

ODYSSEY ONLINE LEARNING

newsletter

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✿ Wishing You a Joyful and Successful New Year! ✿

Dear Odyssey Students and Families,

As we welcome the new year, I want to sincerely thank you for choosing Odyssey Online Learning to serve you and your family. It is truly an honor to partner with you in your educational journey. Here at Odyssey Online Learning, our mission is to empower students to achieve their goals, reach their full potential, and grow with confidence. As we step into this new season, let us all be intentional about choosing joy, gratitude, and love for ourselves, for one another, and for the work we do together.

Students, as we close out the first semester, thank you for showing up and giving your best each day. I encourage you to finish strong and take pride in the work you have accomplished. The first semester ends on **January 14, 2026**, and every effort you make between now and then matters. Stay focused, remain committed, and remember that your perseverance plays a key role in your success.

Parents and families, thank you for your continued support. Please continue to closely monitor your student's progress and success. Education is truly a team effort, and your partnership is essential. As we approach 2026, let us work together with purpose, commitment, and a shared belief in our students' potential.

I look forward to all that the new year holds and appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

Many Blessings,

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⭐ OOL High School Students of the Month ⭐

Maddison Durham

It is a pleasure to spotlight **Maddison Durham** as one of **Odyssey Online Learning's High School Students of the Month!** Maddison has shown remarkable dedication this semester, consistently staying on top of her studies and maintaining strong grades. She is on track to graduate in January, and her focus, perseverance, and determination continue to impress her teachers.

Maddison values the flexibility of online learning, sharing, *"I enjoy getting to work at my own pace and having such sweet teachers."* This supportive, self-paced environment allows her to balance her academics while staying motivated and engaged in her coursework.



Outside of school, Maddison enjoys spending time with her dogs and loves shopping, hobbies that reflect her playful spirit and creativity. Her ability to balance her studies with her personal interests highlights her well-rounded character and commitment to success.

Congratulations, Maddison! Your dedication, positive attitude, and hard work make you a shining example in the Odyssey Online Learning community. Keep up the fantastic work. We cannot wait to see what your future holds!

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Kylei Griffin

We are honored to spotlight **Kylei Griffin** as one of **Odyssey Online Learning's High School Students of the Month!** Kylei is thriving in her first year at Odyssey, balancing four classes with all A's while working toward her goal of graduating in June. Her teachers praise her dedication and consistent participation in Live Lessons, noting that she brings a positive attitude and strong work ethic to every class. "Kylei is doing an amazing job staying on top of her coursework while managing all of her responsibilities," one teacher shared. "She is an inspiring example of perseverance and commitment!"



Kylei appreciates the flexibility of online learning, which allows her to stay at home with her young son while continuing to excel academically. *“Being able to stay at home with my son is really important to me,”* she shared. Her determination to balance motherhood and schoolwork demonstrates her focus, organization, and motivation to succeed.

Outside of school, Kylei enjoys spending time with her son and hobbies, like volleyball. Her ability to juggle academics, family life, and her personal interests highlights her resilience and well-rounded character.

Congratulations, Kylei! We are so proud of your hard work, dedication, and inspiring example in our community. Keep shining, and we can't wait to see all that you accomplish as you reach your goals!

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Madison Sarvis

We are delighted to celebrate **Madison Sarvis** as one of **Odyssey Online Learning's High School Students of the Month!** Madison joined Odyssey in Quarter 2 and has quickly distinguished herself as a dedicated, hardworking, and highly motivated student. She has maintained all A's while consistently communicating with her teachers and staying on top of her schoolwork. Madison is doing phenomenal in all of her classes and sets a strong example of academic excellence.



Madison is especially excited to begin dual enrollment next semester, taking steps toward her dream of becoming a NICU nurse. Her teachers praise her for her commitment, organization, and eagerness to learn, noting that she brings enthusiasm and determination to every class. Madison appreciates the supportive environment at Odyssey, sharing, *“My favorite thing about Odyssey is that the teachers are supportive and helpful.”* This encouragement fuels her drive to succeed and balance her studies with her future ambitions.

