



Odem Jr. High NEWSLETTER

October 12, 2017

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Perfect Attendance

Pool Party, Oct. 13

1:30pm to 3:30pm



Picture Day	10/4
End of 1st 6 weeks	10/5
FBall vs. Bishop	10/5
Planning Day	10/6
XC Meet—West Guth	10/7
VBall Tourn.—Odem	10/7
VBall game vs. Taft	10/9
District XC—Skidmore	10/11
Report Cards	10/12
FBall vs. Skidmore	10/12
VBall Tourn.—West Oso	10/14
VBall vs. Goliad	10/16
FBall vs. London	10/19
VBall vs. Bloomington	10/23
Red Ribbon Week	10/23 to 10/27
End of 3 weeks	10/26
FBall vs Freer	10/26
Planning Day	10/27
Jr. High Dance	10/27
Progress Report	11/2
New York Marathon	11/5
End of 2nd 6 weeks	11/10
Planning Day	11/13
Holiday	11/20 to 11/24

UIL Eligibility

Parents,

As the end of the six weeks is winding down, it is imperative that students stay on top of their grades. In order to participate in any UIL extra-curricular activities, including athletics, band, cheerleading and/or academic competitions students must be considered “eligible” to participate. This means that students must maintain an average of 70 or above on their six weeks grading report.

If a student does not meet these passing

standards, they will become “ineligible” to participate in extra-curricular activities for a specified period of time. With that being said, students can still practice with their team before or after school, but they will not be permitted to travel with the team or participate in any competitions. Students will have an opportunity to regain eligibility at the three week progress report period, but the student must be passing all of their classes, not just the class the student

failed previously. If the student does not regain eligibility at this time, the student will have the opportunity to regain eligibility again at the end of the next six weeks grading period.

In order to ensure your child can participate in all events at school, active monitor your child’s academic progress regularly.



On September 11 we had the official ribbon cutting of the new school.

We concluded the evening with meet the teacher and campus tours.

Mario Benavidez



Mario Benavidez is a bright and studious student who will give you his best effort each and every time. He is friendly and courteous to his peers and to our entire staff. Mario enjoys class participation and group discussions and is always willing to help fellow classmates.

Jessalyn Ortiz



Jessalyn Ortiz is an engaged and prepared student who loves to learn. Her passion for learning and reading are very evident in the classroom. Jessalyn always accomplishes her tasks with her very best effort. She helps her peers in the classroom and is willing to go that "extra mile" to help those around her.

Gabrianna Cruz



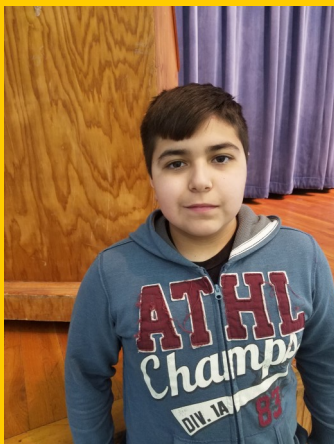
Gabrianna never fails to work diligently from bell to bell in all her classes. She continues to make great strides towards her academic success. Her humble character and kind disposition make her an exceptional role-model for her fellow classmates to imitate.

Edward Rivera



Edward is a conscientious learner and hard-working student in the classroom. He is always eager to participate and help his fellow classmates when possible. It is with great pleasure that we welcome an obvious role model to our campus.

Brian Cisneros



Brian is a top student! While being involved in Symphonic Winds and playing the trumpet, he also manages to maintain A's in all of his classes! He is a joy to have in the classroom, helping out his teachers and his classmates with their school-work.

Lizabeth Cruz



Lizabeth is an awesome student athlete. She is a hard worker both on the court and in the classroom. As a B-team volleyball player, she also is a member of NJHS. She is a great role model for her fellow classmates!

Technology—

It was a busy summer here at Odem ISD and we are excited to have you back. The technology here was upgraded during this summer and we now have an updated network infrastructure that can handle all of our district network and wireless needs. We have added devices and interactive projectors to the classroom, cameras and access control to the new campuses, and much more. Thanks for your support and we will continue moving forward with tech here at OEISD.

