



Odyssey Jr. High

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Begin 4th—6 weeks	1/4
Report Cards	1/5
Girls BB at Goliad	1/5
Boys BB vs. Goliad	1/5
Odem Boys BB Tourn.	1/7
School Board Meeting	1/9
Girls BB at Mathis	1/12
Boys BB vs. Mathis	1/12
Boys BB Tourn.—Tuloso Midway	1/13 - 1/14
Girl BB Tourn.—Aransas Pass	1/14
SCHOOL HOLIDAY	1/16
Girls BB vs Skidmore	1/19
Boys BB at Skidmore	1/19
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UIL Competition	1/21
Progress Reports	1/26
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Boys BB vs. Bloomington	1/26
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Girls BB Tourn.—Skidmore	1/28
Girls BB vs. Taft	2/2
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Girls BB vs. Goliad	2/6
Boys BB at Goliad	2/6
End of 4th 6 weeks	2/17
No School—Planning Day	2/20
Report Cards	2/23

Tutorials

If your child is need of tutorials and is a bus rider, we have a great opportunity. There is a tutorials bus available Monday thru Thursday at 4:45. Students need to get a form from their teacher, have it filled out and turned into the office by lunch the day of the tutorials. There is a place for a teacher signature to ensure the teacher is available for tutorials that day.

Spring Dance - details to come!

Upcoming Testing Dates

February 8

8th Grade Reading Benchmark

February 9

8th Grade Math Benchmark
7th Grade Writing Benchmark

March 28

STAAR—7th Grade Writing
STAAR—8th Grade Math

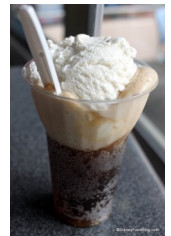
March 29

STAAR—8th Grade Reading

Perfect Attendance
Tech Period with

Coke Floats,
January 13,
2:55pm

We will be
switching,
5th and 8th



CONGRATULATIONS!

Santos DeLaTorre
is our perfect attendance
winner for the
3rd 6 weeks!

He will be recognized at
the board meeting on
January 9.

Suggestions to Help Your Student Overcome Test Anxiety:

-Make sure your child attends school regularly so that they are exposed to all the school-work that will be covered in the exam, and be part of the regular study review sessions provided by the teacher.

-Doing well on an exam is easier if a student has been consistently completing school assignments, homework, and assigned readings along with

participating in regular studying sessions.

-Maintain a healthy lifestyle – help your children get enough sleep, eat well, exercise, have some personal “down time” and a reasonable amount of social interaction.

-Create and maintain a routine at home that will help children to be well rested during regular school days as well as during the week of testing. • Talk

with your children and encourage them to do their best.

-Be well prepared for a test - avoid cramming - help your children develop good study habits and good test taking skills.

-Help your child develop a positive attitude towards test taking – help them develop a “can do” attitude.

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Department of Education

“Too Good for Drugs”

The Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation has partnered with Odem Jr. High to provide a proven prevention program. The goal is to empower youth to resist the dangers of substance abuse and encourage them to make healthy choices. Too Good for Drugs is an evidenced based program designed to teach all students that they are too good for drugs, and equip them with the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to remain safe and drug free. The program provides students with building blocks of healthy development. Each curriculum is developmentally appropriate for each grade level and builds on earlier grade levels. The program provides basic information about tobacco, alcohol and drugs. It also builds on five essential life skills: goal setting, decision making, bonding with others, identifying and managing emotions, and communicating effectively.

Perfect Attendance

6th Grade— Matthew Acosta, Alysha Beltran, Tyler Brewer, Karla Covarrubias, Regan Coy, Gabrianna Cruz, Emma Doria, Jonathan Espinoza, Julietta Esqueda, William Fiegal, Stephane Fonseca, Marissa Garcia, Esai Gonzalez, Reyes Guajardo, Paul Guerrero, Beau Hill, Daniel Lopez, Isaac Lugo, Daniela Morales, Annaid Olvera, Aaliyah Parraz, Isabella Quesada, Caleb Ynfante

7th Grade—Josh Adams, Mia Aviles, Krista Beltran, Isiah Brown, Mia Cabrera, Jaylin Chapa, Jenna Chapa, Nicholas Chavira, Evelyn Contreras, Alejandro Cruz, Santos DeLaTorre, Belicia Flores, George Garcia, Robert Garza, Dario Gomez, Jacob Gomez, Marco Gonzales, Larrissa Guerrero, Abigail Kennedy, Adolfo Martinez, Alyssa Martinez, Isaac Moreno, Mark Moreno, Nicole Ortiz, Adrian Ramirez, Aaron Robinson, Caleb Robinson, Diego Rodriguez, Katherine Rodriguez, Edward Sanchez, Sean Sanchez, Cody Underwood, Gabriella Vega

