

Odyssey Charter School

2009-2010

For Your Information

Re: Student Pickup After School

For the past four weeks, every day various students have been picked up between 3:00-4:30pm. All-School pick-up is at **2:30pm** Tuesday-Friday and at **1:30pm** on early dismissal Mondays. **Please pick up your children on time and review your Parent-Student Handbook.**

Re: Traffic & Parking Lot Procedures—See attached form

Please see attached "Traffic and Parking Lot Procedures". Per our policy in the Parent/Student Handbook, "Drivers need to approach the school from the east side of the campus (near Lincoln Avenue)" and "All vehicles MUST drive through the carpool line OR park their vehicle and come onto campus to drop off and pick up their children." Please note: It is imperative for the safety of our students and our neighbors that there is NO pulling into the parking lot from Casitas Avenue.

Re: Annual Campaign

Since our announcement last week, we have had **15** new annual campaign contributions! We will continue to update you. We thank you for your generosity.

Dates to Remember

Monday, October 26th

Boys Football game at 7:30pm

Odyssey vs. Aveson

Place: Victory Park



Tuesday, October, 27th

OCS Board Meeting & Potluck from 5:00-6:30pm

Join us as we celebrate the ending term for four of our fellow board members. Many thanks to: Emily Brockman, Susan Ruffins, Jennifer Fisher and Rick Bischoff for your time and effort!

Save the Date

- **Wednesday, October 28th-Friday, October 30th is Early Dismissal at 12:00pm for Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) Meetings**
- **Friday, October 30th at 8:30am—Second Cup of Coffee with Lauren O'Neill**
- **Wednesday, November 11th—NO SCHOOL**

REMINDERS

- **Please make sure to submit the "Prop 39: Intent to Re/Enroll" form to the front office by tomorrow, October 23rd, 2009. Please check your child's bag, as we will be resending forms to families who have not submitted the form.**
- **Cooking Kids afterschool program for 1st/2nd Grade class is near capacity. If you still want to sign up, YOUR PARTICIPATION with your child will allow us to increase this capacity. Deadline for sign up is Friday Oct 23rd! First come, first served. Classes start at 1:30 pm and end at 3:30 pm, November 2, 9, 16 and 23.**



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Traffic Patterns and Procedures

The following have been established to ensure the safety of all children and in accordance with guidelines from the Altadena Sheriff Department:

All parents/guardians or designated drivers must follow the formal drop-off and pick-up procedures in the front of the campus and in the parking lot itself and follow the directions of staff and/or designated volunteers supervising drop-off and pick-up. All vehicles **MUST** drive through the carpool line **OR** park their vehicle and come onto campus to drop off and pick up their children. Parking is available on the south side of the street on Altadena Drive or there is some parking in the school parking lot. Under **NO** circumstances are students to be dropped off on Altadena Drive unless a driver has parked legally on the street and accompanies the child onto the campus. During pick up **NO** students will be released to a vehicle parked on Altadena Drive. Students will **ONLY** be released to parents in the Carpool Lane, or who have legally parked their vehicle and have walked onto campus for their child(ren).

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Lane

Drivers need to approach the school from the east side of the campus (near Lincoln Avenue). A carpool lane will be visibly marked with orange cones. Enter the carpool lane slowly, and wait for a staff and/or designated volunteer to assist your child(ren) as they exit and enter the vehicle. Children must exit or enter the vehicle from the side of the vehicle closest to the School. At **NO** time, will children be allowed to enter or exit a vehicle on the street side of the vehicle. **Students may NOT be dropped off in the parking lot; if you enter the parking lot for drop off, you must park in a "Visitor" space, and accompany your child to the school entryway.**

Violations:

The Altadena Sheriff Department will issue a citation to parents who violate related traffic laws and/or create a safety hazard.

Parking Lot

If visiting the school, you may park in one of the designated "Visitor" parking spaces. All "Visitor" parking stalls are located in the front of the parking lot (before the chain link fence). All other parking stalls (beyond the chain link fence) are marked "STAFF". Additional "Visitor" parking is available in the rear of the parking lot.

Visitors are asked to enter the parking lot by making a right-hand turn into the lot when approaching the school from East (via Lincoln Avenue). When exiting the parking lot, visitors are asked to exit slowly and proceed forward to Casitas Avenue or turn right onto Altadena Drive. **Left turns onto Eastbound Altadena Drive are NOT allowed.**

While in the parking lot, basic traffic laws apply; for example:

- No double parking
- No parking in handicap spaces without appropriate placard
- No U-Turns on Altadena Drive

MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT ODYSSEY

These passive fundraisers are an **EASY & QUICK** way to help us bring in more funds to support our students!

If you have any questions, please contact us at support@ocsmail.org

WaMoola for Schools

The easy way to raise money for school by using your Washington Mutual Visa Check Card for everyday purchases. Just visit Washington Mutual on-line at www.wamoolaforschools.com or call toll-free at 1-866-WAMoola

Box Tops For Education

Earn cash for school by **clipping, saving and bringing** in the box tops from popular General Mills products. Products include: Cheerios, Rice Chex, Yoplait, Pillsbury Dinner Rolls, Betty Crocker Complete Meals, Progresso Soup, Gold Medal Flour, etc.

eSCRIP

Visit any eScrip store to make sure all of your card numbers and expiration dates are current. Encourage all of your friends and family to sign up their cards
Register or renew at www.escrip.com or (800) 801-4973 for Odyssey Charter School, Group I.D. #137822784

Donate Your Vehicle

Online at www.cars4causes.com or call 1-800-766-2273 (1-800-766-CARE)
OCS is registered with cars4causes, so make your donation to "Odyssey Charter School"

Ralph's Community Contribution Program

This is a new program for Odyssey so any family with a Ralph's Rewards card please be sure to register! Go to: <http://www.ralphs.com> and click on Community Contribution then hit Enroll. You will need your Ralph's Club Number, and Odyssey's NPO # 80125.

Target's Take Charge Of Education

Go to target.com/tcoe or go to the in-store kiosk to designate Odyssey Charter School as your school of choice. Target will donate up to 1% of your Target Visa and Target Guest card purchases.



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Recycling Counts

Parents can bring their plastic and glass bottles for recycling to the blue bins located in our parking lot. Middle school students will sort and bag these to help raise funds for field trips and other activities.



**Come and
Celebrate Life
Oct. 30th
Community Hall @ OCS**

The Day of the Dead, el día de los muertos, is a celebration held in Mexico to remember loved ones now gone. Families create home altars, prepare favorite foods of the departed, visit their graves, and share memories of their loved ones. The joyous festivities are a celebration of life and a reminder that death is not the end, but can be seen as a transition to another life.

Join us Friday, after school, Oct 30th
4:00pm Traditional Arts & Crafts
5:30pm Create a traditional Dia de Los Muertos altar
for OCS Community
6:00pm Pot Luck Dinner

All are invited. This is a free event! Sponsored by a group of Latino parents at OCS. We are looking for volunteers and new members! Call Elena at (323) 661-5047.

Paper Flowers
Sugar Skulls

Pan de Muerto

Marigold Garland-
Making

Face Painting

Papel Picado
Portrait Drawing of
Past Loved Ones

