

A PARENT GUIDE TO THE

ODYSSEY



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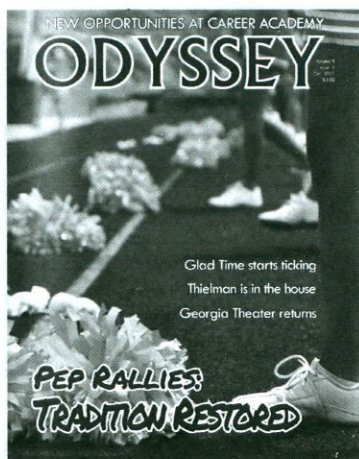
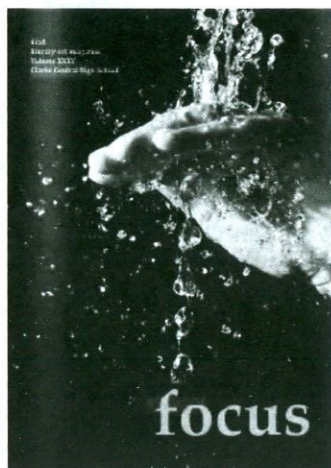
Clarke Central High School's
award winning publications

Journalism at CCHS

iliad Literary-Art Magazine

The iliad is a student-run literary art magazine at Clarke Central High School. The iliad is published annually, and expresses the minds of students and faculty at CCHS through short stories, editorials, articles, poetry, essays, art, photography and other creative works.

In addition to the self expression of CCHS students and faculty, the iliad actively encourages and recruits rising ninth grade students from both Clarke Middle School and Burney-Harris-Lyons Middle School to submit creative works.



Odyssey Newsmagazine

The ODYSSEY is a student-produced magazine with the intent to inform, entertain and give voice to the Clarke Central High School community, as well as to educate student journalists. Each issue is a public forum for student expression under the guidance of a faculty adviser. Student journalists are provided with opportunities to investigate, inform, interpret and evaluate: all traditionally accepted functions of the press in America.

The ODYSSEY staff is committed to reflect the mission statement set forth by CCHS. The goals of the staff are to provide fair, accurate news and commentaries, as well as to serve the interests of the school and the Athens community.



Odyssey Newsmagazine and The Iliad Literary Magazine have won numerous awards for excellence in area, state and national competitions.

Banquet

The end of the year banquet is a time to celebrate your child's accomplishments and thank everyone who has been involved in Odyssey over the year. This year is the **10th** for the newsmagazine, so this banquet will be a very important milestone to celebrate. We host a keynote speaker, invite local dignitaries, have a nice dinner, present awards and listen to the graduating seniors reflect on their time with Odyssey. This is a not-to-be-missed event! Parents can help with planning, organizing and hosting.

Conferences

In October, all students are invited and encouraged to attend the Georgia Scholastic Press Association's conference in Athens. Staffers attend sessions led by Grady College staff, award-winning advisers, and

professional journalists. The average cost for this event is \$25.

In November Mr. Ragsdale tries to take the editors to the National Student Press Association conference. This year, the conference is in San Antonio, TX. Students attend pre-conference sessions and sessions led by award-winning advisers and staffs, interact with thousands of high school journalists and participate in on-site competitions. The projected cost for this conference is \$500, not including food.

In early March, everyone on staff is encouraged to attend the SIPA conference in Columbia, SC. This conference is a regional version of the national conference with the same educational opportunities and advantages. At this conference Odyssey and Iliad staffers typically present 2-3 sessions alongside Mr.

Ragsdale. The projected cost for this conference is \$300, not including food.

Scholarships are available, and students are encouraged to apply for them. Price break downs will be provided in advance of the trips to give you a sense of the monetary commitment and to determine the maximum amount your family can contribute. To date, more than 50 scholarships have been provided for students.

These trips also require chaperons. If you're interested in contributing in that way, please let us know.

Donations

If you have limited time but want to support the magazine, any donation is greatly appreciated. We also encourage you to seek "partners" in

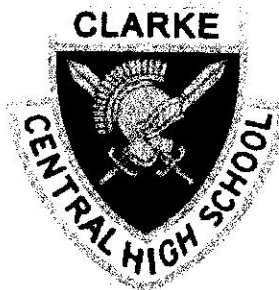
the community who believe in supporting great educational programs and understand that in these financial times, funding them is growing increasingly difficult.

Booster Club dues

We ask for a small donation at the beginning of the year from each family. In the past we've suggested a \$30 membership fee.

So please fill out the membership form, indicate the activities you can help with, and provide all contact information so we can keep you up to date on activities, workdays, upcoming events, etc.

Thanks! And welcome to Iliad and Odyssey!



Finances

The Iliad and Odyssey are funded from 2 different sources. Clarke Central High School maintains an account and the Booster Club has a separate account. Below are the basics of how the funds are collected and distributed.