Reading—

This year our district has adopted Reading Plus, a program which promises to simultaneously develop the three domains of reading. Research shows that students who complete a 100% of their weekly assignments will achieve significantly larger gains in reading fluency, vocabulary development and comprehension skills. Please encourage your child to utilize this program both at school and at home. Together, we can help them develop into lifelong readers who see reading as a valuable means of gaining knowledge and joy.



ESL/ELL—

One of the main strategies to help our ELL learners is through parent involvement. Odem-Edroy ISD would like to offer two-way communication and parental guidance to help increase positive relationships between the home and school.

We want to encourage ELL parents to volunteer in the classroom as well as at school events to have them promote information about the home language and continue to support home language literacy.

We want to provide resources in many different languages so that you are showing that you value all languages and the maintenance of them.

We want to create opportunities for parents to engage in sharing their home cultures and their own expertise because this will foster a positive attitude to ELL children about their first language and learning experiences.

If you, as a parent of and ELL student, would like more information about partnering with your child school, please contact Traci Pogue at Odem Jr.

High 361-368-8121 or poguet@oeisd.org

Social Studies—

Social Studies students at Odem JH have been busy this 1st Six Weeks learning about the exploration and colonization of North America. Students have been learning about the many reasons and motives for European exploration during the 17th century. 8th grade students created a map of 3 explorations to the New World and completed an activity in which they wrote post cards about what they had encountered on the their voyages to the New World. As a result of this assignment, students learned about the physical geography of America and why people settled where they did.

Perfect Attendance

6th Grade—David Bevely, Joshua Chavira, Claudia Covarrubias, Isabella Flores, Joaquin Gamez, Leonardo Garcia, Nathaniel Garcia, Nayeli Lugo, Javier Martinez, Traci McClellen, Ebin McCloskey, Ryan Mendez, John Nino, Johnathan Perez, Coby Roberson, Ashton Rodriguez, Bailey Rodriguez, Daniel Seanez

7th Grade—Matthew Acosta, Cameron Aleman, Alysha Beltran, Madison Bevely, Jasmine Bigner, Ricardo Bravo, Leon Brown, Alexavier Constante-Alaniz, Karla Covarrubias, Gabrianna Cruz, Anna Decker, Emma Doria, JuliettaEsqueda, Torin Falcon, Ayden Galvan, Marissa Garcia, Zoey Garcia, Juan Gomez, Servando Gomez, Esai Gonzalez, Bella Kholomeyev, Daniel Lopez, Marisela Lopez, Isaac Lugo, Brandon Magana, David Martinez, Joe Martinez, Destiny Medina, Daniela Morales, Shamanda Nevarez, Mary Nevarez, Annaid Olvera, Miranda Pena, Eduardo Rivera, Alexia Rodriguez, Isabella Salinas, Kayla Tovar, Armando Villasenor

8th Grade—James Adams, Brandon Beltran, Krista Beltran, Isiah Brown, Mia Cabrera, Kyle Castaneda, Jaylin Chapa, Jenna Chapa, Nicholas Chavira, Andrew Constante Alaniz, Evelyn Contreras, Alejandro Cruz, Santos, DeLaTorre, Xavier Drennon, Elijah Friedrichsen, George Garcia, Arabella Garza, Robert Garza, Dario Gomez, Jacob Gomez, Gabriella Gonzales, Marco Gonzales, Lauro Gonzalez, Franky Hernandez, Jordan Hernandez, Abigail Kennedy, Cesar Lopez, Isaiah Lopez, Alyssa Martinez, Torri McClellen, Isaac Moreno, Mark Moreno, Christina Ortiz, Nicole Ortiz, Diego Rodriguez, Katherine Rodriguez, Antonio Rubio, Gabriella Sanchez, Jesse Siegford,

Attendance Incentives

Students who meet all attendance requirements, earn all course credits, and pass all STAAR EOC assessments (if applicable) will not be required to attend the final 7 days of school from May 21 – June 2, 2018. The school year for students who do meet all attendance requirements as described will end on May 18, 2018. Students required to attend will be denied promotion or credits if not in attendance all 9 days.

Every six weeks each campus will host a Campus Perfect Attendance Award Celebration for all students who achieve perfect attendance for the previous grading period. To be eligible for the Campus Perfect Attendance Award Celebration a student CANNOT have any unexcused or excused absences for any period of any day during the six weeks grading period.



