

ATTENTION CREATIVE THINKERS!

Hampton Township Odyssey of the Mind Association
wants you to join:



Why Odyssey of the Mind is Good for Students . . .

Odyssey of the Mind provides an opportunity for students to learn creative problem-solving methods while having fun in the process. By tapping into creativity, and through encouraging imaginative paths to problem-solving, students learn skills that will provide them with the ability to solve problems -- great and small -- for a lifetime. Odyssey of the Mind teaches students how to think divergently by providing open-ended problems that appeal to a wide range of interests. Students learn how to identify challenges and think creatively to solve those problems. They are free to express their ideas and suggestions without fear of criticism. The creative problem-solving process rewards thinking "outside of the box."

In Odyssey of the Mind . . .

- Students develop team-building skills by working in groups of as many as seven students per team.
- Students learn to examine problems and to identify the real challenge without limiting the possible solutions and their potential success.
- The creative thinking process is nurtured and developed as a problem-solving tool.
- Students of all types will find something that will appeal to them.

Who Can Participate . . .

All students in kindergarten through 12th Grade are invited to join Odyssey of the Mind! Teams will be formed for grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Sign-up online here:

<https://htsdodysseyofthemind.weebly.com/student-sign-up.html>

To Learn More . . .

- Read the letter below for more information from Dr. Bennett, Hampton Township Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator
- Visit the Odyssey of the Mind website at www.odysseyofthemind.com
- See your enrichment coordinator
- Join us for a kick-off event at **HMS Auditorium at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 7** to solve spontaneous problems together as a family!



Dear HTSD Families,

Hampton Township Odyssey of the Mind would like to invite interested students to register to participate in an [Odyssey of the Mind](#) team-based problem-solving activity. Odyssey of the Mind teams work together to creatively solve spontaneous verbal and hands-on challenges as well as a team-selected long-term problem that they will solve over the course of several months (until the regional tournament in early March 2023). Participants learn team-building skills and develop their own talents and creative thinking skills to present a unique solution to a posed problem. Teams of up to 7 students will be organized by grade (K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12) and meetings will be scheduled based on the coaches' availability. The time commitment is September through early March (or through May if teams advance to states and worlds), with one- to two-hour meetings at least two times a month (times to be set by the coaches),

For teams participating in person, the Regional Tournament date is TBD March 2023 (usually the first Saturday in March) and teams who advance may have possible trips to the State Tournament and Worlds Tournament in April and May respectively. For students who prefer a virtual setting, Odyssey of the Mind offers a virtual tournament, date TBD. The tournament schedule will be posted on www.wpaodyssey.org. You are encouraged to look at the Odyssey of the Mind website for more valuable information (www.odysseyofthemind.com) and look over this year's problem synopses with your child to decide if this is something they might want to participate in. K-2 students have the option of participating in the Primary Division problem, which is a non-competitive division that does their performance at the regional tournament without advancing to the state or world tournaments.

We can have as many teams as we have parent volunteer coaches. Parents who volunteer to coach will be guaranteed their child's spot on a team. After that, if we do not have enough coaches per student ratio, a lottery will be held to determine the remaining team members. Because Odyssey of the Mind usually has a coaches' training scheduled for the first Saturday in November, we need to form teams and begin meeting as soon as possible. I will hold a brief coaches' training for new and returning district coaches before team meetings begin in the last couple of weeks of September.

Please fill out the sign-up form online by Thursday, September 15 to sign up to participate this year. No money is due at sign-up. The Hampton Township Odyssey of the Mind Association works hard each year to make sure any Hampton student who wants to participate in the program may do so with little to no cost, thanks in a large part due to corporate sponsorships, individual contributions, community fundraisers, and PTO support. There may be travel costs for families of teams advancing to state or world tournaments.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact us at HTSDOotM@gmail.com or visit our website. Here is the sign-up form link <https://htsdodysseyofthemind.weebly.com/student-sign-up.html>.

Thank you,
Mary Lynne Bennett, HTSD OotM Coordinator

Annual Homecoming **Talbot Tailgate**

Friday, September 23, 2022



Order your shirt now!

Deadline for Orders is September 5, 2022

Order form is on the Hampton Website under Athletics

**Hampton Middle School - Back Parking Lot
3:30 until 7:00**

Food Music Games Fun for All

Mascot Contest

Free Shuttle Bus Service

**Hampton High School Parking Lot
Beginning at 3:30 pm**

HHS CHEERLEADERS



PRESENT

2022 FOOTBALL CHEER CLINIC

Learn cheers taught by the HHS cheerleaders, then cheer at the varsity football game on **Friday October 14**

This is for all students in Kindergarten through 5th grade

Practice: Tuesday October 11, 6:30 – 8:15 in the Hampton High School Cafeteria/Gym
Wednesday October 12, 6:30 – 8:15 in the Hampton High School Cafeteria/Gym

Game: Friday October 14 @ 6pm at Hampton Middle School and Fridley Field

COST: \$40 for 1 child / \$65 for 2 children / \$90 for 3 children

Fee includes snacks, participation certificate, t-shirt, hair bow, paw print tattoo, and pom poms for game night

Please submit the bottom portion to your school office or mail to: Angela Rudisill 4218 Tanglewood Drive, 15101
Include check payable to: **HHS Cheerleading Boosters**

QUESTIONS? Contact Angela Rudisill angelarudisill5@gmail.com or 412-420-4656

******FORMS MUST BE IN BY SEPTEMBER 23RD IN ORDER TO HAVE SHIRTS IN TIME FOR THE GAME******

ONE FORM PER CHILD

My child _____ (First and Last name, please print legibly) has my permission to participate in the HHS FOOTBALL Cheer Clinic on October 11, 12, 14 2022 at the Hampton High School. I understand that the HHS Cheerleaders, Coaches, and/or Cheer Boosters will not be responsible for any injuries that might occur.

Parent Signature _____ Parent Name (print) _____

Cell # _____ Email _____ School _____ Grade _____

Allergies or other information _____

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