



# Odem Jr. High NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Planning Day</b>	<b>2/18</b>
<b>Dual Credit Meeting</b>	<b>2/19</b>
<b>Odem Track Meet</b>	<b>2/21</b>
<b>Report Cards</b>	<b>2/22</b>
<b>Cyber Safety Present.</b>	<b>2/26</b>
<b>Cheer Tryouts</b>	<b>2/27</b>
<b>Mathis Track Meet</b>	<b>2/28</b>
<b>Health Fair</b>	<b>2/28</b>
<b>Open House 6:30</b>	<b>3/4</b>
<b>Benchmarks</b>	<b>3/5</b>
<b>Banquete Track Meet</b>	<b>3/5</b>
<b>Benchmarks</b>	<b>3/7</b>
<b>Early Release</b>	<b>3/8</b>
<b>Spring Break</b>	<b>3/12 - 3/16</b>
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>3/18</b>
<b>Progress Reports</b>	<b>3/21</b>
<b>George West Track</b>	<b>3/21</b>
<b>NJHS Inductions</b>	<b>3/25</b>
<b>George West Track</b>	<b>3/26</b>
<b>Paraprofessional Day</b>	<b>4/2</b>
<b>District Track, Goliad</b>	<b>4/5</b>
<b>End of 5th 6 weeks</b>	<b>4/5</b>
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>4/8</b>
<b>STAAR Testing</b>	<b>4/9</b>
<b>STAAR Testing</b>	<b>4/10</b>
<b>Report Cards</b>	<b>4/11</b>



## STAAR Benchmarks

March 5: 7th Grade Writing, 8th Grade Math

March 7: 8th Grade Reading

April 9: Algebra I EOC

April 16: 6th Grade Math, 7th Grade Math, 8th Grade Science

April 17: 6th Grade Reading, 7th Grade Reading, 8th Grade Social Studies

## STAAR Dates

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

April 10: 8th Grade Reading

May 6: Algebra I EOC

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

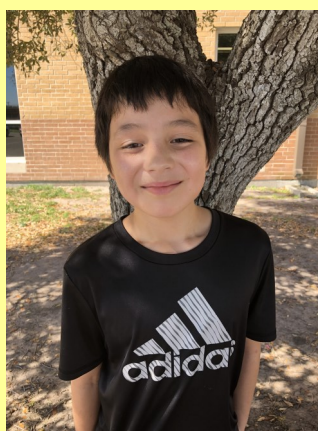
May 16: 8th Grade Social Studies

## Anabella Santellana



Anabella is a positive influence in every class. She is always willing to help others and pushes them to be stronger. Her kind heart and helping hand are traits everyone should strive for!

## Juan Aguilera



Juan is a polite and respectful student. He is always eager to learn new things. He is one of the hardest working students and is a great role model for the Sixth grade.

## Phaith Garcia



Phaith is an enthusiastic and artistic young lady. She energetically shares interesting and insightful observations during class. Great work Phaith as a 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Spotlight Student!

## Noah Brown



Noah is an extremely bright young man who is a quick learner and a creative problem solver. Noah always offers a friendly smile to brighten the day, encouraging everyone around him.

## Miranda Pena



Miranda Pena: is a positive role model for her peers. She is always on time for class, brings a smile to school everyday, and possesses a ready to learn attitude. Miranda participates in class discussions and encourages others to do the same.

## Julian Gomez



Julian is an outstanding student in class. He is very respectful and is always ready to lend a helping hand. He is a well-rounded individual at our school, and competes in sports, Band, UIL and various clubs.





## Girls Athletics—

Odem Lady Owlet athletics hard at work. Last season has arrived - Track - and our Lady Owlets are working hard on weights and conditioning to prepare for their events. Track is a sport based on self motivation, determination, perseverance and goals. What once was a competition between schools is now a competition among peers for the ultimate 3 spots per week for meet competition and representing OJH. Let the hard work continue and competition begin...

Lady Owlets, TEAM / FAMILY

## Perfect Attendance

6th Grade: Juan Aguilera, Vince Barrera, Brody Bonebrake-Rodriguez, Mark Castillo, Xhaiden Castro, Itzac Cruz, Katalina Garcia, Zoe Garcia, Xavier Garza, Jovana Gomez, Adan Guerra, Jezlee Luna, Emaly Maldonado, Aiden Rodriguez, Xzavier Rodriguez, Anabella Santellana, Haiden Smith, Jaiden Smith, Kamryn Whipple

7th Grade: Justin Andrade, David Bevly, Noah Brown, Isabella Flores, Joaquin Gamez, Alissa Garcia, Nathaniel Garcia, Phaith Garcia, Jadelynn, Traci McClellen, Ebin McCloskey, Ryan Mendez, Hayden Mitchell, Avril Quiroz, Minerva Sanchez

8th Grade: Jasmine Bigner, Leon Brown, Pedro Diaz, Julietta Esqueda, Marissa Garcia, Juan Gomez, Marianna Gomez, Beau Hill, Daniel Lopez, Isaac Lugo, David Martinez, Harley Molsbee, Annaid Olvera, Aaliyah Parraz, Jazmine Powell.

