

# The Odyssey Institute for Advanced and International Studies

We Dream, We Achieve, We Lead

Odyssey Scholars and Parents,

It is indeed that time in the race when the legs begin to tire and the mind questions one's ability to make sense of everything. It was once said, and read, that floundering is a skill; noting that a key element to school and to life is the ability to overcome one's struggles and one's perceived weaknesses.

At Odyssey the spring semester has seen our staff and scholars meet and resolve classroom challenges through observation, analysis, collaboration, synthesis, and reflection. We couple these means of learning with that of floundering in that when obstacles are met, one must evaluate, synthesize, and reflect upon one's own knowledge and experience to arrive at a viable solution.

A core component of Odyssey classrooms allows for scholars to independently, and as a group, consider known and unknown problems enabling them to find their own meaning, and applications of that meaning in finding solutions with detail and support for that decision. Such a process does require one to question, to evaluate, to reflect, and at times to flounder.

Floundering challenges one's reasoning and calls for a deeper understanding of both the issue as well as one's own resourcefulness. By which scholars develop skills that will enable confidence, measured reasoning, and intuition in confronting and overcoming obstacles they will surely confront.

For most scholars that struggle it is due to a lack of skills, not ability. Being resourceful, determined, confident, and focused are skills that will certainly facilitate success in every aspect of their lives.

To that end, this is the time of the year to be resourceful, determined, and focused. While balancing their academic tasks the scholars have also been enduring a battery of tests through the AzMERIT and AIMS Science. Such has required our scholars to indeed analyze, evaluate, reflect, and at times to flounder; yet, persevere.

We thank you for your ongoing trust and support.

Sincerely,

Principals Hurley & Pratt

## Calendar of Events –

- **April 9 – April 17:** Testing for AzMERIT and AIMS continues
- **April 14:** NHS Induction Ceremony; 6:00 pm OI Cafenadium
- **April 16:** College Information Night; 6:00 pm LH A: Bridge-U, Why IBDP, Common App?, ACT / SAT
- **May 1:** IBDP Exit exams begin for those taking IBDP courses. This will allow those that are in the full DP to qualify for the diploma and for all taking DP courses to pursue college credit.
- **May 24:** **Class of 2018 Graduation; 7:00 pm**
- **May 29 – 30 College Boot Camp for Juniors during school day**
- **May 31: Half-day / Last Day release at 11:08 – No Lunch**

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### What is going on in the classroom?

#### **LANGUAGE & LIT:**

The Freshman Language and Lit classes are reading classic novels in literature circles and applying the information creatively through various activities that access Multiple Intelligences. This gives scholars an opportunity to experiment with different styles of expression and learn from each other in a collaborative environment.

The Poetry Club is participating in a festival put on by the Arizona Masters of Poetry where they are performing both group and individual poems with schools across the west valley.

A new club hoping to be approved by the board next week is working towards producing a school magazine called the Minotaur Tribune. The purpose of the Minotaur Tribune is to further Odyssey's culture of community through scholar-generated content; and promote school spirit by connecting people across interests, talents, and student groups. The magazine will have a website, paper copies and eventually a bound book containing artwork, creative writing, visual arts, articles of interest, etc.

#### **DP Dance & Photo 3:**



**OI Scholar Showing:** AnnElise Vannice will have a solo art show at Abe Zucca Gallery, [1301 Grand Ave](#) in Phoenix. The opening reception will be May 18th from 6pm to 9pm. Her work will be shown at the gallery through the end of May.

**Chemistry:** Working on how nuclear power plants manage their waste and the different types of radiation they work with.. We will be visiting the Palo Verde Nuclear facility in May.

**DP Dance:** On March 29 DP Dance attended a workshop at Disneyland with Winter Olympic & Disney Choreographer Sjaan Z. Trowbridge. On March 30 DP Dancers performed on the Hollywood Backlot Stage in Disney's California Adventure. They wowed the crowd with dance styles such as Irish Step Dance, Hula, Contemporary and Jazz. The dancers received compliments around about not only their performance but their work ethic in the workshop.



### Office of College Advisement

#### Spring College Visits:

--Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
February 21, 2018

--Barrett Honors College (ASU)  
March 22, 2018

--The University of Arizona  
March 30, 2018

--Northern Arizona University  
April 20, 2018

--Arizona State University  
April 26, 2018

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#### West Coast College Tour (Open to the Classes of 2020 & 2021):

Contact Principal Pratt with any questions.

#### Tour Details:

West Coast

March 10-15, 2019

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[www.efexploreamerica.com/2081607MZ](http://www.efexploreamerica.com/2081607MZ)

#### Juniors to do for March / April

- Register for SAT II exams in June as applicable (See Mr. Pratt with questions)
- Develop a profile of the type of college that may interest you: size, culture, location, program, prestige - values important to you
- Take SAT / ACT as scheduled
- Complete the University Interest Form in Google Docs
- SIGN UP FOR THE COLLEGE BOOT CAMP IN MAY IN GOOGLE DOCS



*Odyssey Institute Theater*

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Thu. Apr 19th 2018, 7:00 pm

Fri. Apr 20th 2018, 6:30 pm

Sat. Apr 21st 2018, 1:30 pm

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