



Odem Jr. High NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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STAAR 7th Writing	4/9
STAAR 8th Math	4/9
6th Grade TAMUCC	4/9
STAAR 8th Reading	4/10
Librarian Appreciation Day	4/10
6th Grade Planetarium	4/10
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Aim for Success	5/1
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Teacher Appreciation Week	5/6 to 5/10
Concert & Beg. Band	5/6
6th/7th STAAR Math	5/13
8th Math Retest	5/13
6th/7th STAAR Read.	5/14
8th Reading Retest	5/14
8th STAAR Science	5/15
8th STAAR Soc. Stud.	5/15
6th/7th Awards 8:30am	5/21
8th Awards 6pm	5/21

Test-Taking Strategies

Test-taking strategies are essential for students who suffer from test anxiety but help all students get mentally prepared for any type of high stakes test.

Here are few general guidelines to share with students:

1. Always arrive early to and take a moment to relax and reduce your anxiety.
2. Listen attentively to instructions.
3. Read the test directions very carefully and watch for details.
4. Start with the easiest section or questions to build your confidence.
5. Maintain a positive attitude. Don't let more difficult questions raise your anxiety and steal your valuable time. Move on and find success with other questions.
6. Do not second-guess yourself. The answer which comes to mind first is often correct. Nervously reviewing questions and changing answers can do more harm than good. (Research shows that students with test anxiety do this often)
7. Plan to finish early and have time to review over your answer choices. Make sure you have answered all the questions.
8. Eliminate unlikely answers first.

STAAR Dates

April 9: 7th Grade Writing, 8th Grade Math

April 10: 8th Grade Reading

May 13: 6th Grade Math, 7th Grade Math, 8th Grade Math Retesters

May 14: 6th Grade Reading, 7th Grade Reading, 8th Grade Reading Retesters

May 15: 8th Grade Science

May 16: 8th Grade Social Studies

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Brooke Martinez



Brooke works well with her peers and is always an active participant in class discussions. She is a friendly and respectful young lady and as one of our future OJH Owllet Cheerleaders and member of our local swimteam, Brooke is able to balance both her studies and her extracurricular activities.

Vince Barrera



Vince will always give you his utmost respect and effort. In the classroom Vince will take on the role of both group leader and active participant. He is a conscientious learner and a very supporting classmate.

Mia Rodriguez



Mia is a diligent worker in every class. She is very self-motivated and focused and sets a positive example for her classmates.

Cameron Haskell



Cameron exhibits a positive outlook in the classroom and puts forth his best effort on his assignments. He sets an example by showing good manners and being respectful to teachers and peers.

Kalista O’Cana



Kalista is a model student. She always follows class rules and is constantly respectful to her teachers and peers. Kalista continues to show creativity and optimum effort in her everyday work.

Uriel Rodriguez



Uriel has shown tremendous improvement from the beginning of the year to now. He is always taking direction well and shows obvious effort when he is working. Uriel never hesitates to ask for help when needed or to help others when he can.

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Spanish I

Students have learned a lot throughout this school year. This year students were engaged in learning new vocabulary and grammar. One very important addition to the Spanish class this year was online learning through the use of Google Classroom. Students adapted very well to this new learning tool, keeping them more engaged. The Spanish culture is also a very important lesson students are always engaged in. This has been a very interesting and exciting year for students in Spanish class! ¡Si se puede!



Perfect Attendance

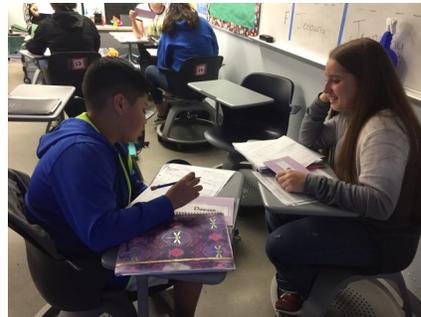
6th Grade—Adrian Aguirre, Brody Bonebrake, Xhaiden Castro, Itzac Cruz, Zoe Garcia, Xavier Garza, Jovana Gomez, Lora Hernandez, Leann Jimenez, Emaly Maldonado, Aiden Martinez, Ruben Mata, Jonathan Moran, Xzavier Rodriguez

