

School Information

GOA Advisory Council

**G**ordon **O**dysey **A**cademy



*The mission of Gordon Odyssey Academy is to provide a flexible learning environment that focuses on academic success and social development for all learners through a variety of academic programs that are based upon the individual learner's academic and social needs.*

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REPORT  
to the  
Parents



2015-2016 School Year

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The purpose of this *Report to the Parents* is to give an update on the performance and progress being made toward improvement goals. In this report, we have provided brief goals, programs, activities, awards, and recognitions for students and teachers.

### GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

- ◆ Grade Span: 7-12
- ◆ Student Enrollment: 50
- ◆ School Colors: Garnet & Blue



**Pictured above:** Teachers participate in staff development on *Nearpod* with district IT personnel to help them provide more engaging and meaningful instruction to students.

### 2015-2016 Goals

**Goal 1:** There will be a 30% decrease in referrals for minor infractions.

**Goal 2:** Increase students' RIT and MAP scores.

**Goal 3:** 50% of parents will attend school related events and 100% will attend student transition conferences before their child returns to his/her home school.

### Progress and Actions Planned

The aforementioned goals were created based on survey results and test scores from the 2014-2015 school term. In an effort to continuously improve, the administration provided surveys to teachers and parents to identify needs. We are proud to report that referrals for minor infractions have drastically decreased and all parents have attended transition meetings. We are working to improve parent attendance at activities through Remind notifications, calling parents to remind them of events, sending flyers and emails.

Students have made significant growth on the spring MAP assessment and several exceeded their goal by more than 15 points. We are extremely proud of their efforts and we believe continuous student data meetings and teacher motivation resulted in these gains.

### Programs, Awards, Special Recognitions

- One of our STAR Academy students was selected from students across the country to receive one of two STAR Academy scholarships.
- One Evening High School student was accepted into Rutgers University, among many other colleges.
- Recipient of a Donors Choose grant award
- We work collaboratively with military personnel and Fairfield Behavioral Health to provide ongoing student training and development in our building.



**Pictured above:** A student poses with his grandparents at our Grandparents' Day breakfast. Students worked with a local florist the day before the breakfast to create floral arrangements and boutonnieres for their grandparents.