



Odyssey Jr. High

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UPCOMING EVENTS

VBall vs. Aransas Pass	10/1
Campus SBDM	10/1
Staff Development	10/1
FBall vs Three Rivers	10/4
Report Cards	10/5
Miller XC Meet—Guth	10/5
VBall at Mathis	10/8
Board Meeting	10/8
6th Grade—Rocking K	10/9
District XC Meet	10/10
FBall at Hebbronville	10/11
VBall Tourn. Taft	10/13
VBall at Banquete	10/15
FBall vs. John Paul	10/18
Early Release 12:30	10/19
VBall at Aransas Pass	10/22
Vision and Hearing Screening	10-23 To 10/26
Unity Pep Rally	10/24
Progress Reports	10/24
FBall at Banquete	10/25
Red Ribbon Week	10/29 To 11/2
End of 2nd 6 weeks	11/1
Staff Development	11/2

Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential for a student to make the most of his or her education—to benefit from teacher-led and school activities, to build each day's learning on the previous day's, and to grow as an individual. Absences from class may result in serious disruption of a student's mastery of the instructional materials; therefore, the student and parent should make every effort to avoid unnecessary absences.

To receive credit or a final grade in a class, a student must attend at least 90 percent of the days the class is offered. A student who attends fewer than 90 percent of the days the class is offered will be referred to the attendance review committee to determine whether there are extenuating circum-

stances for the absences and how the student can regain credit or a final grade lost because of absences. [See policy FEC.]

When a student is absent from school, the student—upon arrival or return to school—must bring a note signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence. A note signed by the student, even with the parent's permission, will not be accepted unless the student is 18 or older or is an emancipated minor under state law. A phone call from the parent is not accepted, the district reserves the right to require a written note. A written note must be turned in within 3 days of the absence.

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 22 – May 31, 2019. The school year for students who do meet all attendance requirements as de-

scribed will end on May 19, 2019. Students required to attend will be denied promotion or credits if not in attendance all 7 days.

Every six weeks each campus will host a Campus Perfect Attendance Award Celebration



**Perfect Attendance
Popcorn & Pickle Party**
2:50pm to 3:45pm
October 12

Annual Fall Festival

October 27, 2018
5 to 8 pm
Football Field

Come out and support the many clubs that make OEISD great!

for all students who achieve perfect attendance for the previous grading period. To be eligible for the Campus Perfect Attendance Award Celebration a student CAN-NOT have any unexcused or excused absences for any period of any day during the six weeks grading period.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Chloe Hill



Chloe is a superb example of a successful student. She is a leader in the classroom and is very focused when it comes to learning. Chloe is respected by her peers and is always willing to help others in her class.

Itzac Cruz



Itzac is a very studious and focused individual. He is interested in learning all that he can in each of his classes. He is a mentor to his peers. He is a team player who is willing to take the leadership role in the group.

Jaelynn Garcia



Jaelynn is a great leader who pays attention to detail and motivates her classmates to do the same. Not only is Jaelynn a leader in the classroom, she is a leader on the court. Her enthusiasm carries over into athletics where she also excels.

Ashton Rodriguez



Ashton is supportive and encourages his fellow classmates' success, he offers valuable input during class discussions to encourage growth and understanding. Often, Ashton is the last student out of the classroom because he is helping to make sure class materials are neat and organized.

Julianna Borrego



Julianna has gone above and beyond in her classes. She has stayed after school to offer help and has aided her fellow students in their work in class. She is a student to look up to.

Joe Martinez



Joe is always helpful and kind to other students in class. He catches on quickly to new concepts and when working with a partner he is good at coaching his partner through the new concepts. He is a joy to have in our classes.

6TH GRADE
7TH GRADE
8TH GRADE



The 7th and 8th grade Odem Owls Jr High Football season opened up on September 18th. The 7th graders were up against the Woodsbro Eagles. The Owls came out with a win that night 22-6. Earlier that evening the 8th grade football team got a huge win over Kingsville Academy 46-0. Both teams have been putting in hard work every morning during practice. The record for 7th and 8th grade football team is 1-1.

