



Odell Jr. High

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April 13, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Board Meeting	4/10
STAAR Blitz Begin	4/10
Symphonic Winds Comp	4/12
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No School	4/14
No School	4/17
Boston Marathon	4/17
Student Presentation on Social Media / technology	4/20
Perfect Attendance	4/21
Spring Dance—Luau	4/21
8th Grade—Registration 6pm—7pm Cafetorium	4/24
Academic Banquet—8th	4/27
Beginning Band Concert	5/4
STAAR—6th Math	5/8
STAAR—7th Math	5/8
STAAR—8th retest	5/8
STAAR—6th Reading	5/9
STAAR—7th Reading	5/9
STAAR—8th Science	5/10
STAAR—8th Social Stud.	5/11
Symphonic Winds Con.	5/11
6th/7th Grade Awards 8:30am Cafetorium	5/16
8th Grade Promotion	5/18

STAAR TUTORIAL BLITZ

Monday
8th Grade—Science
8th Grade—Social Studies

Tuesday
7th Grade—Reading
6th Grade—Math

Wednesday
7th Grade—Math
6th Grade—Reading

Thursday
8th Grade—Science
8th Grade—Social Studies

Friday
8th Grade—Social Studies

Please see back page for details!

Upcoming Testing Dates

May 8
6th Grade STAAR Math
7th Grade STAAR Math
8th Grade STAAR Math Retest

May 9
6th Grade STAAR Reading
7th Grade STAAR Reading
8th Grade STAAR Reading Retest

May 10
8th Grade STAAR Science

May 11
8th Grade STAAR Social

Perfect Attendance
Tech Period with
Treats,
April 21 2:55pm



We will be switching, 5th and 8th

CONGRATULATIONS!

Josh Adams
is our perfect attendance
winner for the
4th 6 weeks!

He will be recognized at
the board meeting on
May 15.

Parents and Students You Are Invited Pre-Scheduling

year can be a confusing time. Especially when we are moving to a new building. We are hosting 2 separate pre-scheduling seminars to discuss class options for next year, discuss changes in the shortened new Jr. High. Please make time to come and schedule your classes for next year.

Upcoming 6th Graders
April 24th from 5:30 to 6:30
High School Library

Upcoming 7th and 8th Graders
April 26th from 5:30 to 6:30
Cafetorium

Field Trips...



On March 29th the 7th grade students visited the Alamo, The Institute of Texas Culture, Ripley's Believe It or Not and the 4D theatre, and the Wax Museum.



On March 28th the 6th Grade class visited the Oso Wetland Preserve.

South Texas Special Olympics



**CONGRATULATIONS
ATHLETES**



Accelerated Reader

The following students met their AR goals for the 5th 6 weeks. I am sure they will be rewarded again...

Caleb Ynfante, Krista Beltran, Torri McClellan, Josh Adams, Xavier Drennon, Matthew Dunlap, Preston Dunn, Michael Edwards, Jacob Gomez, Marcus Martinez Lani McCloskey, Christina Ortiz, Adrian Ramirez, Matthew Rodriguez, Gabriela Sanchez, Jessie Siegford



Perfect Attendance

6th Grade— Matthew Acosta, Leon Brown, Regan Coy, Emma Doria, Julietta Esqueda, Torin Falcon, William Fiegel, Stephane Fonseca, Marissa Garcia, Diamond Gomez, Marianna Gomez, Servando Gomez, Esai Gonzalez, Reyes Guajardo, Bella Kholomeyev, Daniel Lopez, Isaac Lugo, David Martinez, Destiny Medina, Jessica Montes, Mary Navarez, Annaid Olvera, Nicholas Perez, Kealan Peterson, Kayla Tovar, Armando Villasenor

