

Dear Odyssey Families,

Many of the educational enrichment opportunities at Odyssey are made possible through funding from the PTA. Direct Giving from families accounts for over 75% of PTA funding, which supports key enrichment activities like field study and performances as well as classroom expenses, school supplies, and much more. Participation in Direct Giving is critical to maintaining what makes the Odyssey experience so special; however, the timing and contribution amount is at the family's discretion and kept confidential.

Due to the uncertainty of the learning environment over the 2020/2021 school year, the PTA board has decided to move to a semester based Direct Giving schedule for the 2020/2021 school year instead of annual figures. The prorated first semester suggested contributions are: K12: \$160, 345: \$310 and 678: \$410. Families should feel free to contribute more or less based on their individual circumstances. In addition, due to interruption of last year's in-class instruction, families can elect to credit a portion of their 2019/2020 giving towards their Direct Give for 2020/2021.

The PTA expects to have more clarity on the learning environment for the second semester by mid-November and will communicate suggested second semester giving amounts soon thereafter.

To help us better plan for our funding of activities and support, please fill out the Direct Giving commitment form at this link (or scan the QR code below) by October 7th: <https://bit.ly/30pOMeF>. On this form you will find information on how to apply credit from last year's contributions, if applicable, and how to make payments. As always, contributions to Direct Giving are voluntary and confidential. Also, please keep in mind that many companies offer a Corporate Match of your Direct Giving Funds. If you don't know if your employer offers a match, check out this online tool to start: <https://bit.ly/3b5rRsD>. This is a great way to bring extra money to further support the education of our children.

Please email me if you have any questions. Finally, thanks for your support of the Odyssey Program, and if you're new to the Odyssey community, welcome! Please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to answer any questions you have.

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