

Odyssey Charter Jr/Sr High School

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“ Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”

-Harriet Tubman



Substitutes Needed

We need a few strong, positive, and committed individuals who want to make an impact on our Titan daily academic goals. Do you know a dedicated person who will have the student’s best interests in mind and a desire to work with our students and teachers? If so, have the possible candidate reach out to 321-345-4117 or email mosqueraa@odysseycharterschool.com. Training is provided.

Winter Guard

Congratulations to the Winter Guard for their Superior performance which is the highest rating possible at the MPA District 10 Solo & Ensemble Competition. This qualifies them for competition at the state-level MPA.

Special thanks to Mrs. Kevlin, Director of Bands, Mrs. Zeldes, Winter Guard Coach, and all the teachers, parents, and students who helped make this program successful.

Guard members include the following students: Susana Areyan, Athena Marion, Elysia Williams, Eveane Teixeira, Hannah Fuentes, Kelcey-Ann Francois, Jevon Francis, Andy McNeal, Caitlynn Pierre, Caylie Pace-Cook, Gilliany Valerio, Megan Gill, Stephania Alvarez Vargas, Jade Magras, and Taris Sanchez Vargas.



Florida American Legion Eastern Area Oratorical Competition

Congratulations to 11th-grader, Nicholas Welsh, who came in second place in the Florida American Legion Eastern Area Oratorical Competition on Saturday, February 11, 2023. There are six areas in the Florida American Legion, making Nicholas one of the top high school orators in the state.

Way to show your Titan pride, Nicholas!

In the photo: Laurel Ross, Eastern Area Oratorical Competition Chair and Commander of American Legion Post 43; Dennis Mallon, Florida American Legion Eastern Area Commander; Nicholas Welsh, Odyssey Charter School 11th-grade student.

Wellness Policy

Odyssey Charter Jr./Sr. High emphasizes a school-wide mission focused on helping each child reach their full potential. The goal is to promote, protect, and improve the health and well-being of the members of our community. We encourage our students, families, and staff to maintain life-long healthy eating habits and physical activity. Please be mindful of this policy when bringing food on campus.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Presidents' Day

Monday, Feb. 20, 2023

No School for Students / Faculty Work Day



World Culture Fest

Wednesday, Feb. 22

from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm in the Gym

Proud Titans celebrate all the different heritages at Odyssey Charter Jr/Sr High School and will hold a World Cultures Fest in the Gym. This is similar to a college fair, or a steam expo, but with cultures, and informative booths about different nationalities or ethnicities will be displayed. Students will work together to create a tri-fold posterboard about various significant aspects of their culture. They will include details about currency, fashion, ethnic food, clothing, history, music, flags, current events, spoken languages, and famous attractions or people from the region. Presenters will be allowed to wear clothes for the culture they represent. Students will visit the Gym during their Social Studies classes on Wednesday to view these informational booths.



Navy Recruiters

Thursday, Feb. 23

from 1:25 pm - 2:05 pm in the café

Navy recruiters will be available to speak with our 11th and 12th-grade students. Thank you Mr. Guevara for coordinating this event.



Dress Down Day

Friday, Feb. 24



High School Talent Show Auditions

Friday, Feb. 24

from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm in the Gym

Performances should be less than 5 minutes. Please follow the dress code and be appropriate for school. Thank you to Ms. Alyssa Bernier, Ms. Amanda Encarnacion, and Ms. Melinda Griffith for judging.



Finish Friday

Friday, Feb. 24 from 2:50 pm-4:00 pm



Success Saturday

Saturday, Feb. 25

from 9:00 am - 11:30 am



Road Cleanup

Saturday, Feb. 25

from 8:00 am - 10:00 am

in front of Odyssey Charter Jr/Sr

The Interact Club, led by Mr. Rebman and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Palm Bay, gives students the opportunity to participate in meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills.

The Interact Club and the Rotary Club of Palm Bay have joined forces to coordinate a community cleanup in front of Odyssey Charter School on Saturday, February 25th. Over fifty students have volunteered and will be provided with all the resources needed such as grabbers, buckets, vests, gloves, and trash bags. These two service organizations intend to do this on a quarterly basis. They hope to encourage other organizations, businesses, and neighborhoods to hold their own neighborhood cleanups to help keep Palm Bay beautiful.