7th Grade—Justin Andrade, Alex Beltran, Claudia Covarrubias, Joaquin Gamez, Nathaniel Garcia, Javier Martinez, Ebin McCloskey, Hayden Mitchell, Mia Rodriguez, Julian Romero, Minerva Sanchez, Vanessa Saucedo

8th Grade—Matthew Acosta, Olivia Clinkenbeard, Karla Covarrubias, Emma Doria, Daniel Lopez, Marisela Lopez, Isaac Lugo, David Martinez, Kayla Tovar, Jan-Michael Vincent



Just a regular day at Odem Jr. High





OYBL

Congratulations to all the students that participated in this year's Odem Youth Basketball League. We look forward to seeing all of you in an Odem JH Basketball jersey next year!



Bottom row (left to right): Angel Castillo, Matthew Martinez, Pete Gonzalez, Mark Castillo, Evan Nunez, Zach DeLeon, Chloe Hill, Austin Molina, Zoey Tovar

Middle Row (left to right) : Lora Hernandez, Angela Parraz, Annabella Santellana, Emaly Maldonado, Adrian Aguirre, Xhaiden Castro, Elena Molina, Chloe Bush

Top Row (left to right) : Jovanna Gomez, Melody Barrardo, Gio Beltran, Aiden Martinez, Landin Ballard, Vince Barrera



SPRING DANCE



The Junior High Bands have had a busy Spring as they are preparing for many end of the year activities. All of the bands have their final concert of the year coming up in the first week of May. The Symphonic Winds will also be attending UIL Concert and Sight-reading Evaluation at Sinton High School on Wednesday April 17th. They will be judged on three pieces of prepared music and scored by the judges on a scale from Superior to Poor (I-V).

They will then participate in Sight-reading where they will receive a brand new piece and have to perform that for judges for a score as well. This group will be attempting to lengthen the longest streak in OJH history.

They currently have earned 5 consecutive sweepstakes and will be going for their 6th in a row this year.



Jr. High Band



OJH NJHS—Congratulations!

On March 26 we inducted 7 new members into the National Junior Honor Society.

Congratulations to:

Vince Barrera, Chloe Hill, Adrian Aguirre, Aiden Martinez, Jonathan Moran, Zoey Garcia, and Aaliyah Parraz. Justin Andrade was also officially sworn in that evening after being accepted last year.



Craft Training Center -

The Craft Training Center of the Coastal Bend has developed a summer school camp, "The Future of America", to work with Junior High/Middle School Students (Grades 6, 7, 8) in order to provide hands-on activities in Construction Trade areas. The emphasis of the summer school program will be on Career Awareness, Math, Science and Safety applications in the following areas: Industrial Career Exploration, Scaffold-Building, Instrumentation, Pipefitting, Hand Tools, Power Tools, Construction Drawing and Math, Welding, Plumbing, and Electrical.

All of the students that participate in this summer camp must pass a drug test. Students are required to wear blue jeans or khakis, leather foot-wear and a long sleeve shirt and are required to work every day during the camp. The Craft Training Center provides safety glasses as well as personal protective equipment for each activity.

The projected outcome of this camp is for the students to attain general knowledge of the crafts trades and learn about the requirements to become a journeyman craftsman. The students apply math and science skills in these activities and understand the need for and practice the rules of safety as outlined in industry standards.

2019 CTC Junior High Summer Camp: June 3 to June 14

Contact Ms. Pogue or Mrs. Garcia for more information or an application.



OJH Track Season Comes to an End!



