



**ODYSSEY**  
CHARTER SCHOOL

**NEWS**

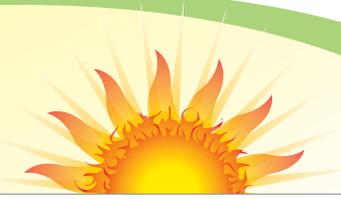
SUMMER 2012

*"Committed to academic excellence and the education of the whole child"*

## OUR MISSION FOR EVERY CHILD

The mission of Odyssey Charter School is to work in partnership with the family and community, with the aim of helping each child reach their full potential in all areas of life.

We seek to educate the whole child with the understanding that each person much achieve a balance of intellectual, emotional, physical, spiritual and social skills as a foundation for life.



### CALENDAR

**July 4** – Holiday – Office closed

**July 30** – Registration (7th-9th grade) -  
11 a.m.-3 p.m. (Upper Campus)  
1350 Wyoming Drive SE

**July 30** – Registration (All grades) -  
4 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (Lower Campus)  
1755 Eldron Blvd SE

**July 31** – Registration (K-6th grade) –  
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (Lower Campus)  
1755 Eldron Blvd SE

**August 8** – School begins (1st-9th grades)

**August 8-10** – Kindergarten appointments  
(please schedule your appointment at registration)

**August 13** – School begins (Kindergarten)

## WELCOME UPPER CAMPUS PRINCIPAL

Dear Odyssey Families,

I hope you are enjoying a restful and relaxing summer! I would like to introduce and welcome the newest addition to our administrative team, Mr. Brent Christensen. Mr. C. will serve in the capacity of Odyssey Charter School Principal of our Upper Campus, 7th-9th grades, and some of his new duties will overlap into the Elementary Lower Campus. We plan to work collaboratively as an administrative team to ensure a smooth transition for students from PreK-9th grade. Odyssey will continue to have one mission, one vision, one charter, but will have two campus attendance centers only 2.5 short miles apart. Our Lower Campus will house our PreK-6th grades and our 7th-9th grades (with expansion next year for 10th-12th grades) at our Upper Campus. Mr. C. is no stranger to starting and expanding schools. He put together two separate mergers in two public schools, including blending and aligning staff, curriculum, athletic programs, transportation, cafeteria, and building and grounds. He has his Bachelor's Degree for teaching BA.Ed., Master's Degree for the duty of principal MA.Ed. and his Specialist Degree for the duty of Superintendent Ed.S.

We welcome Mr. C. to our new Jr/Sr High School Campus with a special emphasis on global Citizenship!

Ms. Wendi M. Nolder, M.Ed.  
Principal, K-6 Lower Campus

## SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS

Summer reading assignments for Kindergarten through 9th grade are due by August 24th. Summer reading requirements are available on our website, [www.odysseycharterschool.com](http://www.odysseycharterschool.com), on the homepage, and are available at our front offices. Our summer office hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. through August 27.

**FCAT results are in and are available for pickup at the Lower Campus office. Our summer office hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. through July 27.**

### PRINCIPALS:

Lower Campus (PK-6th) – Wendi M. Nolder, M.Ed.  
321-733-0442

Upper campus (7th-9th) – Brent A. Christensen,  
Ed.S. 402-417-3813

### ADDRESSES:

Lower Campus (PK-6th) –  
1755 Eldron Blvd SE Palm Bay, FL 32909

Upper Campus (7th-9th) –  
1350 Wyoming Drive SE Palm Bay, FL 32909

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Lower Campus (K-6th) – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
(through August 27, closed July 4)

Upper Campus (7th-9th) – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
(through August 27, closed July 4)

### OFFICE HOURS: (beginning July 30)

Lower Campus (K-6th) – 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Upper Campus (7th-9th) – 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### SCHOOL HOURS:

Lower Campus (K-6th) - 8 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.  
Upper Campus (7th-9th) – 8:45 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.

## UPPER CAMPUS GRAND OPENING

Odyssey is pleased to announce the grand opening of our new Junior/Senior High Campus. We are now accepting applications for rising 7th - 9th grade students. Odyssey will offer a model of education that inspires and empowers students to become global citizens. We invite you to an Open House at our Upper Campus to hear about our exciting and unique programs for 21st century global leaders. It will be hosted in our new facility at 1350 Wyoming Drive in SE Palm Bay on July 10th at 7p.m. Please share with your friends, family, and neighbors that we are now reserving seats for Pre K-6th grade at our Lower Campus and grades 7th-9th at our Upper Campus.