A LOOK AHEAD



Middle School Talent Show Auditions

Friday, March 3

from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm in the Gym

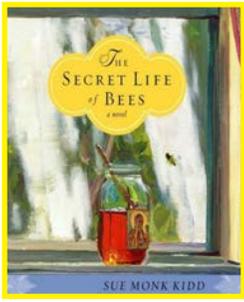


The Talent Show

Friday, March 23

from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm in the Gym





Student Literacy Project

Based on *The Secret Life of Bees*, by Sue Monk Kidd

Ms. Widmer's students made sculptures to represent characters in the novel that they are currently reading, *The Secret Life of Bees*.

Ms. Widmer is very proud of her students' efforts and interpretations and appreciates all the teachers who came to judge the projects.



The winners in each class are as follows:

4th period: 1st place: Kalea Fulmore and Melissa Mayfield (42); 2nd place: Gilliany Valerio and Jermaine Sistrunk (43); and 3rd place: Jonathan Bahi and Andrew Negron (40)

5th period: 1st place: Maliyah Graham and Lucas Kowalak (52); 2nd place: Mason Lapointe and Brendan McHugh (54); and 3rd place: Turtle Leigh and Giancarlo Labissiere (58)

6th period: 1st place: Haley Picon and Alexis Schommer (63), 2nd place: Kevin Espada and Nick DeJesus (70); and 3rd place: Ezra Jensen and Asia Charles (60)

The overall winner is from the 4th period. The statue of a religious icon (Black Mary, 42) from the book represents one of the main character's devotion to her faith.

Athletics

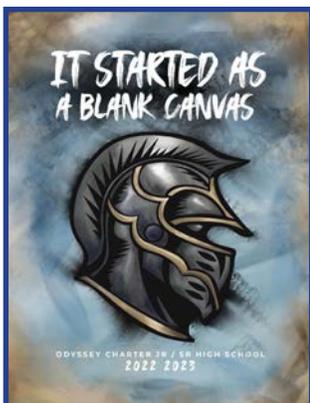
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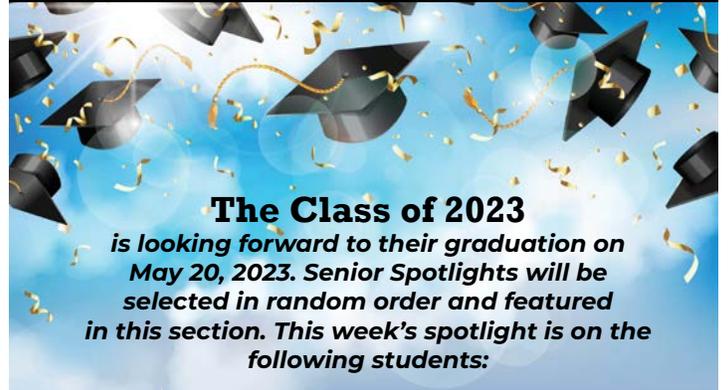
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Please use this link: <https://www.balfour.com/student-info?smi=107864> for online ordering.

If you choose to pay via check or cash, please send it to school with your child. Middle School students should see Ms. Mosquera and be issued a receipt. High School students should see Ms. Encarnacion.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



The Class of 2023
is looking forward to their graduation on May 20, 2023. Senior Spotlights will be selected in random order and featured in this section. This week's spotlight is on the following students:



Eveane Teixeira

Eveane Teixeira has attended Odyssey Charter Jr/Sr for seven years. Her best memory is receiving a Superior for Band Solo and Ensemble as part of the Winter Guard. Her favorite teachers are Mrs. Kevelin and Mrs. Lewis because "not only do they push me to be the best version of myself, I also can lean on them as a friend." In the future, Evanne would like to become an interpreter and travel the world.



Zac Hollibaugh

Zac Hollibaugh has attended Odyssey Charter School since third grade. He is good at impressions and likes being involved in leadership at school. He will miss all the love he has received from everyone and says he always felt welcome here. In the future, Zac wants to become a crime scene technician or do something in the culinary arts.



Susana Areyan

Susana Areyan has attended OCS for ten years. She adores Band and Color Guard because she can be creative and express herself. Her best memories of senior year are attending all the marching band events and competitions. She even loves rehearsals. After graduation, she plans on working and attending Eastern Florida State College.