted instruction <p>Whole School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Restorative Practices Level 2 training scheduled for March 28 with LAIRP 	<p>receive a schedule in the parent communication prior to spring break. All testing will take place during the first two weeks of May.</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 this May. Students will be notified if they are testing after spring break. Testing will take place the third week of May. <p>SATs and PSATs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The SAT 11 will take place on Wednesday, March 30th. Our 9th, 10th, and 12th graders will be asynchronous on that day. ● The PSAT will take place on Wednesday, April 13th for 9th and 10th grade. Our 11th and 12th graders will be asynchronous on that day. <p>If anyone has any questions regarding testing, please reach out to Juliana.Sheehan@odyssey.k12.de.us</p>
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Financial Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Transportation Department has been awarded a \$26k federal grant to assist driver retention. ● Final portion of the CSD Settlement funds received in Local District Transfers. ● Annual Appeal and Athletics Golf Outing Fundraisers are underway. ● Adjustments in volume variable programming explained in the Final Budget process. ● To-date, \$1.2mill 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 \$8.4million, of which \$6.9mill is unrestricted (not including State 2% contingency) and \$1.5mill is restricted for federal funds. 		
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Feb 2022 our fleet ran at 99.996% on time for all buses K-12. ● We ran 900 total routes and only 3 buses were more than 10 minutes late. 	Transportation Monthly Dashboard: is on the website.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The latest bus was a First Student bus that ran 22 minutes late, 1 time all month. OCS did fill in when needed to support our contractor, 5 times in Feb. • Preparing for the 22/23 school year; bus purchase, updated routes (including activity runs) start and end times, etc. Are all being reviewed now so we can communicate to parents as early as possible. 		
Student Services	<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 • We are beginning on the Summer Learning Leap. Will identify student who will need support in areas of needs based on data for the Learning Leap 	<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 • Raised \$452 for the delaware down syndrome association the OCS community will wear mismatched sock march 21 (down syndrome day) • The Parent Council for students with disabilities will have their second meeting April 27 6pm-8pm. This will focus

			<p>on Transition services for out secondary students and led by out high school ED Jessica Inskeep.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working on summer programming for our student eligible for summer services ● Begin reviewing student scheduling based on need using the stetson model and collaborative model of teaching
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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	
Facilities	<p>Athletic Field Scoreboard</p> <p>Athletic Field Electric Service</p> <p>Staffing</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 electrical panels are energized and ready for operation. Panel doors are locked for safety.</p> <p>All facilities employees are working (5 of 5)</p>	<p>Final installation pending delivery of scoreboard by facilities team</p> <p>100% Completed.</p>

	<p>Admin Offices Renovation</p> <p>HVAC Systems</p> <p>Help Desk Ticket Status</p> <p>Campus Concrete Sidewalks</p> <p>Roof Leaks</p>	<p>Custodial employees working (12 of 13). One employee on extended medical leave. Interviewing 13th PT position.</p> <p>Phase II office renovation is 75% complete with wall and door/frame installed. Ready for spackling and painting. Electrician scheduled for Thursday.</p> <p>Hot Water Boilers (21 & 22) - .</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>11 tickets pending action</p> <p>Evaluating cost to repair trip hazards.</p> <p>Experiencing roof leaks in building 21 and 22.</p>	<p>Project moving along well</p> <p>Operating normally</p> <p>Operating normally</p> <p>One unit being serviced (RTU 19)</p> <p>Operating normally</p> <p>Operating normally</p> <p>Operating normally.</p> <p>Vendor providing quote.</p> <p>Roofing contractor has been notified for repairs. Also getting preliminary estimates on replacing roofs on building 21 and 22.</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>OCS will be at the AREA Teacher Recruitment Fair; 3/26/2022</p> <p>Planning a recruiting fair on Campus for April.</p> <p>Partnering with Dr. Lekkakou to create and identify recruiting opportunities/fair to attract qualified candidates.</p> <p>Actively working on H-1B & Green Cards for several Greek Staff Members.</p> <p>Completed School-wide Sexual Harassment training to maintain compliance under Title IX.</p> <p>Partnering with Curriculum Coordinator to host New Hire/Seasoned Staff bi-weekly "Chat and Chews" to learn what is working and where efficiencies can be improved.</p> <p>Developing online SOPs/PDs for various HR areas including Paid Parental Leave, Benefit Qualifying Events, New Employee</p>		

	<p>Orientation, Onboarding Documentation, J1 Visa Holder Procedures, License and Certification/Verification of Employment Process to be placed on HR website page for easy access.</p> <p>Handbook update for 2022-2023 School Year.</p>		
Board Approvals	<p>What: BPA Nationals Who: BPA Qualifiers from MS and HS, Edina Buzgon, Jackie Brandt Where: Dallas, Texas When: May 4th-8th, 2022</p> <p>Draft Calendar for SY 22-23</p>		