Perfect Attendance

6th Grade—Juan Aguilera, Adrian Aguirre, Brody Bonebrake, Chloe Bush, Angel Castillo, Xhaiden Castro, Alma DeLaTorre, Zechariah DeLeon, Devien Flores, Zoe Garcia, Xavier Garza, Brenna Gibson, Pete Gonzales, Adan Guerra, Lora Hernandez, Leann Jimenez, Jezlee Luna, Aiden Martinez, Marimar Medina, Morayma Molina, Jonathan Moran, Anabella Santellana, Miya Santellana, Haiden Smith, Derek Tijerina, Kamryn Whipple

7th Grade—Kaycee Ballard, Makenzie Brown, Roxi Brown, Leovardo Canales, Joshua Chavira, Claudia Covarrubias, Johnetta Espinoza, Isabella Flores, Joaquin Gamez, Jaelynn Garcia, Leonardo Garcia, Nathaniel Garcia, Phaith Garcia, John Henley, Nayeli Lugo, Ebin McCloskey, Eduardo Medina, Hayden Mitchell, Dezirae Moreno, Joshua Obregon, Juan Pacheco, Avril Quiroz,

8th Grade—Matthew Acosta, Leon Brown, Onyx Burton, Karla Covarrubias, Alexis DeLeon, Pedro Diaz, Emma Doria, Jonathan Espinoza, Julietta Esqueda, Torin Falcon, Ayden Galvan, Marissa Garcia, Zoey Garcia, Marianna Gomez, Servando Gomez, Esai Gonzalez, Reyes Guajardo, Beau Hill, Angelena Jolly, Daniel Lopez, Isaac Lugo, Brandon Magana, Joe Martinez, Mary Navarez, Annaid Olvera, Aaliyah Parraz, Haven Pena, Miranda Pena, Jazmine Powell, Melody Rivera, Uriel Rodriguez, Isabella Salinas, Kayla Tovar, Armando Villaseñor

All 'A' Honor

6th Grade—Adrian Aguirre, Vince Barrera, Brody Bonebrake, Itzac Cruz, Chloe Hill, Jezlee Luna, Brooke Martinez

7th Grade—Eric Aguirre, Justin Andrade, Joaquin Gamez, Nathaniel Garcia, Matthew Guzman, Javier Martinez, Traci McClellan, Ebin McCloskey, Minerva Sanchez, Salvador Sanchez

8th Grade—Tyler Brewer, Anna Decker, Emma Doria, Julietta Esqueda, Zoey Garcia, Julian Gomez, Esai Gonzalez, Beau Hill, Bella Khoomeyev, Daniel Lopez, Mary Navarez, Miranda Pena, Isabella Salinas, Emilee Sturgeon

'A' and 'B' Honor Roll

6th Grade—Juan Aguilera, Aylin Amendarez, Melanie Bayardo, Chloe Bush, Angel Castillo, Xhaiden Castro, Irma Coronado, Daymian Doria, Tomas Dunlap, Kris Durrance, Devien Flores, Katalina Garcia, Zoe Garcia, Brenna Gibson, Jovanna Gomez, Pete Gonzales, Adan Guerra, Lora Hernandez, LeAnn Jimenez, Emaly Maldonado, Aiden Martinez, Elena Molina, Johnathan Moran, Christopher Newman, Evalynn Pena, Jason Ramirez, Xzavier Rodriguez, Anabella Santellana, Miya Santellana, Haiden Smith, Jaiden Smith, Derek Tijerina, Kamryn Whipple

7th Grade—Alex Beltran, David Bevely, Leovardo Canales, Joshua Chavira, Claudia Covarrubias, Isabella Flores, Jaelynn Garcia, Leonardo Garcia, Phaith Garcia, John Henley, Joy Lerma, Eduardo Medina, Dezirae Moreno, Bailey Rodriguez, Julian Romero, Vanessa Saucedo

8th Grade—Matthew Acosta, Alysha Beltran, Jasmine Bigner, Julianna Borrego, Leon Brown, Onyx Burton, Olivia Clinkenbeard, Karla Covarrubias, Madison Curtiss, Hunter Dawson, Haley DeLeon, Pedro Diaz, Jonathan Espinoza, Torin Falcon, Stephane Fonseca, Marissa Garcia, Myra Garza, Diamond Gomez, Juan Gomez, Kayla Gomez, Marianna Gomez, Servando Gomez, Isaac Lugo, Joe Martinez, Destiny Medina, Shamanda Navarez, Kalista Ocana, Annaid Olvera, Aaliyah Parraz, Hannah Perales, Jazmine Powell, Eduardo Rivera, Melody Rivera, Alexia Rodriguez, Uriel Rodriguez, Jason Silguero, Kayla Tovar

UIL...

