



	Date: 12/14/2022
Meeting: December 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	parent advisory council, walkthrough feedback and action steps
School Site Goal #2	Grant writing and updates
School Site Goal #3	End of the semester events
School Site Goal #4	Culture Focus: Survey results and next steps


<p><b>Goal 1:</b></p> <p><b>Parent Advisory Councils</b></p> <p><b>Walkthrough Feedback</b></p>	<p><u>Parent:</u> meeting scheduled for 12/13. We are looking to plan another open house, this time so invited families from the lottery can visit the school and get to know about the culture and programs. Initial plans are for the end of January 2023.</p> <p>The school is using walkthroughs to progress monitor major initiatives both in culture and in academics, specifically because culture of the classroom drives academic success.</p>	<p>In our first walkthroughs , we observed the use of community charters in classrooms and behavioral management systems we are utilizing. Overall, one trend is that there has been a significant shift to the use of visible and consistent behavioral management systems like classroom charters, with over 75% of classes observed utilizing them with sampling size of 68 classrooms.</p>	<p>Academically the school is implementing systems that promote literacy in all grade levels and across all disciplines. We have adopted the mantra that “we all teach literacy”. Research indicates that when students are provided with consistent structures that promote mastery in reading, writing, and comprehension, students are able to become better critical thinkers and problem solvers. In reading, based on the testing data, we have identified target 2 (key ideas) as the area of focus in addition to analysis within and across texts, hence the need to promote cross curricular collaboration with respect to literacy. We are also promoting writing in all subjects as it is a more holistic approach to improving literacy.</p>
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<p><b>Building Level Updates</b></p>	<p><b>Overall Events Updates</b></p> <p><b>Lower School:</b></p> <p>The lower school is celebrating the joy of winter and connecting it to learning.</p> <p>We had a great visit to the PTO holiday shop.</p> <p>Our winter concerts will be hosted in the Blue Box theater for the first time.</p> <p>Greek classes will be using celebrations of diversity as a basis for teaching literacy through project-based learning.</p> <p>All homerooms will be recognizing the diverse Winter traditions represented in our classrooms before we leave for break.</p> <p>Please reach out to Dr. Davis or the front office if you would like to donate an artifact to our entrance display that represents a winter tradition in your family!</p> <p>Remember that 12/21 is a half day and that dismissal times have been updated in the parent communication.</p> <p>Green team interest surveys will be sent out as soon as we return from the break.</p>	<p><b>After school clubs:</b> We are excited to announce the initiation of the Walking &amp; Running Club! The Green Team will also be up and running soon. Be on the lookout for an after-school coding club as well!</p> <p><b>Intermediate School:</b></p> <p><b><u>IS Winter Sing-a-long</u></b></p> <p>School wide event for students in grades 3-5 and staff in front of the school on 12-20-22 from 2-2:45 p.m. students will sing holiday songs in the English and Greek languages. Dress warmly</p> <p>This year will bring many exciting changes to Odyssey as a whole and to the Intermediate school - we are offering activities for students to participate in outside of their regular academic schedules as well as during the school day.</p> <p>The Bank at School program has really supported financial literacy for our students with over ten students weekly making deposits with the banker at school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12/5/22 Dress Code</li> <li>● Month of November 2022 referrals</li> <li>● Increase student safety-Zone recess</li> <li>● Bank at School</li> <li>● 5th grade AAA Safety Patrol- 20 students participating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New Early dismissal time this year for students will end at 2:45 p.m. at the Intermediate School. This has increased the number of students in school for their entire school day.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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<p><b>HS Updates</b></p>	<p><b>HS</b></p> <p>Our high school students are working hard and recently completed their second interim. Midterms will be held in mid-January, with all students on a ½ day schedule for the 17th-19th of January.</p> <p>College acceptances have already begun to come in as well, including 35+ total acceptances to Penn State University - Main Campus, Temple, University of Delaware, Drexel, Michigan Tech, Neumann, and Delaware State University!</p> <p>Our Seniors have <u>already</u> reported half a million dollars in merit aid!</p> <p>We are also gearing up for our upcoming Snow Ball - Friday, January 20th! Tickets are \$35 when purchased between 12/14-12/16, and \$40 when purchased 12/19-12/20. This is a semi-formal dance with dinner included and will be held at the Claymont Ballroom! Details and guest forms were added to Schoology on Monday 12/5. This is the final semi-formal dance for our 9th and 10th grade students this year, as our Prom is for Juniors and Seniors!</p>	<p><b>School Choice - HS</b></p> <p>Our choice window remains open, and students can apply to join us at OCHS on SchoolChoiceDE.org! We will host admitted students for visit days beginning in February and also will launch our second cohort of the OHA Honors Academy in February as well! We are excited to continue to grow the high school!</p>	<p><b>Recognitions - HS</b></p> <p>The HS would like to recognize the following accomplishments this month:</p> <p>Congratulations to the following Seniors in the Class of 2023 who were added to our reported College/University Acceptances this month!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Celine Lourdemaria</li> <li>- Jamila Mohammed</li> <li>- Sarah Opalach</li> <li>- Rishi Patel</li> <li>- Jack Roberts</li> </ul> <p>We would also like to recognize Talha Ghumman at this time for his volunteer service. Talha has volunteered weekly at the High School Hydroponic Lab this year, enabling our lab to donate thousands of pounds of fresh produce and engage our school with our community. Thank you for your service, Talha, and congratulations!</p>