Projected 2012-13 CCHS Income:

2012 Rollover	TBD
CCSD	TBD
UGA Football Concession Stand	\$8,400
Subscriptions	1,200
Ads	3,000
Iliad donations	3,200
TOTAL	TBD (\$15,800)

Projected CCHS Expenses:

Iliad printing (1 issue)	\$2,800
Odyssey printing (6 issues @ \$2000 each)	12,000
SIPA/GSPA membership/critiques	600
Postage	1,200
Miscellaneous Printing	500
Trophies	500
T-shirts	500
TOTAL (approximation)	\$18,100

Projected Booster Club Income

2012 Roll over	\$2,000
Silent Auction	5,000
Dues	750
TOTAL (Approx.)	\$7,750

Booster Club Expenses

CSPA/NSPA	\$ 800
Workday food	500
Auction	1,000
Banquet frames	100
Quill and Scroll	75
Trip scholarships	3,000
TOTAL (Approx.)	\$5,475

The program hopes to purchase some non-renewable equipment this year from the CCHS account which will include new camera sets, new digital recorders and scanners using funds earmarked from last year. The cost of this equipment is estimated to be \$4,000.

Awards and Honors 2011-12

"one aspect intrinsic to the success of the ODYSSEY Newsmagazine is the Dedication shown by each individual member of the Diverse, intelligent staff."

-Emma Kissane
Managing Editor, 2011-12

National Scholastic Press Association

The 2010-11 Odyssey Newsmagazine received an All-American evaluation by the National Scholastic Press Association. The publication received Marks of Distinction for Coverage/ Content, Writing/ Editing, Photos/Art/Graphics, Layout/Design and Leadership.

The 2010-11 Odyssey was named a National Scholastic Press Association Pacemaker for Newsmagazines, which is the organization's highest honor and a first for the Odyssey in its nine-year existence.

The 2011 Iliad Literary-Art Magazine has been evaluated as an All-American publication by the National Scholastic Press Association. The magazine received Marks of

Distinction for Content; Photography, Art, Graphics and Typography; Layout and Concept.

The 2011 Iliad Literary Magazine received a 2nd Place in the Magazine Page/ Spread competition, recognizing Lauren Pruitt for design.

Quill and Scroll Honor Society

The magazine was awarded Superior Evaluations for Overall Coverage, Visuals and Writing/Editing from the Quill and Scroll Honor Society, thus earning a Henry Gallup Award- top recognition.

Columbia Scholastic Press Association

The 2010-11 Clarke Central Odyssey Newsmagazine was rated as a Gold Medalist in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Newspaper Cri-



tique for 2011. The Odyssey received All-Columbian honors (top ranking) for Essentials and Verbal. Overall, the magazine received 934/1000 points.

The 2010-11 Clarke Central Odyssey Newsmagazine was rated as a Gold Crown winner from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association—its highest honors.

The 2010-2011 Clarke Central Iliad Literary-Art Magazine was rated as a Gold Medalist in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Student Magazine Critique for 2011. The Iliad received 843/1000 points.

Southern Interscholastic Press Association

The 2011 Iliad was as recognized as All-Southern by the Southern Interscholastic Press Association for fifth time in six years. This is SIPA's highest evaluation rating. These publications demonstrate excellence in all areas of scholastic journalism production. These publications effectively integrate writing, design and photography/art to give readers an excellent record of the school. The Iliad received top evaluations in Reader Services, Design, Artwork/Photography, Special Touches and Non-Fiction.

National Council of Teachers of English

The 2011 Iliad Literary and Art Magazine received the 2011 Program to Recognize Excellence Student Literary Magazines' Highest Award.



Odyssey Booster Club 2012-13

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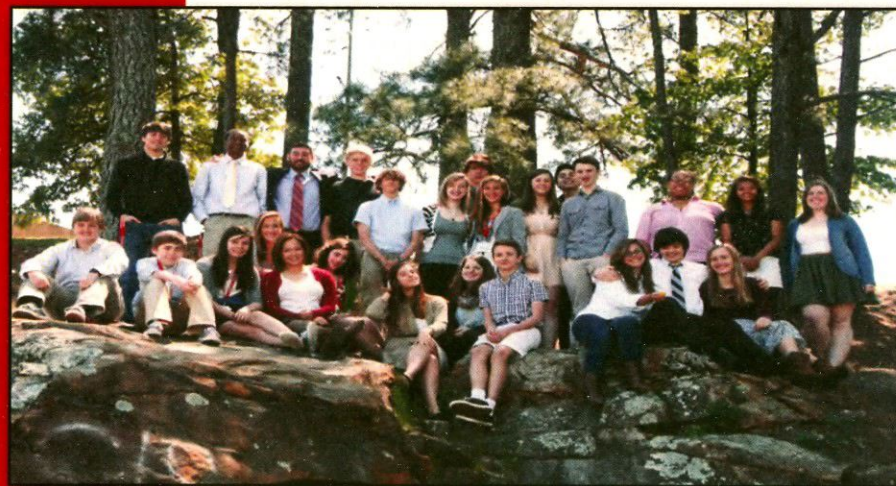
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