Teams are quickly forming for our UIL Academic teams. If any student is interesting 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

Our Lady owllet volleyball season for 2018 has been a wonderful ride so far with 66 girls representing OJH each and every week wearing the proud blue and gold. The 7B team consists of 16 girls, 8B team 29 girls, 7A and 8A teams each carry 10 girls each. The Lady owllet VB teams have participated in the Aransas Pass Tournament coming home with honors. Our 7th Grade A team placed 3rd and the 8A team placed 2nd.



8A team is currently leading our district with 4-1 record. Odem Junior High will be hosting a B team Tournament Saturday, October 6th at the High School gym. We are looking forward to adding a few more trophies to the trophy case! We thank all of our supporters that travel to support our Lady owllet VB team each week.

PIC-COLLAGE

The Junior High Bands have been off to a busy start to the school year. The students in Symphonic Winds and Concert Band have already played at a Pep Rally. Members of Symphonic Winds have been preparing for the All Region Auditions and the Winter Concert which both take place in December. Students that are selected for a Region Honor band perform with other students from all over South Texas at Texas A&M Kingsville on December 15th.

Sixth grade Beginning Band has gotten off to a great start. The students have learned how to put their instruments together and are currently working on some of the first lessons in their book. Like Concert Band and Symphonic Winds, Beginning Band will also begin preparing for the Winter Concert in a couple more weeks.



Cross Country is coming to an end. They will be running at West Guth on Friday and then the district meet is in Skidmore on Wednesday.



CHEERLEADERS



Odem Junior High is in full swing for the 2018-2019 school year. Before the students arrived the first day we were celebrating the five distinctions awarded to us by the state, and planning on how to earn all seven distinctions this current school year. Volleyball and Football are already in district play and the Cross Country team will have their district competition on October 10.

October is Anti-Bullying Awareness Month at Odem-Edroy Independent School District, and to promote awareness with the students, the District has several activities planned. The anti-bullying awareness rally will be held at the Odem Football Stadium, Wednesday, October 24th at 8:30 am in the hopes of spreading a wider message to stop harassment, either online or in person, whether the victims are children or adults. We will have a guest speaker, Ms. Jillian Williams who is the founder of Live n Leap, lined up to speak. Jillian is a former Odem resident and was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma in February 2016. We also have several activities throughout the week planned. One of the activities planned is participation in the International Association of Lions Clubs Annual Peace Poster Contest, which is being sponsored locally by the Odem Area Lions Club. The Peace Poster Contest theme for 2018-2019 is "Kindness Matters" and is open to students who will be age 11, 12 or 13, on November 15, 2018. Artwork will be evaluated by a panel of judges, using the criteria of "originality," "artistic merit" and expression of the theme "Kindness Matters." Judging of the students' artwork is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 23rd, with awards presented during the District' Unity Rally

On December 14 we will hosting our annual career day at Odem Jr. High. Each year we have about 20 presenters from various fields of work. Our goal is to expose our students with a variety of careers before and after taking their career interests inventory. We are always on the lookout for guest speakers who can spend the morning talking with our students. The career day begins at 8am and concludes at lunch time. To show our appreciation, breakfast and lunch is provided. Please contact Ms. Pogue or Mrs. Garcia at 361-368-8121 if you would like to volunteer.

News from the Principal

I would like to take a moment to reflect on how fast the first six weeks have flown by. Football and Volleyball are coming to an end and basketball will be starting in a few weeks. With that being said, it is imperative that your child attends school regularly. One absence can result in a large amount of information being missed. Also, remember with good attendance, good grades and passing the STAAR test, your child's last day will be on May 19!

I would like to recognize our amazing teachers and staff. They work extra hours just to make sure they provide the best education for our children. I have left games after 8pm and will drive by just to see teacher's cars still in the parking lot. Please take a moment and say thank you for their hard work and see if there is anything you can do to give them a hand, volunteers are always welcome. The science and math department may need something built or maybe you have memorabilia to share in the history and English classes. Please do not hesitate to get involved, this is our school, our children, our future.

- Traci Pogue