8th Grade—Natalie Alaniz, Salma Alvaro, Ivy Caldwell, Charly Campos, Scott Cantu, Jessie Doria, Mercedes Doria, Jonathan Emerson, John Espinoza, Kayleen Fiegel, Catherine Fonseca, Aiden Gonzales, Alex Lugo, Jacob Luna, Gina Medina, Nathan Ramirez, Ethan Sanchez, Rogelio Sanchez, Madison Vela, Kortney White

All ‘A’ Honor

‘A’ and ‘B’ Honor Roll

6th Grade— Emma Doria, Julietta Esqueda, Julian Gomez, Beau Hill, Daniel Lopez, Isabella Salinas, Emilee Sturgeon

7th Grade—Catalina Gamez, George Garcia, Alyssa Martinez

8th Grade— Isabella Duncan, Ethan Sanchez

6th Grade— Ava Aleman, Cameron Aleman, Jasmine Bigner, Tyler Brewer, Karla Covarrubias, Regan Coy, Anna Decker, Jonathan Espinoza, Torin Falcon, Stephane Fonseca, Marissa Garcia, Zoey Garcia, Kayla Gomez, Esai Gonzales, Joe Martinez, Mary Navarez, Shamanda Navarez, Skylar Nix, Kalista Ocana, Miranda Pena, Caleb Ynfante

7th Grade— Mia Aviles, Krista Beltran, Isiah Brown, Brian Cisneros, Evelyn Contreras, Alejandro Cruz, Lizabeth Cruz, Martin Doria, Matthew Dunlap, Belicia Flores, Arabella Garza, Robert Garza, Jacob Gomez, Marco Gonzales, Jaylin Hernandez, Abigail Kennedy, Marcus Martinez, Torri McClellen, Isaac Moreno, Mark Moreno, Nicole Ortiz, Katherine Rodriguez, Yolanda Salas-Cruz

8th Grade—Jazmin Acosta, Natalie Alaniz, Lauren Andrade, Aaliyah Avila Lopez, Ivy Caldwell, Savannah Cordova, Jessie Doria, Jonathan Emerson, John Espinoza, Kayleen Fiegel, Landon Garza, Aiden Gonzales, Paul Daniel Hernandez, Alex Lugo, Jacob Luna, Clarissa Marroquin, Anthony Martinez, Kiyanna Martinez, Nevaeh Martinez, Terra McClellen, Allison Ortiz, Roy Perez, Jose Trevino, Madison Vela, Dominic Zamora



**Winter Dance
December 2, 2016**

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Emma Doria



Emma is an excellent student who exceeds expectations. She is always willing to help out other students in need of assistance. She is well organized and has a bright future ahead.

Beau Hill



Beau tends to “Beau-Lieve” he can accomplish every task given to him. He has a great attitude, demonstrates hard work and produces quality results. He gets along well with others and is always willing to help a classmate.

Arabella Garza



Arabella’s desire to be a stand-out student contribute to Arabella’s success in the class and in all her extra-curricular activities. Arabella sets goals for herself and works diligently to meet all of those goals. She is always ready, prepared, and gives 110% on any given learning opportunity,

Diego Rodriguez



Diego is one of the hardest working students at OJHS. Diego’s drive and focus help him stay on top of his game academically and in other activities. Diego is always a gentlemen who is willing to help his peers when they need it.

Madison Vela



Madison is an amazing student. She excels in both academics and athletics, and always gives 100% in everything she does. She has a positive attitude and is always willing to help her fellow students.

Manuel Trevino



Manuel is a hard worker in class and in athletics. He is kind, compassionate and always ready to lend a helping hand. He is an awesome student with a positive attitude.

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On Saturday, December 3rd, members of the Odem Junior High and Odem High School Bands traveled to West Oso HS to participate in the ATSSB All-Region Auditions. There the Odem Bands were very well represented! Out of 34 junior high band programs participating the Odem JH Bands had the 2nd Most number of students selected for the All-Region Bands with 25 students earning All-Region Honors. They had by far the most of any in the 1C classification that the school is in. Ten of those Odem JH students earned the honor of placement in the top Wind Ensemble band for the region!