7th Grade— James Adams, Josh Adams, Perla Almendarez-Rojas, Krista Beltran, Jaylin Chapa, Jenna Chapa, Nicholas Chavira, Evelyn Contreras, Lizbeth Cruz, Belecia Flores, George Garcia, Arabella Garza, Marco Gonzales, Mia Gonzales, Larrissa Guerrero, Cesar Lopez, Alyssa Martinez, Isabella Mata, Torri McClellan, Isaac Moreno, Mark Moreno, Katherine Rodriguez, Mariah Rodriguez, Yolanda Salas-Cruz, Joshua Ynfante, Eliana Zapata

8th Grade— Jazmin Acosta, Natalie Alaniz, Salma Alvaro, Javen Falcon, Catherine Fonseca, Aiden Gonzales, Paul Daniel Hernandez, Micah Lopez, Alex Lugo, Jacob Luna, Terra McClellan, Ethan Sanchez, Rogelio Sanchez, Madison Vela, Kortney White

All 'A' Honor Roll

6th Grade— Ava Aleman, Anna Decker, Emma Doria, Julietta Esqueda, Zoey Garcia, Julian Gomez, Beau Hill, Bella Kholomeyev, Daniel Lopez, Miranda Pena, Emilee Sturgeon

7th Grade— Krista Beltran, Belicia Flores, Catalina Gamez, Jacob Gomez, Alyssa Martinez, Marcus Martinez, Mark Moreno

8th Grade— Isabella Duncan

'A' and 'B' Honor Roll

6th Grade— Cameron Aleman, Jasmine Bigner, Tyler Brewer, Karla Covarrubias, Regan Coy, Torin Falcon, Marissa Garcia, Diamond Gomez, Kayla Gomez, Marianna Gomez, Esai Gonzalez, Joe Martinez, Mary Navarez, Shamanda Navarez, Aaliyah Parraz, Isabella Salinas, Kayla Tovar, Caleb Ynfante

7th Grade— James Adams, Mia Aviles, Isiah Brown, Evelyn Contreras, Alejandro Cruz, Lizbeth Cruz, Martin Doria, Matthew Dunlap, George Garcia, Arabella Garza, Robert Garza, Abigail Kennedy, Tori McClellan, Nicole Ortiz, Katherine Rodriguez, Edward Sanchez

8th Grade— Jazmin Acosta, Aaliyah Avila Lopez, Larry Beasley, Abelardo DeLuna, Jessie Doria, Jonathan Emerson, John Espinoza, Kayleen Fiegel, Landon Garza, Aiden Gonzales, Paul Daniel Hernandez, Micah Lopez, Alex Lugo, Jacob Luna, Clarissa Marroquin, Anthony Martinez, Kiyanna Matinez, Nevaeh Martinez, Terra McClellan, Eve Musgrove, Allison Ortiz, Roy Perez, Fatima Rodriguez Dondiego, Ethan Sanchez, Jose Trevino, Madison Vela, Dominic Zamora

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Marissa Garcia

Marissa is a very trustworthy, reliable, and helpful student. She frequently volunteers to assist me in the classroom. Marissa is a determined student and always strives to do her best.

Pedro Diaz

Pedro is a hard-working student that doesn't give up in time of struggle. His determination is admirable. Pedro is a great classmate to his peers. He is kind and considerate of others.

6
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GRADE

Alyssa Martinez

Alyssa is a born leader who has gone above and beyond all year long to reach and exceed her goals academically and in all extra-curricular activities. Alyssa has maintained an all A average this year while participating in all sports plus NJHS, Student Council, and a member of the OJH Symphonic Band.

Eddie Sanchez

Eddie continues to show growth academically and in extra-curricular activities. Eddie shined this year as a member of the cross-country team, basketball team, track team and OJH Symphonic Band. He is also a leader in the NJHS. His humble character and kind disposition makes him an exceptional role-model for his fellow classmates to imitate.

7
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GRADE

Allison Ortiz

Allison is a strong student in all classes. She has a strong work ethic and gives her best efforts during class assignments.

Allison is always quick to help others and is a valuable member of her classes.

Aiden Gonzales

Aiden is an outstanding student. He always displays a positive attitude toward his peers and his classwork. Aiden strives for excellence in all he does.

