



## Important Dates:

- April 6—Dual Credit Packet due
- April 10—EOC Eng 1 testing
- April 12 -EOC Eng 2 testing
- April 13 - Kickball tournament
- April 17 — PSAT 10th grade
- April 16—Registration current 8h & 9th graders 5:30
- April 17- PSAT 10th grade
- April 18- Blood Drive
- April 19—TSI Testing
- April 21—Windy & Jazz Band Fundraiser 6:00 pm
- April 23—Registration current 10th & 11th grade students 5:30
- April 27—South Coast Jazz Festival
- April 30—Spring Band Concert
- May 1—Academic Banquet
- May 4- Senior Decision Making Day 9:00
- May 8—NHS Induction
- May 8—Algebra 1 EOC
- May 9—US History EOC
- May 10—Biology EOC
- May 11—AP History Test
- May 14- Skateland Rdg Incen-tive
- May 15—Athletic Banquet
- May 16—Aim For Success Presentation & Theatre Fest
- May 17—Awards 9:00
- May 18—Senior Awards 8:30
- May 18—Seniors vs Coaches 10:30
- May 24- Graduation practice
- May 25—Graduation

## From The Office Of The Principal

*Yolanda Alvaro*



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here we are at the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> six weeks. One more six weeks and the school year will be over. The weeks are flying by. At this time, our spring sports are well under way. In our academic UIL events, we had nine of our UIL students advance to regionals. Some of our students have already started taking the EOC test and others are preparing to take them in May. Teachers completed the EOC reading tutorials during power hour classes, and have now begun the tutorials for EOC Algebra 1 and Biology. Students are preparing for next school year. Registration for Dual Credit courses has taken place and registration for the next school year at OHS will be taking place soon. Preparations for next school year are well on their way.

Odem High School offers students an opportunity to excel and provides the opportunity for students to become successful lifelong learners that serve as a resource to the community. Our goal is to provide an educational environment which will encourage students to realize their potential and to serve as a resource for the community in promoting lifelong learning experiences. We here at OHS are dedicated to preparing students for either the work place or post-secondary education by teaching them the skills they will need to be successful. We appreciate the interest you take in your child's education. We are committed to excellence in providing the best instruction for our students.

As we get closer to the end the school year, I would like to thank the parents and guardians for everything they have done for the school community this past school year. I hope all of us can keep the momentum going as we move into the last six weeks and toward the end of the school year. Moving into the last six weeks, there is much to do and much to look forward to. Take the opportunity to schedule a parent conference with teachers, if you have any questions regarding your child's academics. If you have questions about your child's credits or next school years courses feel free to contact, Mrs. Brown, our counselor. Odem High School is committed to working as a partner with parents and with the community. Parents and community members are always invited to contact us with questions or concerns.

## Congratulation to the students achieving Regional/State recognition for basketball...

-Matthew Ramirez - TABC 3A All-Region

-Juliana Alcalá - TGCA 3A All-State, TABC 3A All-State, TABC 3A All-Region

-Kayle Cuellar - TABC 3A All-Region

-Janelle Mendez - TABC 3A All-Region



*Don't count the days,  
make the days Count.*

## Congratulations to the Once Act Play Cast ...

Advancing to Bi District for the first time in 8 yrs.







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From  
Traci Pogue



State testing season is just around the corner, and teachers and students are inevitably feeling the pressure. However, for students classified as English language learners (ELLs) this time of year comes with an added level of stress. These students are not only managing the anxiety all students experience knowing that their academic understanding is about to be put to the test; they're also dealing with the added challenge of navigating the experience in a language that may still feel foreign.

Nonetheless, come testing day, many ELLs will be expected to show what they know on a test written in English. How can we take steps to level the playing field for ELLs, and ensure that standardized testing does its job of measuring concept knowledge—not language proficiency?

**Help ELLs understand the importance of testing:** Many other countries don't put nearly the same emphasis on testing as we do in the United States. As a result, some of your ELLs may simply be confused by the premise, or not understand what all the fuss is about. While you certainly don't want to scare them, it is important to explain what high-stakes state tests are, what they are used for, and why they're important. This background knowledge can go a long way in motivating your ELLs to put forth their best efforts as they prepare for when testing day rolls around.



From  
Jana  
Kieschnick

Students that have been referred for Gifted and Talented program are currently being tested. Also, all kindergarten students are assessed using teacher input, a kindergarten portfolio, and an online NNAT-3 assessment.

