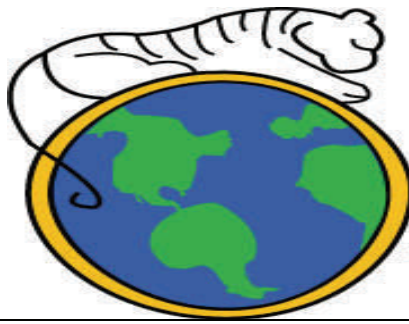


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Today's School For Tomorrow's World

### **Odyssey Barnes and Noble Fundraiser**

Our Barnes and Noble fundraiser will run from December 4-8. If you shop at Barnes and Noble during this time and provide the cashier with this code: 10089688, a portion of your sale will go to Odyssey to assist with purchasing new books for our library. This code is good at any Barnes and Noble, not just the one in Newnan. It's a great way for people all over the country to support Odyssey, so feel free to use e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, etc. to spread the word.

Here are some Odyssey events at the Newnan Barnes and Noble this weekend:

On Friday at 7:00 pm, members of the Odyssey Storytellers will be reading the Polar Express

On Saturday at 11:00 am, the Odyssey School band and chorus will perform

On Sunday, watch for our librarian, Mary Ann Martino, who will be dressed up like Alphabet Soup and reading Martha Books.

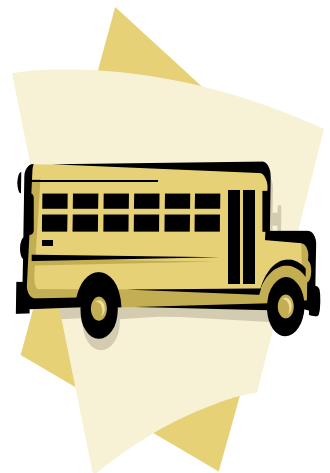
We also have a table throughout the time of the sale and we can use more volunteers to help man it. Please come by the school and sign up for a time.

### **Morning Drop Off**

If it is between 8:15 am and 8:45 am, please go through the car line and do not park in front of the school to drop off your child. We have had a problem with parents not parking in spaces, which creates an unsafe situation should an emergency occur. In addition, several staff members have had trouble getting into parking spaces and into the building in time for the beginning of the school day.

If you want a little extra time so see your child off for the day or you need to take something inside the school (like a project for instance), please pull around to the car line and park on the side near the playground.

There is a staff member outside at car line until the bell rings. If you drive through the car line and there is no one outside, then it is safe to assume that your child is late, in which case you **will** need to have them go through the front door in order to receive a tardy slip.

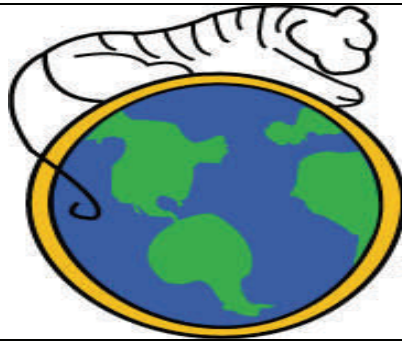


### **Band/Chorus Concert**

The chorus and band will have their combined Christmas/winter concert on Thursday evening, December 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 pm at the school. There will also be a PTO meeting that evening immediately prior to the concert.

### **Car Line Safety**

As a reminder, please do not go around cars in car line unless directed to do so. You may save a minute or two, but it is not worth endangering our students or staff.



### Work Days over the Break

The break can be a great time to accumulate volunteer hours. Here is a list of some of the things that need to be done around the school:

1. hole repair
2. wall patching
3. wall sanding
4. wall painting
5. locker painting (especially trim work)
6. ceiling panels hung
7. extra materials moved to trailer
8. trash pick up around the outside of the building
9. tighten bolts on all playground equipment
10. remove a fallen tree  
fixing basketball goals

The school will be open from 9:30-4:00 pm on Monday and Tuesday, December 21-22 and Monday and Tuesday, December 28-29 for volunteers who would like to come in and work. If you cannot come during these days but want to volunteer over the break, please contact Andy Geeter at [ageeter@odysseycharterschool.net](mailto:ageeter@odysseycharterschool.net) or call the school to schedule a time.

### Chick-fil-a Calendars

The Chick-fil-a Calendar fundraiser is scheduled to conclude next Friday, December 11. Please remember to turn in your Chick-fil-a order forms and money by this date. Checks should be made out to Odyssey School.

Also, you are responsible for the calendar you were given at the beginning of the fundraiser. It can be purchased for \$6 or returned to the office if you do not wish to purchase it, as long as it is in suitable condition to be resold.

### Bell System

Our new bell system should be operational by the time we return from the holidays. The system will give us the capabilities to have a bell signal both the beginning and the conclusion of the school day. Once operational after the break, the bell will be the official signal that the school day has begun. Thanks to everyone who donated stereo speakers for this project and a special thanks to Steve Holland for leading the installation effort.

### Georgia Online Assessment System (OAS)

Next week, students will receive their user name and password for the Georgia Online Assessment System (OAS). Teachers have been putting lessons into OAS in order to assist students in preparing for the CRCT.

### Morning Announcements via E-mail

Soon, our morning announcements will be sent to your inbox each day via e-mail. It will be an easy way for parents to keep up with what's going on at Odyssey on a daily basis.

### Odyssey TV

Thanks to the Hale family for installing our new closed circuit television. The Odyssey News Network had its inaugural broadcast earlier this week, with Julie Hally and student volunteers delivering the morning announcements over the television to all of the classrooms.

### Double Points at Publix this Weekend

On December 5-6, your purchases will count double toward Odyssey receiving money from Publix. Normally, for each \$37,500 worth of groceries purchased by people using their Odyssey card, the school receives \$250.

### Report Cards

Report cards went out earlier this week. For those of you new to Odyssey, the format of our report cards is likely very different than what you have experienced in the past. We are requesting that each new family meet with their child's teacher to go over their student's report card.

If you need an Odyssey card for Publix, please come by the office.