Outside of school, Madison loves helping people, reflecting her caring and compassionate nature, qualities that will undoubtedly make her a wonderful nurse one day. Her ability to combine academic excellence with empathy and ambition showcases her well-rounded character and determination.

Congratulations, Madison! We are incredibly proud of your dedication, positive attitude, and bright presence in our community. Keep following your dreams. We can't wait to see all that you accomplish!

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Jaylan Semento

We are happy to recognize **Jaylan Semento** as one of **Odyssey Online Learning's High School Students of the Month!** Jaylan consistently demonstrates dedication and strong commitment to his academic success, particularly in geometry, where he excels and maintains a strong class

average. His regular attendance and steady effort reflect his positive attitude and strong work ethic.

Jaylan actively participates in class and comes prepared to learn, making him a reliable and engaged student. His teachers appreciate his consistency and focus, noting that he brings a thoughtful presence to every lesson and takes pride in his work.

When asked about his favorite part of Odyssey, Jaylan shared that he values the class scheduling, which allows him to manage his time effectively and stay organized. This flexibility supports his academic success while giving him the balance he needs.

Outside of school, Jaylan enjoys baking and playing soccer, interests that highlight both his creativity and teamwork. His ability to balance school responsibilities with his hobbies speaks to his time management skills and motivation.

Congratulations, Jaylan! We are so proud of your hard work and dedication. Keep up the great work. You are an excellent example of an Odyssey student!



💡 *Staff Spotlight* 💡

High School English Teacher



Ms. Lela Belue

2025-2026 School Goal:

My goal is to continue building
relationships with my students and
encourage a love of reading through
sponsoring our High School book
Club.



Instructional Coach of Technology



Mrs. Jennifer Conwell

2025-2026 School Goal:

I want staff and students to feel well versed and comfortable with using technology to enhance their learning environment and make their lives a little bit easier to manage.



High School Special Education Teacher



Mrs. Lexi Morris

2025-2026 School Goal:

I want to create a supportive environment where every student feels valued, capable, and empowered to succeed.



Middle School Social Studies Teacher



Ms. Morgan Parris

2025-2026 School Goal:

I strive to spark a love for history
by bringing it to life and showing
students why it still matters today.



Lead Student Engagement Specialist



Mrs. Rebecca Vandever

2025-2026 School Goal:

I want to make every one of my
students feel seen and valued while
showing them their potential.



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Counselor's Corner

☞ Click Here for Counselor's Newsletter! ☞

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Middle School Students and Families,

The OOL school day for middle school students is 9:00am-2:30pm, Monday-Thursday. On Fridays there are no live lessons, but students should be engaging in independent work, guidance lessons, or meetings with teachers. Select students do have 8am or 2:30pm classes; families have been made aware if these classes pertain to their students.

Please advise that Spring prep sessions for ELA, Math, and Science are beginning on January 20th. Prep sessions support OOL's commitment to increasing student growth and achievement in ELA, Math, and Science. **All daily live lessons and prep sessions are required for students in 6th-8th grade.** Families may view the Middle School Daily Schedule [here](#).

Click Here to Join the 12PM Town Hall!

Click Here to Join the 6PM Town Hall!

⭐ OOL Middle School Students of the Month ⭐

Cole DeCoster

We are proud to recognize **Cole DeCoster** as **Odyssey Online Learning's 6th Grade Student of the Month!** Cole consistently demonstrates an outstanding attitude in class, paired with a strong work ethic and a genuine enthusiasm for learning. His excellent grades reflect his positive mindset and dedication. All his teachers agree that he is truly a joy to teach each day.