The Selection Process includes the following:

- Nominations will be requested in the spring semester.
- The GT testing window is held during the fifth and sixth six-weeks.
- Entry into the gifted and talented program will be at the beginning of the fall semester.
- In order to facilitate the selection decisions, a matrix will be prepared for each students. The matrix is used to organize and evaluate student performance on selection criteria.
- The GT committee may consist of the building administrator, counselor, grade level teachers and GT coordinator.
- The GT Committee members make decisions regarding the selection process, furloughs, exits from the program, and transfers.

If you have any questions, please call me at 361-368-3881, ext. 268.

Thank you!

From Lisa Flores

## CTE

In CTE News...

A huge thank you to the OHS Counseling Department for providing a very informative parent meeting on dual credit and continuing education. We had a great turnout! We hope that you may have heard something that has peaked your interest.

Now is the time to make some choices on future career goals. Just a reminder that we will be having pre-scheduling night at OHS on 4/16 for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders and on 4/23 for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

Are you interested in attending The Craft Training Center to receive a certification in welding? What about a certification in the medical field? We offer several career pathways right here on campus.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the high school should you have any questions on scheduling. We are looking forward to growing our programs and offering the very best for our students.





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From  
Yolanda Alvaro, Director  
**Special Ed./Dyslexia**

## April National Autism Awareness Month

Nearly a quarter century ago, the Autism Society launched a nationwide effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion and self-determination for all, and to assure that each person with ASD is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life. This year let's go beyond simply promoting autism awareness to encouraging friends and collaborators to become partners in movement toward acceptance and appreciation.

Let's embrace a new perspective. For over 50 years The Autism Society has worked in communities (both large and small) to ensure their actions, through their services and programming, supported all individuals living with autism. Let's expand this work to focus on the rest of us – ensuring acceptance and inclusion in schools and communities that result in true appreciation of the unique aspects of all people. We want to get one step closer to a society where those with ASDs are truly valued for their unique talents and gifts.

**Celebrate 2018 National Autism Awareness Month!** National Autism Awareness Month represents an excellent opportunity to promote autism awareness, autism acceptance and to draw attention to the tens of thousands facing an autism diagnosis each year.

From  
Dr. Lidamar Yruegas  
**ELAR CS**



As the end of another school year quickly approaches, it is important for your child to begin thinking about his or her future endeavors. As a freshmen or sophomore, students should begin looking at college entrance criteria and researching which college offers the field they wish to pursue. Students should also begin building their résumé. Colleges and universities want well-rounded students. Parents, please encourage your child to participate in extracurricular activities and/or volunteer their time through community service. Participating in activities such as band, Ag, Cheer, UIL, Spanish Club, decathlon, etc. while maintaining good grades illustrates that a student has good time management skills and willing to work hard. If your child already volunteers their time often for your church or other local organizations, it's important to document events, contact personnel, dates, hours, etc. on their résumé. If your child isn't volunteering their time or participating in extracurricular activities, they still have time to get involved in the upcoming school year. It's never too later to work on building their résumé.

From Sonia Gamez  
**SCI CS**

Throughout the year, students at OEISD have engaged in exceptional learning in science. From egg incubation, to growing plants, and dissecting specimens; students across the district continue to participate in a variety of learning opportunities. As we begin to wrap up the year with the final six weeks of school, please keep in mind that learning continues throughout the summer!

Summer is the perfect time to encourage students to explore and build on their knowledge as they enhance their critical thinking and creative thinking skills. Almost every activity a child engages in involves science; for example, exploring outdoors, exploring the kitchen, growing plants, building something and examining the night's sky. Below are a few resources to consider when encouraging science exploration at home.

**Summer Science Activities:**

<http://sassafrasscience.com/48-more-summer-science-activities-for-you-to-enjoy/>

**Science Activities:**

[www.sciencebuddies.org](http://www.sciencebuddies.org)

**Middle-High School Science**

**Activities:** <https://www.education.com/activity/middle-school/science/>





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From  
Joey Avila  
Technology Dept.



Hello Parents, I'd like to you know about technology news from our district. We are increasing the number of Chrome-book carts per campus, which is helping us get closer to our 1:1 initiative. A new marque that will serve the Elem and Intermediate campuses is going to be installed in the next few weeks. Also, the OHS campus has two new computer labs on the way, this will support our certification program. Our students access to technology is our priority and we want to give them every opportunity for success here at OEISD.

