

COMPOSITION BOOK

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PARENT  
NEWSLETTER

APRIL ISSUE



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2025-2026



Odem-Edroy ISD  
Offices & Campuses  
**WILL BE CLOSED**  
Friday, April 3, 2026  
for the Easter Holiday

Offices will reopen on  
Monday, April 6, 2026



School will resume at  
regular time on  
Tuesday, April 7, 2026  
for all students

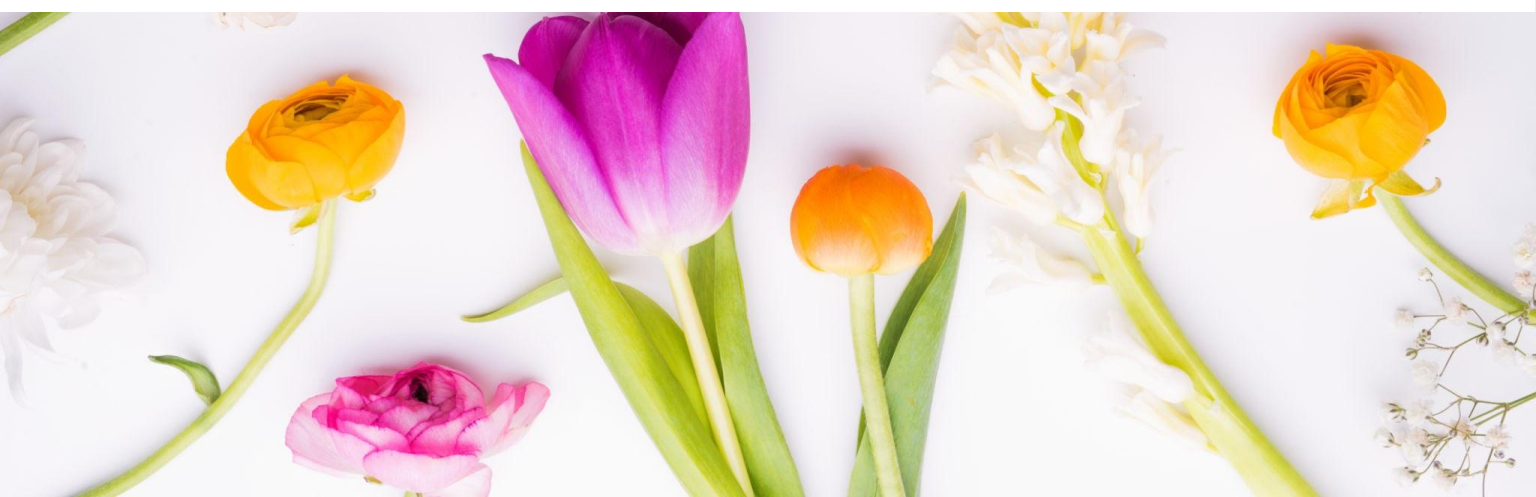


*Happy Easter & Be Safe!* 

# Odem Junior High

# April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; background-color: #ADD8E6;"> <b>STAAR Testing Month!</b>                      Get plenty of rest to do your best!                 </div>		1 Para Appreciation Day UIL Concert & Sight Reading 6th Grade SS Test 8th Grade SS Test	2 End of 5th Six Weeks UIL Concert & Sight Reading 6th Grade Sci Test ● at Mathis 5:00 / 6:30	3 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	4
	5 Easter 	Assistant Principal's Week				
	6 Staff Development NO SCHOOL (students) ● Home vs GW 5:30	7 6th Six Weeks Begins	8 STAAR - ELAR 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Afternoon Tea with Mrs. Henley 4:05 - 5:00	9 Report Cards ● Home vs. AP 5:00 / 6:30	10 CBWF Spring Health Festival 5:30 Stadium Parking Lot	● 7th Grade District Tourney in Odem ● Port Aransas Tournament
12	13	14 STAAR - Science 8th Grade Only	15 STAAR - SS 8th Grade Only	16 ● at WO 5:00 / 6:30	17 6th Grade Sci Test	18 ● District Tourney at Taft
19	School Volunteer / After School Professionals Week					25
	20	21 STAAR - Math 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade STAAR - Algebra 1 8th Grade Only 6th Grade SS Test	22 Admin. Assistant Day		24 JH Dance 5:00 - 7:00 PM (Cheer Fundraiser)	
26	27 Symphonic Winds Spring Concert	28 Bus Driver Appreciation	29 Progress Reports	30	<b>Important Dates</b> <u>Potential test dates</u> ● Baseball            AP = Aransas Pass ● Softball              GW = George West WO = West Oso	



# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Amanda Henley- Principal  
 Jason Pfluger-Behavior Coordinator  
 Belinda Ruiz- Counselor

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## Odem Jr. High School

### Sixth Six Weeks

The last six weeks is fast approaching. Some important dates to remember for the 5th reporting period:

**Report Cards-4/9/26 ; cut off date-4/2/26**

Students must make every effort to pass their classes for the year. Tutoring is being offered, so please check with your child's teachers if they are needing extra support. Please keep in mind that students who fail two or more core classes will be in jeopardy of having to attend summer school. It is crunch time now and students must continue to work diligently in their classes. The fatigue is really beginning to kick in and students need to dig deep to finish the year strong.

### Pre-scheduling

With Spring Break behind us, we are excited to dive into course selection! This month, our 5th, 6th, and 7th graders will begin pre-scheduling for the 2025-2026 school year. Students will soon receive details about their upcoming class options, and Mrs. Ruiz is available to assist parents with any questions along the way.

**STAAR TESTING DATES**  
 SPRING-2025-2026

- 08 APR** **READING**  
6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup>, & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE
- 14 APR** **SCIENCE**  
8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ONLY
- 15 APR** **SOCIAL STUDIES**  
8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ONLY
- 21 APR** **MATH & ALGEBRA I**  
6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup>, & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

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### POWERING THE OWLS: Fueling Your Student for STAAR Success!

April is here, and the "STAAR Countdown" has officially begun! While our teachers are providing intensive reviews in the classroom, your students need the right energy to stay focused and resilient during long testing sessions. We know mornings can be hectic, but a **fueled brain is a focused brain**. What your student eats during the week of the test makes a significant difference in their concentration, memory, and energy levels.

Use this hand guide to ensure your student is powered up and ready to shine!

**THE BRAIN-POWER BREAKFAST: The Most Important Meal!**  
 The goal is *slow-burning energy*. Avoid high-sugar cereals, pastries, or energy drinks, which cause a massive energy crash mid-test.

**Focus on "The Three S's": Smart Carbs, Steady Protein, and Strong Fats.**

#### \*Easy Breakfast Ideas (For busy morning):

- **The "Scramble & Go":** Two scrambled eggs (protein/fats) and a slice of whole-wheat toast (smart carbs).
- **Oatmeal Power Bowl:** Oatmeal topped with berries and a spoonful of peanut butter or walnuts.
- **Greek Yogurt Parfait:** Greek yogurt (high protein) layered with granola (smart carb) and fruit.
- **The Quick Fix:** A banana and a hard-boiled egg.

#### \*HYDRATION IS KEY!

Dehydration causes headaches, brain fog, and fatigue.

- **The Goal:** Encourage your student to drink a glass of water before leaving for school.
- **Test Day:** Students can often bring a clear water bottle (rules vary by subject, but they should be hydrated!). Encourage them to drink small sips throughout the day.

#### Parent Power-Up Checklist:

1. **Prepare the Night Before:** Have breakfast supplies ready and their water bottles packed by the door.
2. **The "Sleep Diet":** Ensure they are getting 8-9 hours of sleep. Their brain needs rest to organize information.
3. **A Word of Encouragement:** A simple "I'm proud of you, just do your best" goes a long way in reducing test anxiety.

Together, we are ensuring Odem Junior High finishes April strong! Let's go Owls!



# STAAR



## TESTING DATES

SPRING-2025-2026

**08**  
APR

### READING

6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup>, & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**14**  
APR

### SCIENCE

8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ONLY



**15**  
APR

### SOCIAL STUDIES

8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ONLY

**21**  
APR

### MATH & ALGEBRA I

6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup>, & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



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# Afternoon Tea



*Wednesday  
April 8th*

OJH Conference Room

4:05pm-5:00pm



SAVE THE DATE FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS OF CBWF & ODEM ISD'S SPRING HEALTH FESTIVAL:

# GROWING TOGETHER!

**When:** Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

**Where:** 1 Owl Square, Odem, TX, 78370  
(Parking Lot in front of Owl Stadium)

**Join Us For:**

- ★ Community Vendors
- ★ Bouncy House
- ★ Obstacle Course
- ★ Petting Zoo
- ★ & So Much More!