UIL...

Teams are quickly forming for our UIL Academic teams. If any student is interested in trying out for a team, please contact Mrs. Garcia at 361-368-8661 for more information.

Events:

Black/White Art	Color Art
3D Art	Ready Writing
Editorial Writing	Oral Reading
Impromptu Speaking	Modern Oratory
Modern Oratory	Spelling
Number Sense	Calculator
Science I & II	Music Memory
Art Memory	Mathematics
Listening Skills	Dictionary Skills
Social Studies	Chess Puzzle
Maps, Charts, Graphs	

Come and join our winning tradition!

From Yolanda Alvaro, Director Special Ed./Dyslexia

Special education is specially designed instruction, support, and services provided to students with an identified disability requiring an individually designed instructional program to meet their unique learning needs. The purpose of special education is to enable students to successfully develop to their fullest potential by providing a free appropriate public education in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Parents who have children in Special Education play an important role in their child's education. It is imperative that we work together as partners to develop an appropriate IEP for your child. Odem Edroy ISD offers services to meet the needs of each student in the least restrictive environment ensuring access to the general education curriculum. We believe in inclusive education to the maximum extent appropriate. Years of research has consistently demonstrated that the inclusion of students with disabilities in general education classrooms results in favorable outcomes.

At OEISD we have great staff that is equipped to ensure that every child, regardless of needs and abilities is empowered to achieve to his or her potential. The goal of our program is to assist students in developing into self sufficient young adults. We have high expectations for all of our students regardless of their disability. Our staff works diligently to increase student engagement and decrease time off task as students take more ownership of their work. We realize that in Special Education there may be acronyms or terms used that you may be unfamiliar with, for this reason we encourage you to ask questions during your meeting as well as contact us if needed. We look forward to working as partners with you to ensure your child is receiving the best education to the maximum extent appropriate. Feel free to contact our department should you have any questions.

Dyslexia is one of the most common learning disabilities affecting Texas. This lifelong disorder can be detrimental to a child's education or an adult's professional development by inhibiting interpretation of spoken and written language.

With proper diagnosis, individuals can be taught appropriate, systematic and structured methods of learning that enable them to excel in their school and work environments. The dedication and understanding of family, teachers, and coworkers can greatly help those with dyslexia achieve success.

To raise awareness of this learning disability, October has been designated Dyslexia Awareness Month. It is vital to communicate the importance of an early diagnosis and to provide the necessary assistance and guidance to those affected by dyslexia.



The JH band has been very busy throughout the first six weeks of school. The junior high band program has 150 students in 6th-8th grade. Beginning band has begun to learn the first notes on their instruments and are working everyday towards their first concert in December. Symphonic Winds and Concert Band students have been playing at all the pep rallies. The JH drumline have been working on percussion cadences this week. The students were also excited to use flip folders for the first time this year for pep rallies. Symphonic Winds members have also been rehearsing their audition music for Region Band auditions at the beginning of December.



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Library-

The campus library is open and bustling with patrons! The librarians have worked at making a comfortable and welcoming environment for our OEISD students. Our Jr. High librarian is Claudina Perez.

Accelerated Reading will start on Monday, October 9 for elementary, intermediate and junior high campuses. The librarians and teachers are working together to help students achieve their reading goals every 6 weeks. Incentives are planned after each 6 weeks to reward students who have met or surpassed their goals.

There are also end of the year field trips planned for students who meet their goals each 6 weeks all year.

We have begun a fundraiser to help with costs for incentives and field trips. Each library will have brag tags for sale. Brag tags will be spirit tags, seasonal tags, and popular emoji and current trend tags. Each tag is \$2. Students will also receive a free one from the library each 6 weeks when they reach their AR goals.

All librarians are looking forward to an exciting year!

-Debbie Serrano, District Librarian



Message from the School Nurse:

Getting an annual flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations. "Every flu season is different, and we don't know ahead of time when we're going to start to see flu circulation," reports CDC. You should get a flu vaccine before flu begins spreading in our community. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body that protect against flu, so make plans to get vaccinated early in fall, before flu season begins. CDC recommends that people get a flu vaccine by the end of October, if possible. Getting vaccinated later, however, can still be beneficial and vaccination should continue to be offered throughout the flu season, even into January or later.