From  
Debbie Serrano  
District Librarian



Chess club....

The chess club continues to grow. We have anywhere from 9-15 students attending on Wednesdays. Junior high and high school students attend periodically to assist the younger players.

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From  
Janie Luna  
Cafeteria Dep..



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The cafeteria department continues to work hard to provide a healthy and delicious meal for all our OEISD Students. They make sure that all meals are ready to be served in all 3 dinning areas in a timely manner.

These dinning areas are the:

- ◇ Elementary Cafeteria
- ◇ Intermediate/JH Cafetorium
- ◇ HS Cafeteria

A reminder to all parents and guardians that every student in OEISD will receive Free Breakfast and Free Lunch every day at each campus until the end of this school year (2017-2018). If your child chooses more than one main dish or other extra items, your child will need to pay in cash or use their account with sufficient funds.

You can find our menu in our district website under Food Services.

Have a Happy Spring!

OEISD Cafeteria Dept.





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From  
Tony Ramirez  
**Social Studies CS**

U.S. history students at Odem High School have spent the 5<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks learning about the Civil Rights Era in American History. Students researched and learned about some of the landmark Supreme Court cases, major events and the significant leaders of the era. Students also learned about the impact of the famous March on Washington and MLK's famous "I Have A Dream Speech".

From  
Armando Huerta  
**Athletics Director**

## High School Athletics

Our JH competition season has come to end, but not without a strong showing at the JH track meet. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the district meet with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls coming in 3<sup>rd</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys brought home a District Championship. At the HS both Tennis and Golf have come to an end. Baseball and Softball both sit in first place as the district race is nearing its end. The track program will compete at District this week with several kids looking to advance to Area. One important note is that all summer camps have been set. Basketball (2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) is June 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, Basketball (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade) is June 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, volleyball is June 11<sup>th</sup>-12, and football is July 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. For basketball camp info you can email Coach Antonio Ramirez at [ramireza@oeisd.org](mailto:ramireza@oeisd.org). For volleyball information email [trujilom@oeisd.org](mailto:trujilom@oeisd.org). For football please email [huertaa@oeisd.org](mailto:huertaa@oeisd.org). We would like encourage all Odem High School 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](http://www.odemowlathletics.com).



From  
Clarissa Moreno  
**Parent Involvement  
Coordinator**

## News

Great jobs parents, we had a successful 5th Six weeks. OEISD staff would like to thank you for sending your child to school on time and ensuring they are prepared for class. Let's keep up the great work!

Thank you to all OEISD parents who attended the Parental Involvement Conference in Sinton. We enjoyed the keynote speaker Rosie Sanchez presentation covering the ways to help keep our lives less stressful. I hope you left with valuable information.

## STAAR Updates

As you know parents, STAAR is always a topic for discussion. STAAR is around the corner and it's imperative to get your child ready! Please ensure your child is getting plenty of rest each night. If they are attending tutoring, talk to them what they learned. Ask them what you can do to help them prepare for the test. Remember parents, you are the biggest help in your child's education.

## Resources

Please view the link below.

<http://edscoop.com/act-to-add-free-online-test-prep-this-spring>

The program above, ACT Academy, features personalized resources to help students struggling in certain subjects. If you would like to learn more, please click on the link.

How can you help you child prepare for STAAR exams? Please click on the link below for tips and an informative video.

<https://texasassessment.com/families/how-to-help-my-child-prepare/>

Below is a link with TIPS to prepare your child for the day of the test.  
[http://www.eaprep.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_132773/File/Academics/Testing/](http://www.eaprep.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_132773/File/Academics/Testing/)





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From  
Leigh Ann Ray  
Parent Liaison -

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## EARLY OWL LITERACY presents:



It's time to start making plans for the last Early Owl Literacy class of the 2018 school year. I hope you will make plans to join us.

**YOU AND YOUR 0 to 3 YEAR OLD**, whether you are the child's parent, grandparent, guardian or baby sitter, are invited to join us on May 8, 2018, at the Odem Pool for a special Mommy and Me Swim class. We will recap our literacy strategies and learn a few new ones while learning to swim and play safely in and around the water. I hope you will join us for a good time.

If you have any questions and/or need a ride, contact

Leigh Ann Ray.