## 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 described will end on May 21, 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 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.

## OJH NJHS—

All students who have maintained an 90 or higher semester average were given an application on Tuesday, February 19. Students must submit a sealed letter of recommendation and 2 teacher nominee forms along with the NJHS application by March 8.

Inductions are March 25th at 6pm.

**Band**—Members of the Symphonic Winds recently participated in the UIL Region Solo and Ensemble Contest. This is a UIL event and students first have this opportunity as 7th and 8th graders. They prepared pieces outside of school on their own and with piano. Then these students performed them for a judge at Robstown Junior High on February 7th. All of the students that participated did an outstanding job and we are very proud of their handwork. ODEM Junior High had 13 events entered in the contest with three students earning the highest rating 'Superior' or First Division and many more earning an 'Excellent' or Second Division.



### **First Division Medalists:**

Emma Doria, Clarinet Solo  
Kalista O'Cana—Trumpet Solo  
Joauquin Gamez— Euphonium Solo

### **Second Division Medalists:**

Emilee Sturgeon—Oboe Solo  
Lillian Keifer—Clarinet Solo  
Kayla Tovar—Trumpet Solo  
Ebin McCloskey—Trombone Solo  
Justin Andrade—Marimba Solo  
Daniel Lopez—Snare Drum Solo  
Zoey Garcia, Marissa Garcia, Alysha Beltran,  
Madison Curtis—Flute Quartet  
Alysha Beltran, Emilee Sturgeon,  
Isabella Salinas—Woodwind Trio

### **Message from the School Nurse:**

What are the symptoms of flu?

Sudden onset, fever (usually high), headache, chills, extreme tiredness and muscle aches, dry cough, runny or stuffy nose, and sore throat. Occasionally symptoms such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea occur.

What are some ways to try and prevent the flu?

1. Avoid close contact with people who are sick
2. Stay home from work or school when you are sick (if your child has a fever of 100 degrees or greater; do not send them to school).
3. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Avoid coughing into your hand; cough into your elbow if a tissue is not available.
4. Throw away any used tissues immediately.
5. Keep your hands away from your face.
6. Receive a flu vaccine yearly.
7. Good hand washing cannot be stressed enough to protect you from germs (take 15-20 Seconds to wash your hands).

Hand washing is by far the best way to keep you from getting sick and prevent the spread of germs. It is important to remember to wash your hands: After using the restroom After blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing Before and after visiting or taking care of any sick friends or relatives After being outside (playing, gardening, walking the dog, etc.)





# Congratulations to all the UIL Participants!

## 6th Grade

Adrian Aguirre—5th Number Sense  
Vince Barrera—2nd Maps, Charts and Graphs  
Chloe Bush—6th Color Art, 4th B/W Art  
Zoe Garcia—6th Music Memory  
Jovana Gomez—2nd Oral Reading  
Chloe Hill—5th Ready Writing  
Leann Jimenez—6th B/W Art  
Jezlee Luna—4th Calculator Applications  
Emaly Maldonado—1st Editorial Writing  
Elena Molina—3rd B/W Art  
Jonathan Moran—2nd Listening Skills, 4th Oral Reading  
Chris Newman—5th Chess Puzzles  
Jason Ramirez—2nd Social Studies  
Klarissa Ramos—5th Color Art



## 7th Grade

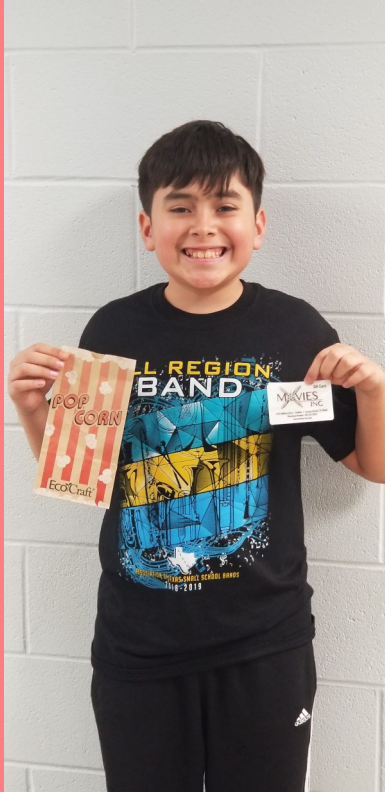
Justin Andrade—2nd 3D Art, 3rd Impromptu, 2nd Listening Skills, 3rd Maps, Charts and Graphs, 5th Social Studies  
Joshua Chavira—4th Maps, Charts and Graphs, 3rd Ready Writing  
Claudia Covarrubias—4th Art, 1st Color Art, 6th Mathematics  
Joaquin Gamez—4th 3D Art, 4th Dictionary Skills, 1st Editorial Writing, 1st Mathematics, 4th Science, 5th Spelling  
Leo Garcia—6th Calculator Applications, 5th Listening Skills  
Javier Martinez—4th Calculator Applications, 1st Maps, Charts and Graphs, 1st Science  
Traci McClellen—4th Social Studies  
Ebin McCloskey—5th Science