District Results

Isabella Flores—6th 2400m
 Jaelynn Garcia—6th Discus
 A. Garcia, T. McClellan, V. Saucedo, N. Lugo—6th 4x200m relay
 A. Rodriguez, J. Martinez, J. Chavira, J. Romero—1st 4x100m relay
 Josh Chavira—2nd 400m, 1st High Jump
 Ashton Rodriguez—5th 100m dash, 4th 200m, 1st Long Jump, 1st High Jump
 Javier Martinez—1st Shot Put, 1st Discus
 A. Romero, J. Romero, N. Phillips, T. Canales—5th 4x200m relay
 J. Phillips, J. Chavira, N. Phillips, T. Canales—2nd 4x400m relay

Emilee Sturgeon—1st 2400m, 1st 1600m
 Myra Garza—3rd 100m
 Z. Garcia, A. Beltran, M. Garza, D. Medina—3rd 4x100m
 A. Beltran, D. Medina, M. Rivera, Z. Garcia—4x400m
 Hunter Dawson—1st 200m, 6th Long Jump, 1st High Jump
 Tyler Brewer—4th Triple Jump, 5th High Jump
 B. Magana, H. Dawson, N. Villarreal, T. Brewer—2nd 4x400m
 D. Lopez, H. Dawson, N. Villarreal, T. Brewer—1st 4x100m

Destiny Medina—6th High Jump
 Melody Rivera—5th 100m

A. Beltran, M. Rivera, I. Salinas, D. Medina—5th 4x200m
 Alysha Beltran—5th Long Jump, 6th Triple Jump
 Nate Villarreal—5th Triple Jump, 5th Long Jump
 Leon Brown—4th Shot Put
 Brandon Magana—6th 800m
 Daniel Lopez—4th High Jump,



6th Grade—Fortnite Escape Room Challenge

6th grade students in Mrs. Rodriguez's ELAR class competed in a Fortnite Escape Room Challenge last week. Students were given various STAAR objective-based challenges/puzzles to solve in order to reach their final destination. In the end, the first successful team to correctly solve all of the challenges became the sole survivors in Fortnite. All students enjoyed the opportunity to learn through playing a game in ELAR class. Way to Go 6th grade!!!



All 'A' Honor

6th Grade: Adrian Aguirre, Vince Barrera, Itzac Cruz, Jovana Gomez, Chloe Hill, Emaly Maldonado, Elena Molina

7th Grade: Eric Agurre, Joaquin Gamez, Nathaniel Garcia, Matthew Guzman, Javier Martinez, Ebin McCloskey, Minerva Sanchez, Salvado Sanchez

8th Grade: Madison Bevly, Anna Decker, Emma Doria, Julietta Esqueda, Zoey Garcia, Diamond Gomez, Julian Gomez, Beau Hill, Daniel Lopez, Kalista O'cana, Miranda Pena, Isabella Salinas, Emilee Sturgeon

'A' and 'B' Honor Roll

6th Grade: Juan Aguilera, Melanie Bayardo, Brody Bonebrake, Chloe Bush, Angel Castillo, Xhaiden Castro, Irma Coronado, Tomas Dunlap, Kris Durrance, Devien Flores, Zoe Garcia, Brenna Gibson, Aiden Martinez, Brooke Martinez, Jonathan Moran, Evalynn Pena, Haiden Smith, Jaiden Smith

7th Grade: Justin Andrade, David Bevly, Leovardo Canales, Claudia Covarrubias, Jaelynn Garcia, John Henley, Ricardo Martinez, Traci McClellan, Ryan Mendez, Dezirae Moreno, Vanessa Saucedo

8th Grade: Jasmine Bigner, Julianna Borrego, Tyler Brewer, Onyx Burton, Karla Covarrubias, Jonathan Espinoza, Torin Falcon, Marissa Garcia, Kayla Gomez, Marianna Gomez, Marisela Lopez, Isaac Lugo, David Martinez, Joe Martinez, Destiny Medina, Daniela Morales, Mary Navarez, Shamanda Navarez, Annaid Olvera, Haven Pena, Hannah Morales, Jazmine Powell, Eduardo Rivera, Alexia Rodriguez, Kayla Tovar



I would like to say a special Thank You to Mrs. Garcia. She always goes above and beyond for not only the Junior High but also the Intermediate and Elementary!