8
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GRADE

CONGRATULATIONS 2017-2018 OJH Cheerleaders



2017 Odem Jr. High cheer try-outs were held March 10. The 2017-18 squad includes incoming seventh graders: Alysha Beltran, Madison Curtiss, Marissa Garcia, and Bella Kholomeyev. The incoming eighth graders include: Jenna Chapa, Arabella Garza, Mia Gonzales, Alyssa Martinez, Nicole Ortiz, and Katherine Martinez. They will attend UCA camp this summer in June at Calallen Middle School.

STAAR

Odem Junior High eighth graders took part in the first round of the 2017 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, STAAR, testing on March 28 and 29. Students took the eighth grade mathematics and reading tests. The assessments are part of the criteria needed to be promoted to high school. Eighth grade is considered a Student Success Initiative. SSI was created by the Texas Legislature to ensure all students receive the instruction and support in math and reading needed to be academically successful. Students are required to pass STAAR grade 8 mathematics and reading tests in order to be promoted to ninth grade. The eighth graders have already endured SSI in fifth grade.

Students in eighth grade have three opportunities to pass the STAAR reading and math tests. If a student does not pass one or both tests, the school will give the student additional instruction after each testing opportunity and the student must participate in that instruction. Parents will be notified if their student doesn't pass a STAAR test required for promotion. If a student does not pass the second testing opportunity a grade placement committee, GPC, is formed. The GPC consists of the principal, teacher, and the parent or guardian. They will create an instructional plan based on the individual needs of the student.

A student who does not pass STAAR reading or math test after the third testing opportunity will automatically be retained. However, the student's parent or guardian can appeal the decision to have their child repeat the grade by submitting a request to the GPC within five working days of receiving the retention notice. The GPC can decide to promote the student if they agree that he or she will be likely to succeed in the next grade level.

GOOD LUCK OJH BAND!



April 12
Symphonic Band
Competition

May 4
Beginning Band
and Concert
Band
Program

May 11
Symphonic Band
Concert



STAAR BLITZ

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Starting Tuesday, April 11th all 6th and 7th grade students will be participating in an intensive tutoring program to enhance their **Reading and Math** skills for the upcoming STAAR exams. The Reading exam will be on May 9th and the Math exam will be on May 8th.

Tutoring, for the Math will take place at the Odem Junior High Campus every Tuesday for 6th graders and every Wednesday for 7th graders from 4:00-5:00 p.m. from April 11th through May 3rd. Dr. Veronica Gutierrez, Curriculum Director for Odem-Edroy ISD, is directing the Math tutoring program with Mr. Tierney, Coach Ramirez, Mrs. Sykora, Ms. Gamez and Mrs. Gomez. Tutorial sessions will take place in the designated classrooms. Students are assigned to a classroom and should check with the counseling department or their math teacher for additional information.

Tutoring, for the Reading will take place at the Odem Junior High Campus every Tuesday for 7th graders and every Wednesday for 6th graders from 4:00-5:00 p.m. from April 11th through May 3rd. Dr. Lidamar Yruegas, ELA/Reading Content Specialist for Odem-Edroy ISD, is directing the Reading tutoring program with Ms. Ballard, Mrs. Rodriguez, Ms. Gomez, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Salazar. Tutorial sessions will take place in the designated classrooms. Students are assigned to a classroom and should check with the counseling department or their reading teacher for additional information.

Due to the importance of this effort for all students to attend every Tuesday and Wednesday, there will be no practices during tutoring hours. Students will be provided an afternoon snack and busses will be available to transport students after tutoring if needed.

There will be many incentives offered to the students who attend tutorials, including tablets, gift baskets, and a trip. In addition, students will receive an extra 5 minutes for lunch.

A great deal of planning has gone into this program. We want our students to have every possible opportunity to do their very best in May and ask that all parents and guardians support them by making sure they attend every Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Ms. Ballard and Ms. Gamez also have tutorials available on Monday and Thursday for Science and Social Studies.

If you have questions you may contact Traci Fryar or Cindy Garcia.