Esmeralda Martinez, 504—

As the district's 504 coordinator, I would like to take the opportunity to share some information regarding the Section 504 Program. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, is a federal civil rights statute which protects the rights of persons with disabilities. Section 504 prohibits discrimination against students with disabilities and allows them to participate freely in both public elementary and secondary education. The 504 Plan is a plan developed to ensure that a child who has a disability identified under the law and is attending an elementary or secondary educational institution receives accommodations that will ensure their academic success and access to the learning environment. Included in the U.S. Department of Education regulation for Section 504 is the requirement that disabled students be provided with Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). These regulations require identification, evaluation, the provision of appropriate services, and procedural safeguards. An eligible student is a student who is regarded as having a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits a major life activity such as learning. Major life activities include walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, working, caring for oneself, and performing manual tasks. The disability must substantially limit learning activities for the student to be eligible for 504 educational services. If you have any questions, please contact me at 361-368-3881 x 239.

From: Janie Luna
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Food Service Newsletter

Cafeteria Dept.
361-368-8121 x 264

The staff of the Odem-Edroy School Lunch Program would like to welcome you back to another great school year. Our mission is to provide healthy and nutritious foods. Our staff is committed to serving fresh foods prepared daily in our central kitchen as well as positive customer service opportunities throughout our cafeteria serving area.

Due to USDA Regulations, we were required to increase our meals prices for the upcoming school year in response to a provision called lunch price equity. Lunch price equity is a process in which the USDA requires a school lunch program align its paid lunch prices to more accurately reflect the reimbursement money paid by the USDA for free meals.

Free and Reduced Meal Applications: Odem-Edroy schools participate in School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. Free and Reduced meals are available to families that qualify. Applications are available at each school campus. New applications are required each school year. Please contact the cafeteria department with any questions regarding signing up for free/reduced meals.

Hello, Parents! I am excited to be serving this year as the district GT coordinator. I believe that parents are partners when it comes to meeting the needs of gifted learners. Parents and teachers can work together to ensure children are not only challenged, but also valued for their unique abilities.

Students that qualify for the Gifted & Talented program will receive the following services at Odem-Edroy ISD:

Jr. High: GT pullout out program weekly

The junior high and high school provide enrichment classes including pre-AP, AP, dual credit & CTE classes.

If you have any questions regarding the GT program, I can be reached at Odem Intermediate School at 361-368-3881, ext. 268.

Yours in Education,

Jana Kieschnick
Principal Odem Intermediate School
District GT Coordinator

Science-

Science is all around us. Children have a natural curiosity about the world around them. From observing and finding patterns in nature to helping with meal preparation, families are encouraged to help foster critical thinking skills at home that will greatly promote scientific thinking.

Secondary Age:

- Explore science during family vacations; such as hiking trips or beach vacations.
- Explore measurement and chemical reactions through cooking and baking.
- Visit museums, planetariums, zoos, and galleries.
- Watch the news for medical breakthroughs and scientific explorations.
- Investigate careers in science.

We also encourage students to incorporate technology time with science-based concepts and simulations. The integration of technology will enhance student interest and build on instruction obtained in the classroom.

CTE-

Career and Technical Education or CTE: The purpose of CTE is to prepare high school students with the technical skills needed for postsecondary education and careers of their choosing. It is never too early to begin exploring career possibilities and high school endorsements. Visit the following link for a game that will help you discover what interests your junior high school student.

<https://texasoncourse.org/middle-galaxy-about>

Yvette Maldonado Custodial Dept.

Why a Clean School Can Impact Student Success



With nearly 22 million school days lost annually to the common cold, preventing the spread of germs depends heavily on maintaining a clean school. There are many hotspots for bacteria in a school environment, and, adding to the challenge, cold and flu viruses can live on surfaces anywhere from a few seconds to 48 hours, making these areas highly dangerous when not routinely disinfected.

We all know having a clean school promotes a healthy environment, but a clean school can also lead to student success.

Keeping our four campuses highly cleaned and sanitized is our number one GOAL as a TEAM.

We know clean schools lead to increased student attendance because students are healthy and well.

Remind your children to always flush and to always wash their hands.

Together, we can impact student success with clean schools and hands.

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Arnold Maldonado

Maintenance Dept.