[rayl@oeisd.org](mailto:rayl@oeisd.org) or (361)815-6235



From Melissa Vela  
District Coordinator

## UIL 4---High School OHS UIL

The OHS UIL academic team will be sending nine participants to the regional meet this year. Calle Brewer placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in News Writing, Madison Vela placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Prose, Sabrina Childress placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Persuasive Speaking.

OHS added two new events to the UIL academic competition this year, Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Current Events and Issues. The Current Events and Issues team consisting of Willie Gonzales, Eric Gonzales, Hector Nunez and Ameriss Nunez came home as the district champions with their first place finish. Andres Serrano placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ty McClellan placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

Congratulations to all of our UIL participants on their "owlstanding" performance this year.

From Debbie Serrano



## Library news....

The libraries have been busy with patrons. Elementary, intermediate and junior high students have been checking out books to help meet their AR goals. They have also been checking out books to help with various research projects for classes. The library also has several databases available to all students at all campuses on their website. Please contact your campus librarian if you have any questions regarding the databases.

The high school library recently had computers and a printer added to the library. High school students may now research, type assignments, and print necessary documents/assignments.





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From  
Yvette Maldonado  
Custodial Dept.



Keeping our schools clean, create a positive learning environment for our OEISD students continue to be our number one priority.

With springtime weather, allergy season is high. With this in mind, the custodial departments is working hard to help minimize allergy symptoms for our students, faculty, and staff.

Please remind your children to always flush and to always wash their hands.

Yvette Maldonado

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From Arnold  
Maintenance  
Dept.



Spring is here and the maintenance and grounds department are working at keeping our campuses neatly mowed and clean.

Spring Sports are also up and running, so the maintenance and grounds crew are also working hard on maintaining Owl Stadium ready for our track athletes, as well as the baseball field for our Odem Owls Baseball Team and the Softball Field for our Lady Owls Softball Team.

**Go Owls!**

We also want to thank you for your patience during the demolition process of our old buildings. Water had to be shut off, electricity had to be shut off for the safety of the demolition crew.

Please continue to observe 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 [ville-gasf@oeisd.org](mailto:ville-gasf@oeisd.org) so we can tend to those safety/security notices as soon as possible.

OEISD Maintenance Dept.  
Arnold Maldonado  
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From  
Roel Arguelles  
Transportation  
Dept.



The Transportation Department has been very busy this six weeks. With spring sports up and running our department is busy getting the buses ready for these extra curricular activities as well as for our daily routes.

We run daily inspections (all fluids, tires, etc.) on all the buses to make sure they are safe to run. Our number one priority is to transport our students safely to and from their homes or extra curricular activities.

Parents and Guardians, please remind your child that when they are riding the bus that they need to practice safety procedures.

- ◆ Stay in your seat
- ◆ Follow the bus driver's directions.

Also, for the safety of our students, please observe this very important traffic rule: **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.**

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# Odem High School

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## Agriculture/FFA

The Spring semester finds the Agriculture department in full swing heading to stock shows and getting ready for our Career Development Events. This year at our County Stock Show we had a good year. We had several students that made the auction which is always helps at the end of raising an animal for stock show.

Here is a list of some notable winners:

- ☐ Show Queen: Megan Frerich
- ☐ Ag Mech -- Best in Show Sr. Division: Clarissa Marroquin
- ☐ Breeding Rabbits -- Breed Champ: Emilee Sturgeon
- ☐ American Heifers -- Breed Champ: Megan Frerich
- ☐ Hogs -- Reserve Grand Champion / Hamp Breed Champ: Jackson Whatley
- ☐ Steers -- Reserve Breed Champ: Jackson Whatley

Odem FFA also won the Herdsman Award for Cattle and Hogs. This award is given to the chapter with the best stall decor and has the cleanest area at the show.

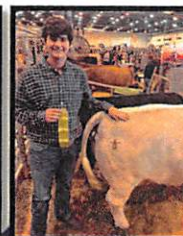
We also had the largest number of projects that went to the Major Stock Shows around the State. We had students that went to Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, Austin and Rio Grande Valley.

- ☐ Jackson Whatley made the auction with his Steer in Houston.
- ☐ Ty McClellan placed 4th with his Brangus Heifer in SA and placed 2nd at the RGVLS.
- ☐ Megan Frerich placed 8th at San Antonio and 9th in Houston with her Beefmaster Heifer.
- ☐ Taylor Clark placed 2nd with her AOB Heifer at the RGVLS.
- ☐ Bryce Mann placed 9th with a barrow in Fort Worth.