Cole stands out for his focus, perseverance, and willingness to engage during lessons. He thrives in Odyssey's supportive virtual environment, especially appreciating the one-on-one attention that allows him to learn with confidence. The flexibility of online learning has helped reduce anxiety, giving Cole the space to do his best work without the pressure of performing in front of classmates. His consistent effort and thoughtful participation make him a role model for his peers.



When asked what he enjoys most about Odyssey, Cole shared that he loves the personalized support and the feeling of being comfortable asking questions. One of his favorite subjects to explore is weather science, especially learning about tornadoes and storms, a topic that fuels his curiosity and excitement for discovery.

Congratulations, Cole! Your positive attitude, dedication, and love of learning make you a valued member of the Odyssey Online Learning community. Keep up the fantastic work. We are so proud of you and can't wait to see all that you continue to accomplish!

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Zoe McKenzie

We are thrilled to recognize **Zoe McKenzie as Odyssey Online Learning's 8th Grade Student of the Month!** Zoe is an outstanding student who consistently demonstrates dedication, engagement, and a strong commitment to excellence. She attends her Live Lessons regularly, actively participates in class, and brings thoughtful energy to every learning experience.

Zoe is known for engaging with both her teachers and classmates by answering questions, offering suggestions, and sharing her ideas during lessons. Her consistent effort and positive attitude set a high standard for her peers, making her a true model of what it means to be an Odyssey student.



When asked what she enjoys most about Odyssey Online Learning, Zoe shared that she loves the flexibility of online learning, especially not having to travel to school every day, particularly during cold weather. This flexibility allows her to stay focused, comfortable, and ready to learn.

Outside of school, Zoe enjoys staying active and competitive by playing basketball, a hobby that reflects her teamwork, determination, and drive. Also, the same qualities she also brings into the classroom.

Congratulations, Zoe! Your commitment to learning, leadership in class, and positive example make you a valued member of the Odyssey Online Learning community. Keep striving for excellence, we are so proud of you!

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Lauree Potter

We are excited to celebrate **Lauree Potter as Odyssey Online Learning's 7th Grade Student of the Month!** Lauree is a diligent and dedicated student who consistently shows up ready to learn. She attends Live Lessons regularly, participates fully in class, and always puts forth her best effort in everything she does.

Lauree goes above and beyond by completing weekly SC READY preparation classes, using these opportunities to sharpen her skills and challenge herself academically. She engages thoughtfully

with her classmates and is never afraid to ask for help or clarification when needed, a quality that reflects both maturity and a strong commitment to learning. Her teachers describe her as a joy to teach and a true model of what it means to be an Odyssey student.

When asked about her favorite part of Odyssey Online Learning, Lauree shared, *"My favorite thing about Odyssey Online Learning is the teachers because they are very kind and great at teaching!"*

Their support helps her feel confident and motivated each day.

Outside of school, Lauree enjoys expressing her creativity through ballet and other forms of dance, as well as crocheting and arts and crafts. She especially loves working in her chunky sketchbook and creating fun projects like paper squishes, hobbies that showcase her imagination and artistic talents.

Congratulations, Lauree! Your dedication, curiosity, and creativity make you a wonderful part of the Odyssey Online Learning community. Keep up the amazing work. We are so proud of you!



✿ Please note: EOC (End-of-Course) Testing is ONLY for High School students.✿

January:

- 1/05/26: Students Return to School
- 1/07/26: EOC (End-of-Course) Testing - Spartanburg, SC
- 1/08/26: EOC (End-of-Course) Testing - Fort Mill, SC
- 1/09/26: EOC (End-of-Course) Testing - Myrtle Beach, SC
- 1/12/26: EOC (End-of-Course) Testing - Charleston, SC
- 1/13/26: EOC (End-of-Course) Testing - Greenville, SC
- 1/14/26: EOC (End-of-Course) Testing - Lexington, SC
- 1/14/26: END of the 2nd 9 Weeks



Ashley Owings

Ashley is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters