

Learn Creativity through Innovative Problem Solving Build Self-Confidence Develop 21st Century Skills Become a Valued Member of a Team



Odyssey of the Mind Parent Information Session
Wednesday, October 10th, 2018
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Stamford Government Center
5th Floor BOE Boardroom



The Odyssey Experience

Odyssey of the Mind[™] is the largest international creative problem-solving competition in the world. An innovative, enrichment experience, school-based teams are tasked with solving problems that range from building mechanical devices, creating costumes and props, to presenting their own theatrical interpretation of literary classics.

Registration begins in mid-October, based on available space.

Interested families must attend the mandatory information session on Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

Teams meet weekly from October through March to develop their long-term solution. Specific meeting day and times are determined by individual teams and their coaches. Through fun hands-on activities, mentoring, and creative problem solving challenges, participants of the program learn teamwork, leadership and listening skills.

Last year, over 100 Stamford Public School students competed on 16 teams at the CT State Odyssey of the MindTM tournament. 27 students advanced and competed at the Odyssey of the MindTM World Finals at lowa State University.

Teams include 5-7 students under the guidance of 1-2 coaches.

Divisions:

Primary: K - Grade 2 Division I: Grades 3 - 5 Division II: Grades 6 - 8 Division III: Grades 9-12







VOLUNTEER TO BE A COACH!

Program participation limited, based on availability of coaches. Odyssey of the Mind is always looking for NEW coaches! Parents, community members or SPS employees can coach a team. No experience required...just time, patience, and appreciation for "outside-thebox" thinking! Training, mentoring and extensive resources are provided.

Sponsored by *Stamford Public Education Foundation* in partnership with the Stamford Public Schools, there is a \$180 registration fee (scholarships available/reduced rate for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch). For more information about the Stamford Odyssey of the MindTM program, visit www.spefct.org/Odyssey-of-the-mind or contact Kim Kempton kkempton@spefct.org.