We also had a couple of students that participated in Calf Scrambles at a few of the stock shows. A calf scramble is where they release calves and the students catch them and put a halter on them and bring them back to the starting line. If they can do this they will receive a scholarship to buy an animal for next year and bring back to their show. The award is anywhere from \$1000 -- \$2000. Congrats to Bryce Mann--San Antonio and Megan Frerich--Houston.

## District Convention

This year marks a new beginning for the Odem FFA we have been re-district. Our new District will be the Coastal Bend FFA District. We will be competing against the following schools: Calallen, Tuloso-Midway, Veterans Memorial, GP, Robstown, Agua Dulce, London, Banquete, Bishop, Mathis, Taft. At our Inaugural District Convention Megan Frerich was elected to President for the 2018-2019 school year.







Career Development Events build on what is learned in agricultural classes and encourage members to put their knowledge into practice. These events are designed to help a member prepare for a career in agriculture by testing and challenging the student's technical, leadership, interpersonal and teamwork skills as well as their knowledge of the subject matter. CDEs answer the question, "When will I use this knowledge in the real world?"



We have already qualified for State this year in Land Evaluation but are looking to three-peat in Wool Judging. We will have students participating in:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wool Judging       | <input type="checkbox"/> Entomology               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Evaluation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Business Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ag Mechanics       | <input type="checkbox"/> Milk Quality             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry Evaluation |   |

## Art

The Art 1 class has been exploring sculpture and paint in the 4<sup>th</sup> 6 weeks. Students were to make jungle animals in their environments. Students will soon be examining texture and how it will further develop their art. The Art 2 class has been developing pottery, contrast grid artworks, and working with mixed media. The students will be exploring printmaking which will allow them to share their artwork with family and friends. The Art 3 students discovered how to make bowls using recycled materials, painting with dots, and drawing using perspective. The students will be learning about M.C. Escher and how to create artwork with illusion. All of the art classes are having a fun and successful year. We look forward to creating and sharing are portfolios with you.

## Band

The Odem Bands have had a very busy and successful fourth and fifth six weeks. In January two students, John Pizaña (Senior Percussion) and Zenaida Lara (Sophomore Clarinet) auditioned successfully to earn chairs in the All-State Band! These two had an outstanding set of auditions at the State Level and a fantastic performance with the All-State Band on February 17th. We are very proud of their outstanding accomplishment!



On February 6th, we held our first annual Solo and Ensemble recital for our students to perform their Solos and Ensembles at. Thank you to everyone who attended what we hope will become something to look forward to each year! Twenty-Four Odem High School Students participated in the UIL Region Solo and Ensemble Contest on February 8th, in Robstown. Those students worked hard and made it to where we had our most successful year in OHS history with 28 Medals earned, and 18 Students advancing to the UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest on May 28th in Pflugerville at Hendrickson HS. This is an



incredible accomplishment those kids have made, and we hope that many of these students bring back State Medals!

March 6th the Odem High School Wind Ensemble had a fantastic performance in Goliad for the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest. There they earned their 5th Consecutive Sweepstakes Award for the high school. (1 - Marching, 1 - Concert, 1 - Sight-Reading). This is the longest streak in Odem HS history, and one of the longer running streaks for our classification in our Region. We are very proud of them for this accomplishment! Windi and Jazzi on April 21st is our next big event. Please see [OdemBands.org](http://OdemBands.org) for more information!



## Credit Recovery/Dual Credit

*Credit Recovery* has been doing quite well this semester. Students are working very hard to get back on track and catch up on their courses. I am very proud of our seniors for taking care of business.

*Dual Credit* is on a roll!! Students have been testing these past few weeks and their tests grades are awesome! Scholarships are out and available in the counselor's office so make sure you get those turned in on time.

## 7th Period Physical Education

Both our girls and boys in the 7th period PE Class have been very active in our units this year. They have participated in dodgeball, basketball, track and volleyball and kickball. We get active and get fit during class. Our goal is to keep moving and have fun!

## Career Prep & Graphics

*Career Prep* is getting serious as we are conquering the stock market. We are currently using Smart Stocks software to invest, buy, sell, and trade stocks educationally. The top student with best investments wins!

*Graphics I & II* are working on finishing up the yearbooks as well as capturing those final special memories. Senior Ads and all yearbook purchases are due by April 30th. High school yearbooks are \$45. The Elementary, Intermediate, and Junior High books are \$35. If you need a form please call the front office.