The 1st Six Weeks for the 2017-2018 school year has ended. It was a very busy and productive six weeks for the maintenance department.

We are working hard on repairing and continuing to maintain our A/C units, grounds, football field and any maintenance problem that arises.

We ask for your assistance in observing the district's cross walks by stopping in these areas. We also ask that you observe the "SLOW" signs painted/displayed throughout the district. Slow and safe driving around Owl Square ensures the safety of all our students, faculty and staff.

If you see a light out around the campuses, please e-mail us at villgasf@oeisd.org so we can tend to those safety/security notices as soon as possible.

During football games here at Owl Stadium, we ask that you please help us keep it clean by throwing your trash after every game. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

The Odem Pool Park belongs to us all—Help us keep it open by keeping it LITTER FREE and taking great care of it.

Maintenance Department Support Learning Through Service
31-368-8121, ext. 266

Roel Arguelles, Transportation Dept.

The Transportation department has rolled through the 1st Six Weeks for the 2017-2018 school year.

Thank you parents for your patience and understanding as we worked hard on getting all our riders on their route buses.

Before every route or extra curricular activity we run our daily inspections on all the buses to make sure they are safe to run.

We are currently having some issues with A/C units in some of our buses, but rest assured, we are in the process of getting all this issues repaired.

For the safety of our students we are asking all parents and the Odem -Edroy Communities to please observe the following very important traffic rules.

When a school bus has the stop sign out and the red lights flashing, on a two-lane, undivided roads, drivers are required to stop in both directions.

Transportation Department

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TOGETHER.
WE CAN INITIATE CONVERSATIONS.
WE CAN ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE.
WE WILL PREVENT BULLYING.
FOR GOOD.

Coach Huerta, Odem Athletic Director:

As the first six weeks comes to a close, we would like to take a look at where our JH athletic programs are at in their seasons. JH volleyball currently has great participation. They have four teams and even created a 5th team for one matchup. The 7th grade A team is 3-0, 7th B team is 1-2, 8th A team is 2-1, and 8th B team is 1-2. JH volleyball remaining home games are on Oct. 16 and 23. JH football is currently 3 games into the season. The 8th grade team is 2-1, while the 7th grade team is also 2-1. JH football remaining home games are on Oct. 12, Oct. 26, and Nov. 2. The JH cross country team will conclude their season Wed October 11 at the district meet in Skidmore. We would like encourage all Odem Junior High students and their families to take an interest in and join our athletic programs. We would also like to thank everyone currently involved and supporting those programs. For more information on our athletic programs please visit our school website or www.odemowlathletics.com.



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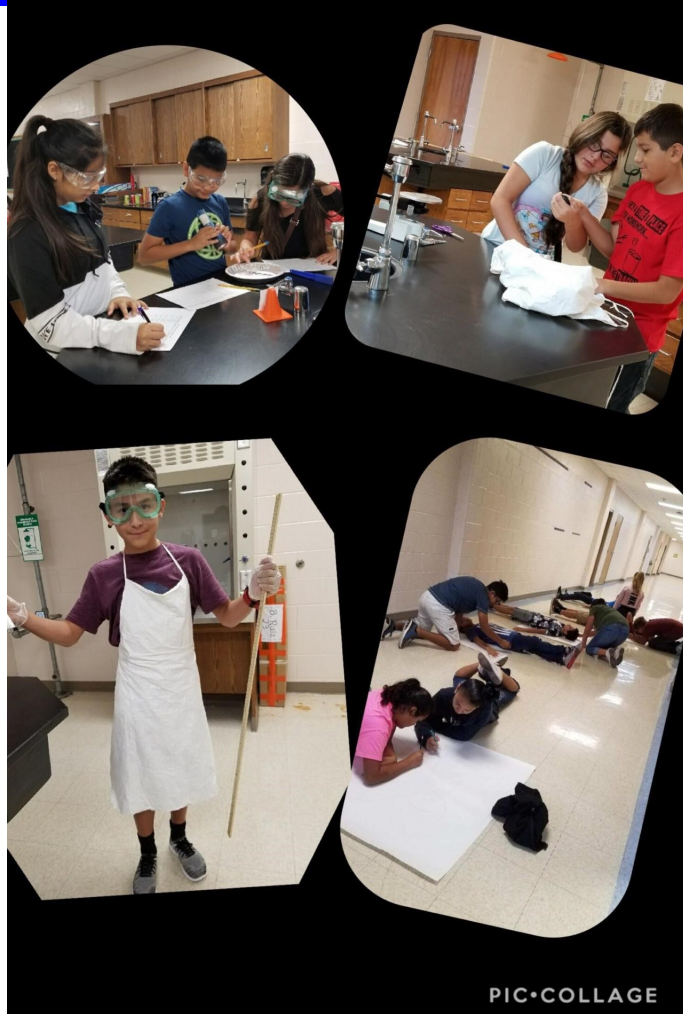
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Clarissa Moreno, Parent Involvement Coordinator