We at Odyssey will keep true to our core values of developing a well-rounded holistic and student centered paradigm with an added layer in the middle and high school of global citizenship with emphasis on integrity (values match your actions). We will also have a strong emphasis in the curriculum on peace, justice, understanding, sustainability, diversity and democratic participation. We want to have students that have been exposed to a multi-dimensional education including mental, physical and emotional well-being to set them up for success in life no matter how measured. To facilitate the physical aspect of our holistic multi-dimensional education we are now officially part of the SCC Athletic Association and will incorporate many athletic events for our middle and high school students. This will not only help them develop the love of a lifelong healthy lifestyle but will build teamwork leadership attributes for a future in the real-world. We look forward to introducing sports as part of our Jr/ Sr High School experience!

For more information, you can call the school at 321-733-0442 or check out our website [www.odysseycharterschool.com](http://www.odysseycharterschool.com). And, don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook - for both our campuses; Odyssey Lower Campus, and Odyssey Upper Campus.

Brent A. Christensen Ed.S.  
Principal, 7th-9th Upper Campus

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

All Odyssey Charter School students are required to wear a school uniform. Our uniforms can be purchased at School Time (72303223) or online at [www.schooltimeuniforms.com](http://www.schooltimeuniforms.com). They are located at 4175 West New Haven (Rte. 192) near Sam's Club and Cinema World.

Students may wear either green or white Odyssey polo shirts or t-shirts with khaki pants, shorts, capris, skirts, or skorts. Shorts and skirts must reach mid-thigh or longer and all pants/skirts should fit properly (not too snug or too loose). Jr/Sr High School students will be wearing Odyssey uniforms during their first year as they design their own uniforms for subsequent years.

## STUDENT SUPPLY LISTS

Supply lists are available on our website, or at our Lower Campus office. 7th-9th grade students should come to school with paper and pencil and will receive supply lists from their specific teachers.

## SUMMER FOOD – FREE FOR STUDENTS

Join us this summer for free breakfast and lunch. Students under 18 are free (adult breakfast - \$2; adult lunch - \$3.50). Breakfast is served from 7:30-8:30. Lunch is served from 11:00-1:00. Our summer food program ends July 27.

## MONTESSORI VPK & BEFORE-AFTER CARE

Limited openings are available in our Montessori Preschool and VPK. Also, families who have students attending both the lower and upper campus, may register their children in the Before & After Care, for a reduced cost each day. Please call the Pre-school Director, Michelle Sutton, at x107 at the school for more information.

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## REGISTRATION

July 30 – Registration\* (7th-9th grade) - 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (Upper Campus) 1350 Wyoming Drive SE - Tours of new facility are available during this registration period!

July 30 – Registration\* (All grades) - 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (Lower Campus) 1755 Eldron Blvd SE

July 31 – Registration\* (K-6th grade) – 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (Lower Campus) 1755 Eldron Blvd SE

\*Parents with children in multiple grade levels are welcome to attend any registration session.

## REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- Birth certificate (Kindergarten and new students)
- Immunization form (Kindergarten-3rd grade, 7th grade)
- Physical examination (Kindergarten, 7th grade, 9th grade, new students)
- Parent driver's license (Kindergarten & new students)

*No student will be admitted on the first day without these documents*

Come with completed paperwork and use our 'Fast Lane' to register. Registration paperwork is available online at <http://www.brevardschools.org/Registration/index.htm>

Beat the lines! Our busiest registration times are first thing in the morning and our evening registration. Our least busy times are after lunch.

STUDENT FEES – check or money order only – made out to Odyssey Charter School

K-2nd - \$3 (technology)

3rd-6th - \$8 (technology and student planner)

7th-9th - \$11 (technology, student planner, science lab fee)

7th -9th grade students will need to provide their own lock (combination or key) for their lockers.

The school will be collecting fees for missing library books and textbooks at registration.

*NOTE – The school will no longer take cash for any transactions. Checks or money orders may be made out to Odyssey Charter School. AMSCOT does not charge for money orders.*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REGISTRATION

Calling all listed or registered parent volunteers! Start the new school year off with a head start on the required 18-25 parent volunteer hours! We need friendly faces to help welcome our new families and assist school staff with the registration process. If you are interested, please contact the school registrar, Ria Tutzarakis, at 321-733-0442 ext. 103, or [tutzarakisr@odysseycharterschool.com](mailto:tutzarakisr@odysseycharterschool.com).

## BUS TRANSPORTATION

Bus transportation will be provided to children who live 2 to 4 miles from the schools and further, based upon varying student population needs. A station will be available at registration for families who wish to sign up for bus service. Students who live less than 2 miles from the schools are not eligible for bus transportation.