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<p><b>We hear you!</b></p> <p><b>Responses to Parent Feedback</b></p>	<p>We are working on updating the paving in the traffic lane between middle and intermediate school. We hope to have repairs completed shortly.</p>	<p>We have created seasonal events calendars to supplement the Weekly communications so families across schools are aware of the exciting happenings across our schools!</p>	
<p><b>CIA</b></p>	<p><b><u>Curriculum</u></b></p> <p><b>Amplify</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On December 5th, Amplify representatives visited and completed walk-throughs with our CIA team to ensure the curriculum is being used effectively and address questions and/or concerns that we may have about implementation and materials. Feedback was provided to all teachers at a faculty meeting. A professional development session is being planned for January 3 focusing on enhancing planning and practices. Teachers will be able to deepen</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Instruction</u></b></p> <p><b>Coaching</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The CIA team is continuing to work with teachers in different capacities. Coaching includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Observations</li> <li>○ Planning</li> <li>○ Classroom Management</li> <li>○ Assessments</li> <li>○ Best Practices</li> <li>○ Additional Supports</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Professional Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Odyssey Charter School is hosting the Delaware Charter Network Conference on January 13, 2023. We will be welcoming</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Assessment</u></b></p> <p><b>District Testing Administrator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● DeSSA SS Through-Year Assessments are complete for grades 4, 6, and 8. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Summary Results</a></li> <li>○ Field Test - 4th&amp;6th</li> <li>○ Operational - 8th</li> <li>○ Interested to see a comparison with the state data, will include once available.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <a href="#">Fall STAR Summary Data</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">PSAT Data</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ October 12th administration results</li> <li>○ PSAT/NMSQT &amp; PSAT8/9</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>their ability to scaffold complex texts, prioritize questions, and use discussion techniques.</p> <p><b>HB 198</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Juliana Sheehan met with representatives from UDLib at UDel to plan professional development for our teachers on how to use their different online resources for research. This supports our <a href="#">HB 198</a> implementation. If you have any questions about where we are, what we are working on, and where we are going, feel free to email Juliana Sheehan at <a href="mailto:juliana.sheehan@odyssey.k12.de.us">juliana.sheehan@odyssey.k12.de.us</a></li> </ul>	<p>four other charter school's to our campus for a day to share in connections, collaborations and best practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In PLC's, the CIA team has shared assessment analysis cycles with academic staff to let formative and summative data inform student understanding and next steps for all students. Assessment analysis will take place in January.</li> <li>Additionally, we have emphasized the importance of literacy in all classrooms, across the entire campus. All classes in grades 6-12 are implementing a writing strategy called RAFT prior to winter break.</li> </ul> <p><b>Walkthroughs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Academic Leadership Team is on their third round of building walkthroughs. The focus of this set is on literacy across all content areas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comparison of Subgroup Data 2021 v 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">SAT</a></li> <li><a href="#">Smarter</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>Starting to look at Winter benchmarks for January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STAR</li> <li>Dibels</li> <li>Aimsweb</li> <li>ICA &amp; IAB for Smarter preparation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<p><b>Financial Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recipient of \$100k State of DE funding to support Safety and Security initiatives.</li> <li>• Enhanced MCI from State of DE for \$213k available for capital project needs. School will finalize the application prior to the 1/1/23 deadline.</li> <li>• Conducted an interview with the awarded contractor of the State of DE to evaluate the funding system for all education in the State of DE (AIR).</li> <li>• Viable financing options for upcoming capital project items in the exploration process. Local banks and CFDI firms are providing options that align with the School's current debt timeline.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Transportation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November we ran 99.998% on time for all OCS routes. We ran 928 routes in October. 6-12 Routes ran 100% on time in November.</li> <li>• If you know someone who wants to drive a bus or has a CDL please have them call our office.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Transportation Monthly Dashboard: November is on the website.</b></p>	
<p><b>Student Services</b></p>	<p><b>ELL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ELL department led PLCs for teachers and specialists in every grade level, across all four schools, the week of 12/5. The PLC sessions were focused on sharing characteristics of our Multilingual Learner (ML) population at Odyssey,</li> </ul>	<p><b>MTSS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kindergarten continues to be supported with tier 1 supports for Social emotional learning in terms of sensory and spatial awareness from our OT in collaboration with homeroom teachers to support building capacity to support students within the classroom</li> </ul>	<p><b>Special Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6th grade special education working with U of D to implement research on intervention best practices with students who need more direct intervention. Requests for participation in</li> </ul>