News

Great job parents, we have had a successful first six weeks. OEISD staff would like to thank you for sending your child to school on time and ensuring they are prepared for class. Lets keep up the great work!

Updates

Junior High

- Living Tree--Coming Soon

Resources

The link below includes articles about *Tips for Your Child's Success in School*, *The Importance of Good Nutrition*, *Human Trafficking*, *Behavioral Problems in Adolescents*, *What to Do If You Are Worried about Suicide*. (Available in Spanish)

<http://www.escl6.net/page/title1swi.3> newsletter



District Liason—Leigh Ann Ray

My name is Leigh Ann Ray and I will be serving as the District Liaison for children and parents of our community birth –three years old. My goal is to serve our community by supporting our parents of our very youngest as we work jointly to prepare them to be excellent readers and overall students when they begin school here in Odem-Edroy ISD. Please look for communications soon on upcoming activities for these parents and students. You can find these updates on the main district web-site and Face Book at www.oeisd.org

I look forward to working with each of you and please feel free to contact me if you should have questions. rayl@oeisd.org

Chess Club—

The first chess club meeting will be Tuesday, October 17. Students in grades 3-12 are invited to participate in the club. Meetings will be held after school in the intermediate library every Tuesday. Depending on the number of attendees, the students may be split by grade level and meet every other week. This will be determined at a later date. All interested students are invited to attend the first meeting on October 17.

This year our younger students will get the opportunity to learn and play against jh and hs players. Students will also be attending tournaments to represent OEISD.

All 'A' Honor

6th Grade— Justin Andrade, Claudia Covarrubias, Joaquin Gamez, Nathaniel Garcia, Javier Martinez, Traci McClellen, Ebin McCloskey, Ryan Mendez

7th Grade— Anna Decker, Emma Doria, Julietta Esqueda, Zoey Garcia, Julian Gomez, Daniel Lopez, Miranda Pena, Eduardo Rivera, Emilee Sturgeon

8th Grade—Krista Beltran, Brian Cisneros, Evelyn Contreras, Lizbeth Cruz, Xavier Drennon, Matthew Dunlap, Belicia Flores, Catalina Gamez, George Garcia, Arabella Garza, Robert Garza, Jacob Gomez, Mia Gonazales, Alyssa Martinez, Isabella Mata, Torri McClellen, Mark Moreno, Nicole Ortiz, Katherine Rodriguez.

'A' and 'B' Honor Roll

6th Grade—Eric Aguirre, Hailey Alambar, Alyssa Benavides, Mario Benavides, David Bevly, Noah Brown, Leovardo Canales, Joshua Chavira, Isabella Flores, Jaelynn Garcia, Leondardo Garcia, Matthew Guzman, Lillian Kiefer, Joy Lerma, Nayeli Lugo, Dezirae, John Nino, Jacob Phillips, Nathan Phillips, Colby Roberson, Bailey Rodriguez, Adam Romero, Julian Romero, Christine Saenz, Vanessa Saucedo, Daniel Seaney