The students who were selected for All-Region Bands for Odem JH were: Krista Beltran - Flute (Wind Ensemble), Ivy Caldwell - Flute (Blue Band), Isabella Duncan - Clarinet (Wind Ensemble), Evelyn Contreras - Clarinet (Blue Band), Kiyanna Martinez - Clarinet (Red Band), Mia Aviles - Clarinet (Red Band), Micah Lopez - Alto Sax (Wind Ensemble), Antonio Rubio - Alto Sax (Blue Band), Samarra Medina - Tenor Sax (Blue Band), Landon Garza - Trumpet (Wind Ensemble), Ist ChairNevaeh Martinez - Trumpet (Wind Ensemble), Jacob Luna - Trumpet (Wind Ensemble), Jacob Gomez - Trumpet (Blue Band), Preston Dunn - F Horn (Red Band), Mia Cabrera - F Horn (Red Band), Ethan Sanchez - 1st Chair Trombone (Wind Ensemble), Jonathan Emerson - Trombone (Wind Ensemble), John Espinoza - Tuba (Wind Ensemble), Ian Ochoa - Tuba (Blue Band), Anthony Martinez - Tuba (Blue Band), Austin Dominguez - Percussion (Wind Ensemble), Terra McClellan - Percussion (Red Band), Matthew Hernandez - Percussion (Blue Band), Torri McClellan - Percussion (Blue Band), & Catalina Gamez - Percussion (Red Band).

Naviance

Eighth graders are less than six months away from becoming High School Freshman. Before the semester ended, eighth grader completed a career cluster finder through our new software program, Naviance. Naviance will help students explore college and career options and discover more about themselves through interest and personality surveys. Students can track their progress as they go through high school with college applications and scholarships. There are individualized details about careers such as salaries and educational qualifications.

Eighth graders will begin using Naviance to set up their PGP, Projected Graduation Plans.

Jr. High Basketball

Our Lady Owlets and Owlets have been working really hard and added improving each week by all the teams.

Two tournaments are just around the corner for the girls:

Aransas pass on January 14th

Skidmore on January 28th

Two tournaments for the boys:

Tuloso-Midway on January 13th and 14th

Falfurrias on January 19th

All of our future district games will now be played on

Thursday's .

We hope to see all our there supporting our Owlets!



Career Day December 2, 2016



Encouraging students to explore careers they are interested in is a key approach to demonstrate the relevance of a college degree. Career Day raises awareness about the importance of post secondary education, connects students with many different professions, and gives community members a chance to share their expertise with students. Odem Junior High students were treated to a Career Day on Friday, December 2, 2016. Twenty speakers from around the Coastal Bend came to the junior high school to share their educational requirements and occupation experience. Many of the career day speakers were Odem alumni.

Students were divided up by grade level and rotated through five different career day speakers. Speakers had thirty minutes to discuss the education and skills needed for their job. Some presenters brought power points and visual aides to help demonstrate a typical day at their job. The presenters also spoke of the advantages and disadvantages associated with their occupation. The speakers often tied in how their secondary and post secondary education aids them at work. Seventh grader, Xavier Drennon, commented, "I can do math off the top of my head. I think it would be cool to be an air traffic controller." At the end of each presentation, the students were allowed to ask questions.

Careers ranged from health sciences and human services to technology and engineering. Presenters for sixth grade included Jesse Falcon, an American Airlines pilot and, Penny Zabol, NOAA meteorologist. In addition, the 6th grade students heard about the careers of alumnus Adam Martinez, a Farmer's Insurance agent, and Leo Juarez, a James Hardie Building Products representative. Sixth graders were also able to learn about careers in public service through Annville Fire Department. The seventh graders heard presentations from alumnus Brian Gonzales, an air traffic controller, Brittney Skinner, CEO of San Patricio Collision, and Nathan Hinojosa, owner and general manager of Railroad Seafood Station. The seventh graders also had the opportunity to talk to military personnel. Petty Officer Bradford Jennings and Petty Officer Flores are military police with the U. S. Navy stationed at Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi. Both seventh and eighth grade students enjoyed a visit from Odem Edroy ISD alumni Gil Perez, social media coordinator with the Corpus Christi Hooks. Diana Sleep, Zach Kastelic, and Neil Rosan who work for C.C. Hooks also shared career information with the 7th and 8th grade classes. Eighth grade classes were exposed to careers in health science from alumni, Morgan Hunter, a speech language pathologist, and Bernadette Torres, Director of Health and Wellness. In addition, 8th graders learned about human services with cosmetologist, Nicole Bargas, and public safety with Ingleside Patrol Commander and alumni Robert Luna Jr.

The importance of career day is to open the students' eyes to different career pathways. Many times students are not knowledgeable of what many careers entail or the education and skills required by that career. Students often enter college and choose majors that do not fit their interests or their strengths. The hope of Odem Junior High Career Day was to display a plethora of careers and graduates from Odem-Edroy I.S.D. Exposing Odem students to careers that they may not have thought of and letting them know the importance of their education was definitely achieved. The idea is that all students in Odem can excel with hard work, dedication, and a plan.