## Career & Technology

**College Transition:** Class of 2018 is college bound! Each senior enrolled in the College Transition course has been accepted to a college/university. We will have Odem Owls at various campuses across the state in the Fall: Baylor University, Texas A&M College Station, University of North Texas at Dallas, University of Texas San Antonio, Texas A&M Kingsville, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Del Mar College just to name a few. Additionally, several



students have earned scholarships to assist in their pursuit and completion of their degree. Seniors Kayle Cuellar and Madison Rackley were named Flint Hills Outstanding Student Scholars in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements. The recipients will be honored during a banquet to be held next month at the Solomon P. Ortiz Center.



**BIM/DIM:** Business Information Management and Digital Media students are diligently learning Microsoft Office Applications. Students will be given the opportunity to sit for the Certipoint exam for Word 2013 and/or PowerPoint 2013. The individuals who pass the exam will be awarded the industry accepted MOS Certification, declaring they have demonstrated proficiency in the software program. This is the first year of the MOS Certification program at Odem High School and hope each student leaves the program with significant industry-recognized credentials. Earning a certification will give our students a professional edge by mastering skills, demonstrating their ability and willingness to embrace new technologies.

## Spanish

**Spanish I:** I am so proud of the progress that my students have made this year. They have advanced from learning Spanish vocabulary to reading a wide variety of materials and are now practicing their writing skills. They continue to improve in skills each day. I am very impressed with all of their hard work this year. ~ Senora Gomez

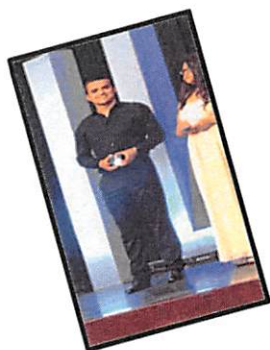
**Spanish II** This year has been a great and interesting school year. Students have learned how to speak, read and understand the Spanish language. This year students worked on great amount of vocabulary. One of our main vocabulary learning strategies is the Frayer Model. This strategy is very helpful when working on vocabulary. Students were always engaged during this lesson. Students also worked together when working on grammar and speaking strategies. For this strategy, students speak to each other in Spanish and discuss different methods of learning techniques for understanding the Spanish language. Students also learn about the Spanish culture which includes the different foods, events, and holidays throughout the school year. Our final project for the year is a demonstration video. Here is where students will create a video showing



the students speaking the Spanish language with a group or partner. Students create a video by making an advertisement, conversation, recipe demonstration, etc. Students must speak in the Spanish speaking language during the video. Throughout this school year students have been excited and engaged in all Spanish classes. Students also were very creative and mindful.

## Theatre Arts

Odem High School's One- Act Play troupe competed in the district competition at Goliad March 8<sup>th</sup> and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with *Leading Ladies* by Ken Ludwig. They advanced from district to compete in the bi- district meet in Goliad on March 22. The OHS team advanced from district for the first time in five years. Cast members include Josh Perez as Leo Clark/ Maxine, Andres Serrano as Jack Gable/ Stephanie, Abby Tovar as Audrey,



Jonathan Gomez as Reverend Duncan Wooley, Catarina Martinez as Meg Snyder, Joey Aguirre as Butch Myers, Anthony Jr. Martinez as Doctor Myers, and Hailey Siegford as Florence Snyder. Josh is a senior and was awarded all-star cast for his performance along with Hailey, a junior. Jonathan is also a senior and was awarded honorable mention cast with Andres and Catarina who are juniors. Crew members include Abby Aguirre, Sabrina Childress, Moriah Castro, Breanna Sanchez, Anissa Hirle, and Jason Duran who won the all-star technical award for his amazing job as stage manager.

The Owls troupe also competed at Bi- District in Goliad on March 22nd and although they did not advance to Area, they were awarded with Honorable Mention Cast for Josh Perez and Hailey Siegford. Abby Aguirre won All Star Technical Crew Member for running sound and the assistant stage manager position.

After spring break, Theatre I will begin rehearsing, *"Bob's Psycho Analyst"* by Daniel Crawford to be performed towards the end of the year along with monologue/ duet scenes.

Seniors Abby Aguirre, Josh Perez, and Jonathan Gomez will each be directing scenes from a play for their senior capstone performances. The performances will be May 2018, the day is TBD.