## 8th Grade

Jasmine Bigner—1st Color Art  
Karla Covarrubias—1st Art, 1st Color Art  
Emma Doria—6th Calculator Applications, 6th Music Memory, 2nd Maps, Charts and Graphs, 5th Mathematics, 5th Science  
Julian Gomez—3rd Number Sense  
Esai Gonzales—5th Chess Puzzles, 6th Maps, Charts and Graphs  
Beau Hill—5th Number Sense, 3rd Science, 6th Social Studies  
Bella Kholomeyev—3rd Color Art, 4th Ready Writing  
Miranda Pena—5th Impromptu, 5th Modern Oratory, 6th Listening Skills  
Emilee Sturgeon—1st Editorial Writing, 1st Impromptu, 2nd Listening Skills, 2nd Ready Writing



## Gamers Club—



The Gamer's Club at Odem Jr. High had its first official 24 player Super Smash Bros. tournament last week. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade club members challenged each other in battle in order to advance to the final round. In the end, there was one gaming champion. The winner of the tournament was 7th grader Justin Andrade. Justin was the proud winner of a giftcard to Movies Inc. Gamer's club meets every other Wednesday after school, in the OJH media lab.



## All 'A' Honor

**6th Grade—** Adrian Aguirre, Itzac Cruz

**7th Grade—** Eric Aguirre, Joaquin Gamez, Nathaniel Garcia, Matthew Guzman, Javier Martinez, Ebin McCloskey, Minerva Sanchez

**8th Grade—** Madison Bevy, Karla Covarrubias, Anna Decker, Emma Doria, Julietta Esqueda, Zoey Garcia, Diamond Gomez, Julian Gomez, Esai Gonzalez, Beau Hill, Daniel Lopez. Miranda Pena, Isabella Salinas, Emilee Sturgeon

## A' and 'B' Honor Roll

**6th Grade—** Juan Aguilera, Aylin Almendarez-Rojas, Vince Barrera, Melanie Bayardo, Brody Bonebrake-Rodriguez, Angel Castillo, Xhaiden Castro, Irma Coronado, Tomas Dunlap, Katalina Garcia, Zoe Garcia, Brenna Gibson, Jovanna Gomez, Adan Guerra, Chloe Hill, Emaly Maldonado, Aiden Martinez, Brooke Martinez, Elena Molina, Jonathan Moran, Evalynn Pena, Jason Ramirez, Anabella Santellana, Haiden Smith, Jaiden Smith

**7th Grade—** Justin Andrade, Alexander Beltran, David Bevy, Leovardo Canales, Claudia Covarrubias, Leonardo Garcia, Phaith Garcia, Traci McClellen, Ryan Mendez, Deizrae Moreno, John Nino, Jacob Phillips, Salvador Sanchez, Vanessa Saucedo

**8th Grade—** Matthew Acosta, Alysha Beltran, Jasmine Bigner, Julianna Borrego, Onyx Burton, Tyler Brewer, Gabrianna Cruz, Madison Curtiss, Pedro Diaz, Johnathan Espinoza, Torin Falcon, Marissa Garcia, Marianna Gomez, Marisela Lopez, Isasc Lugo, Adrain Martinez, David Martinez, Joe Martinez, Daniela Morales, Mary Naverz, Kalista Ocana, Annaid Olvera, Aaliyah Parraz, Hannah Perales, Kealan Peterson, Eduardo Rivera, Melody Rivera, Alexia Rodriguez, Kayla Tovar

## Boys Athletics—

The 2018-2019 Jr high basketball season has come to a close. The boys had great season overall. The over all records are as follows.

7B Team finished the season 5-7 overall and 3-5 in District play

8B Team finished the season 5-5 overall and 4-4 in District play

7A Team finished the season 10-3 overall and 8-2 in district play

8A Team finished the season 11-2 overall and 9-1 in District play.

The track season is now in full swing. We have a great number of 7th and 8th boys participating this year. Odem Jr high will have their first track meet on February 21st here in Odem..

Good luck in track season boys. Go Owls!!