

# The Odyssey Institute for Advanced and International Studies

We Dream, We Achieve, We Lead

Odyssey Scholars and Parents,

The 2017-2018 academic year begins the 6<sup>th</sup> year for the Odyssey Institute High School. Our enrollment has jumped by approximately 150 scholars to 645 scholars as we increase the number of freshmen that enroll each year. Within 5 years it is anticipated the Odyssey High School enrollment will stand at 1200 scholars.

In kind Odyssey continues to add courses such as Creative Writing, Crime & Punishment, and Business Studies to offer breadth to our course offerings. An additional program that is being brought online is BridgeU.

BridgeU gives scholars the means by which to research universities that fit their profile, and further facilitates the application process. BridgeU brings the power of big data to your university preparation process by which a matching algorithm weighs academic, professional and social preferences of each scholar in recommending best-fit universities, personalized if you will. We will be rolling BridgeU out to scholars in the next few weeks to further enhance the university research and application process.

Odyssey continuously offers scholars ways to access and to develop skills to be successful at both Odyssey and after Odyssey. One such mechanism is Breakfast Club. Your scholars have Breakfast Club for 20 minutes every Tuesday Morning. This is the time we work to facilitate the development of such as personal and career goals, leadership, community, and the university application process. Such activities include interest profile surveys, career cluster surveys, university research, grade reflections, attitude vs. gratitude, and team building.

We hope you find the included informative. Odyssey is off to a great start and we appreciate your continued support.

Please see page 2 for some of the great work your scholars' are performing in the classroom.

Sincerely, Principals Hurley & Pratt

## Calendar of Events –

- **September 26:** MYP Night; JHS Gym 6:00 pm
- **September 27:** GCU Field Trip for Seniors
- **October 11:** PSAT for Juniors
- **October 12:** University of Arizona IB Day: Juniors and Seniors
- **October 13: Homecoming Game 7:00 pm**
- **October 14: Homecoming Dance at JHS; 7:00 – 10:00 pm \$20 now (Can purchase at lunch), \$25 at the door**
- **October 18:** College Advisement Information Night; 6:00 pm Lecture Hall A. GCU Admissions representative will also be presenting
- **October 22:** Greater Phoenix College Fair
- **November 20 – November 23:** Thanksgiving Break

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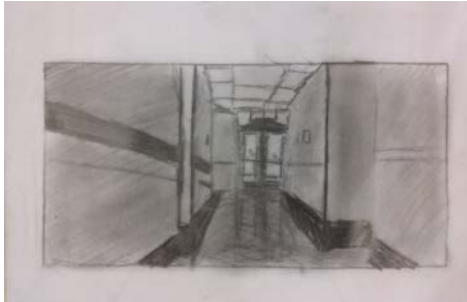
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### What is going on in the classroom?

DP Film is working on analyzing the movie *The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly* for film Form and Cinematic Language.

Yearbook is learning a about spread design and the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design.



In 11th grade physics, Mr Bates' class preparing to measure how hard and how far the rubber band on a slingshot is pulled, so the scholars can predict how high a projectile should fly. Based on how much time the projectile is in the air, and the mass of the projectile, scholars will be able to estimate how high the projectile went. By comparing the elastic energy of the rubber bands in the slingshot to the height that the projectile reaches, scholars can then calculate the efficiency of the energy transfer.

**Company** has started preparing for their performance at Disneyland. They've gone through the audition process and will be performing in California on February 10, 2018. They are diligently learning vocals and creating choreography to develop a 20-30 minute set.

Biology - Scholars are learning cell biology and how to use the microscopes effectively. Scholars are also learning about the cell cycle and it's link to cancer.

DP Biology - Scholars are investigating evolutionary thought and classification of organisms based on relationships between species.

**DP1 Biology is investigating nutrient cycling aside environmental sustainability**