	<p>guiding principles for ML instruction, challenges students may face in the classroom and research-based best practices to effectively address them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The LS and IS are both in their first 8 week cycle for MTSS, instructional materials are aligned to areas of need based on the beginning of the year screenings, with progress monitoring taking place on a bi-weekly basis.</li><li>● Addition of a new K-3 reading Reviewing our MTSS structure to better support students to remain in school through classroom management, and restorative practices as title 14 outlines in support of decreased out of school suspension.</li><li>● Student Advisors are meeting with staff this week to review the newly revised code of conduct, ensuring that all staff have access and understanding of the changes.</li></ul>	<p>study will be going home for specific identified students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Working on implementing small group reading group for students with disabilities with greater reading needs in decoding</li><li>● Welcoming new staff to High school and Middle School <b>Math spec ed-</b> Mr. Brady Smith <b>Science special education-</b> Ms. Debra Weik <b>Middle School paraeducator-</b> Kim Fredrico</li><li>● Family of students with disabilities of transition age 14-21 years old Supported by the New Castle County Transition Team (Place TBD)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 1/13/22 Benefits and Social Security for students with disabilities</li><li>○ 2/2/22 College night for students with disabilities</li><li>○ 3/22 (TBD Transition Fair</li><li>○ 4/20/22- Alternative to Guardianship</li><li>○ 5/18/2022- Special needs healthcare for students with disabilities</li></ul></li></ul>
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<p><b>IT</b></p>	<p>Expanding the new digital signage system throughout campus by adding another 10 locations throughout the campus.</p> <p>Completed the copier lease renewals for the school and have successfully moved everyone onto the new Xerox copier platform.</p> <p>Replaced the poster Printer with a new HP Designjet that can also scan large format documents, so we can now copy blue prints or posters.</p>	<p>We also plan on installing 4 outdoor access points around BM26 to provide WIFI access around the building and playground. Pending Lift rental</p> <p>received a donation of 166 user WIFI access points from Laurel School District.</p>	
<p><b>Facilities</b></p>	<p>Jon Stewart - Great to be back to work. Thank you everyone for your support and well wishes.</p> <p>Heating season is now here. Making sure we have all hot water boilers (3) in tip top shape (21, 22, 26). Buildings 20 (heat pumps) and building 23 (natural gas).</p> <p>Exterior doors - Building 20 and 26</p> <p>Flag Poles - Building 23</p> <p>Staff</p> <p>Parking Lot Lights</p>	<p>Adjusting thermostats and temp sensors on computer program (Continuum).</p> <p>Getting quotes on replacing worn out exterior doors.</p> <p>Facilities staff handling concrete foundation installation and pole installation. In progress</p> <p>All custodial staff (14) and facilities staff (5) are working.</p> <p>Continuing maintenance on lighting issues. Bad underground electric cables, etc. will be replaced or an aerial line ran due to damaged conduit.</p>	

<b>Food Service</b>	<p>Thank you to all the families that have filled out a meal benefit form. If you have not done so, please fill one out as soon as possible and submit it to us for processing. The forms can be found on our website under the food service tab. Forward all completed applications to Kim Wolanski. Also, please note that a new form is required every year. Forms DO NOT carry over from year to year. Also, any balances that your child had pre-Covid is still owed to the school. You can check the account online at <a href="http://myschoolaccount.com">myschoolaccount.com</a>. Money in parenthesis is a negative balance. Any questions please do not hesitate contact me - <a href="mailto:kim.wolanski@odyssey.k12.de.us">kim.wolanski@odyssey.k12.de.us</a></p>		
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**Fundraising/  
Development**

- OCS Annual Appeal update – the Annual Appeal copy has been created. The Campaign would be supported with a corresponding Social Media Campaign.
- We have begun solicitation on our Targeted Health Fair Partners; using partners appeal content created for this engagement. We should be in a position to share our initial partners with next month's report.
- Since our last report our Marketing and Social Media efforts have netted the school an additional forty-five (45) new families who now follow our content. We now boast a total of two thousand two hundred and eighty-seven followers. (2,287) Also, we now have over 300 Linked In followers.
- Our recent Giving Tuesday Campaign netted a seven-hundred-dollar gift (\$700.00) with a pending corporate match for a fourteen-hundred-dollar total (\$1,400.00).

<b>Human Resources</b>	Odyssey Recruiting Event: Tentatively set for 3/28/2022. Planning to begin next month.		
<b>Board Approvals</b>	Out of State Trips for Board Approval:  Ms. Bonéy is seeking board approval for The School Climate and Culture Forum in Atlanta from June 22-25, 2023. The purpose of attending the conference is to bring back useful information to staff regarding at-risk students, school climate and culture, and trauma-informed schools		

<b>Safety and Security</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Finalizing a structure for our safety representative.  Handed out OCS car tags to everyone who drives on campus, if you need one please see your building level front office.</li><li>2. ALICE Training scheduled for, Jan 3rd 2023, final ALICE training for all OCS employees.</li></ol>		
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