

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are beginning the Odyssey of the Mind program at Shatekon. There will be two informational meetings for parents/guardians who are interested in coaching and/or having a child participate.



The meetings are on Tuesday, November 29th from 3:00-3:45 or Thursday December 1st from 3:00-3:45 in the Shatekon library.

Participants in the program will meet as part of a team of 5-7 students from December through March (meeting at least once to a few times a week as needed), to work on a *long-term problem* and in preparation for *spontaneous problems* to be solved during the regional meet on March 3rd.

If you cannot attend a meeting but are still interested, please e-mail me so we can set up a time to talk about the program. Below is my contact information, a brief description of the Odyssey of the Mind Program, and a link to the official website and this year's problems.

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Program Description: Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.

Official website: <http://www.odysseyofthemind.com/>

This year's long term problems:

<http://www.odysseyofthemind.com/materials/2012problems.php>