



# Welcome to Odyssey Middle School!

**School Website:** [www.odysseymms.ocps.net](http://www.odysseymms.ocps.net)

**School Phone:** 407.207.3850

**School Hours** - The school day for students is 9:30 - 4:04 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday, students leave an hour early with the timeframe being 9:30 - 2:54. Students are permitted in the outside courtyard at 9:00 with the doors to buildings opening at 9:20. If a student would like breakfast, doors to the Cafeteria open at 9:00. See "After School All Stars" below for before and after school hours.

**Student Schedules**- Schedules will be made by your child's counselor. Standardized test scores and report card grades will be the primary tools for determining your child's class placement. Your child will receive their schedules on Meet The Teacher day. Dates and times TBA.

**Student ID**- Every student must wear their student ID around their neck at all times. IDs are primarily used for lunch and checking out books at the media center. Replacement IDs cost \$5 in the Media Center.

**PE class**- PE uniforms are required. Uniforms can be purchased. Costs are: \$10 shirt and \$10 shorts. See your PE teacher to purchase these items and for questions regarding lockers and uniforms.

**Lunch** – Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Snack are free for ALL students. Parents are welcome to have their students to bring lunch from home as an alternative to the cafeteria food.

**Bus Transportation**- In general, if you live 2+ miles away from school, your child qualifies for a bus. To find your bus stop, pickup/drop off times please visit [www.ocps.net](http://www.ocps.net) and click on "find a bus". It is especially important that your child knows their bus number prior to the first day of school.

**Car Riders/Walkers**- If students will be picked up after school, parents will need to remain in the car line, in their vehicle. Students will wait in the front of the school Media Center until their parent has pulled all the way forward. Parents, please refrain from using your phone in the car line and pull all the way forward to ensure the line moves efficiently. Parents are not allowed out of their cars. If a student is walking home they must leave campus immediately after dismissal.

**Code of Conduct**- The OCPS Code of Conduct describes the rules that all students must follow. The OCPS Code of Conduct can be found on the students' laptops/desktops or at [codeofconduct.ocps.net](http://codeofconduct.ocps.net). Students will acknowledge the Student Code of Conduct electronically within the 1<sup>st</sup> week of entry.

**Electronic Devices**- Cell phones, earbuds, and games devices are not allowed on campus at any time. Cell phones must be turned off and concealed as soon as students enter campus until they exit the building at the end of the school day.

**Student Number**- Each student has a unique 10-digit number that identifies them within the school district. This number is used for accessing "Launchpad" which houses all of OCPS computer programs. Students use their student number to also access their e-mail account by using the following format: xxxxxxxxxx@students.ocps.net

**Skyward**- This is a great online tool for students and parents to check grades and attendance. To set up your account visit [parents.classlink.com/ocps](http://parents.classlink.com/ocps). For more information on Skyward including tutorials and step-by-step instructions please also visit the following website: <https://www.ocps.net/cms/one.aspx?portalId=54703&pageId=1158765>

**Canvas** - Students will visit Canvas to check their calendar for upcoming due dates, access course materials, and submit assignments. Parents can use Canvas to keep up with their student's calendar and assignments. Please visit the following website for instructions on how to create a parent account to monitor your child's classes:

<https://www.ocps.net/cms/one.aspx?portalId=54703&pageId=491864>

**After School All Stars:** This is our before and after school care program. The program runs from 7:30-9:20am and 4:00- 6pm every day that school is in session. Please see flyer below for application and more information.

**Middle School Sports:** 1<sup>st</sup> soccer; 2<sup>nd</sup> volleyball; 3<sup>rd</sup> basketball; 4<sup>th</sup> track & field. For tryout dates see future editions of our newsletter or ask a PE teacher. An athletic physical documented on OCPS paperwork is required to try out. Email Ms. Lori Stanley at [lori.stanley@ocps.net](mailto:lori.stanley@ocps.net)

**Clubs:** Please see the list of clubs on our first newsletter edition for the 2023-24 school year.

**Parent- teacher conferences:** Please contact your grade level school counselor to schedule an appointment.

**Attendance-** If your child is absent, please write a note and have your child turn it in to the front office. To obtain work while your child is out, please email the teachers. For excused absences, students will have the number of days they were absent plus an additional day to complete their work. (For example, if your child was ill and absent from school for 2 days, they will have 3 days to turn in the work once they return to school.)

**Additional Information** - Consider joining the Odyssey PTSA. And sign up for our school newsletter by having a working email address on Skyward.