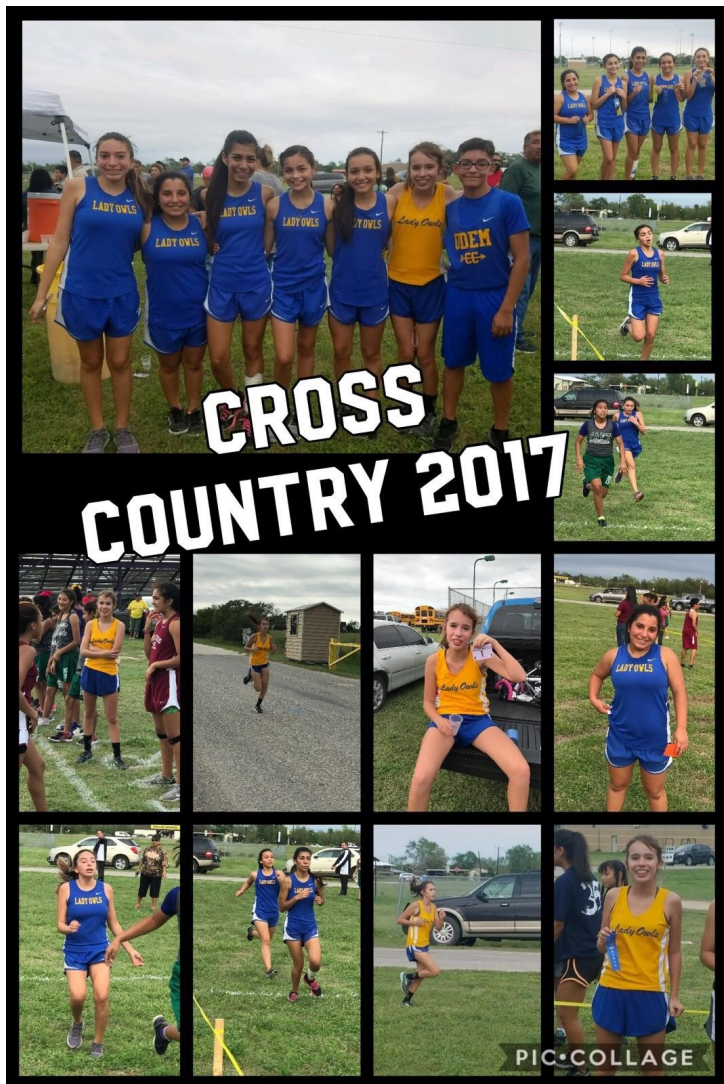
7th Grade—Cameron Aleman, Madison Bevly, Jasmine Bigner, Tyler Brewer, Leon Brown, Karla Covarrubias, Gabrianna Cruz, Hunter Dawson, Pedro Diaz, Jonathan Espinoza, Torin Falcon, Kayla Gomez, Marianna Gomez, Beau Hill, Bella Kholomeyev, Daniela Morales, Mary Navarez, Shamanda Nevarez, Kalista Ocana, Isabella Salinas, Kayla Tovar

8th Grade—James Adams, Mia Aviles, Brandon Beltran, Isiah Brown, Mia Cabrera, Kyle Castaneda, Jenna Chapa, Nicholas Chavira, Andrew Constante-Melendez, Alejandro Cruz, Santos DeLaTorre, Austin Dominguez, Martin Doria, Hannah Encinia, Kristopher Estrella, Gabriella Gonzales, Marco Gonzales, Jordan Hernandez, Abigail Kennedy, Benjamin Lerma, Jeslyn Luna, Bryan Magana, Adolfo Martinez, Lahni McCloskey, Samarra Medina, Isaac Moreno, Christina Ortiz, Elijah Pizana, Jiomara Rivera-Negron, Aaron Robinson, Caleb Robinson, Diego Rodriguez, Yolanda Salas-Cruz, Edward Sanchez, Gabriela Sanchez, Jesse Siegford, Dylan Tijerina, Cody Underwood, Gabriella Vega, Joshua Ynfante

CONGRATULATIONS!

Isaac Moreno
is our perfect attendance winner for the
1st 6 weeks!

He will be recognized at the Nov. board meeting.



OJHS

HALLOWEEN DANCE

October 27, 2017
6-9PM
Junior High Cafetorium
\$3.00 Admission
(PRESALE, and at THE door)
Concession Stand Available
Costume Contest

**Congratulations
Cross Country Team**

7th Grade District Champ—Emilee Sturgeon

8th Grade Team District Champs:
Katherine Rodriguez—5th individual
Alyssa Martinez—7th individual
Belicia Flores—8th individual
Krista Beltran—10th individual
Jenna Chapa—12th individual

8th Grade—Mark Moreno—8th Individual



7th Grade Football Team
8th Grade Football Team



**Homecoming
Parade**