**Any Questions?**



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Abby Gonzales  
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OJH Cheer Presents

# Summer Bash Dance

Get ready for fun, music, and dancing!

**APRIL 24, 2026**

**5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**OJH Cafeteria**

**\$5-presale \$6 at the door**





# PEDIATRICS

## MOBILE SERVICES

### SERVICES INCLUDE:

- WELL CHILD VISITS
- HEALTH STEPS
- SICK VISITS
- IMMUNIZATIONS
- SPORTS PHYSICALS



**COMMUNITY  
ACTION** CORPORATION  
OF SOUTH TEXAS



## 2026 Junior High Softball Schedule

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8th</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 23</b>	<b>Taft</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
Monday	March 2	*Taft	@ Taft	5 pm	6:30 pm
Monday	March 16	*George West	@ George West	5 pm	6:30 pm
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 23</b>	<b>West Oso</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
Thursday	April 2	*Mathis	@ Mathis	5 pm	6:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 9</b>	<b>*Aransas Pass</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
Thursday	April 16	*West Oso	@ West Oso	5 pm	6:30 pm
Saturday	April 18	District Tournament A Team	@ Taft	TBA	TBA

### ADMINISTRATORS/STAFF

**Superintendent:** Yolanda Carr  
**Athletic Director:** Armando Huerta  
**Principal:** Amanda Henley

**Communications Officer:** Rudy Rivera  
**Athletic Secretary:** Lisa Pereida  
**Behavioral Coordinator:** Jason Pfluger

**Trainer:** Sabrina Gonzales

### COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Sabrina Salazar

# 2026 Odem Jr High Baseball

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Team</u>
Monday	Feb. 23	Aransas Pass	Odem	5:30	8th Only
Saturday	Feb. 28	Hebbronville	Odem	10:00am	7th Only
Monday	Mar. 2	George West	George West	5:30	7th & 8th
Saturday	Mar. 7	8th Grade Tourn.	Odem	TBA	8th
Monday	Mar. 16	Mathis	Mathis	5:30	7th & 8th
Monday	Mar. 23	West Oso	Odem	5:30	7th & 8th
Saturday	Mar. 28	8th Grade District Tourn.	Taft	TBA	8th
Tuesday	Mar. 31	Aransas Pass	Aransas Pass	5:30	7th Only
Monday	Apr. 6	George West	Odem	5:30	7th & 8th
Saturday	Apr. 11	7th Grade District Tourn.	Odem	TBA	7th Only
Thursday	Apr.16	Taft	Taft	5:30	7th & 8th

Coaches: Rocky Silguero  
 Superintendent: Yolanda Carr  
 Athletic Director: Armando Huerta  
 Principal: Amanda Henley



# **LUNCH DROP OFF BEFORE 12:15PM**

NO LUNCHES WILL BE ACCEPTED  
AFTER 12:15PM



***There will be no food sharing, students  
can only receive food from their legal  
parent/guardian.***

## **QUESTIONS?**

Contact OJH Admin @ 361-368-8121

# ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Please contact  
Mr. Pfluger  
if you have any questions

ATTENDANCE IS TAKEN  
EVERY CLASS PERIOD.  
THE SCHOOL DAY STARTS  
AT 8:00.  
BEFORE 8:15 = TARDY  
AFTER 8:15 = ABSENCE

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN SCHOOL  
90% OF THE TIME FOR ALL CLASS  
PERIODS. THIS INCLUDES EXCUSED AND  
UNEXCUSED ABSENCES.  
FAILURE TO STAY ABOVE 90% COULD  
RESULT IN:

- SUMMER SCHOOL
- NOT BEING PROMOTED TO THE NEXT  
GRADE LEVEL

THE OFFICIAL  
ATTENDANCE TIME IS  
10:00AM. WE ASK THAT  
YOU TRY AND SCHEDULE  
YOUR APPOINTMENTS  
AROUND THIS TIME.

IF AN ABSENCE IS  
NECESSARY, PLEASE  
PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION  
TO MRS. PEREZ IN THE  
FRONT OFFICE. YOU COULD  
ALSO EMAIL IT TO HER AT  
[PEREZD@OEISD.ORG](mailto:PEREZD@OEISD.ORG)

DOCUMENTATION MUST BE  
RECEIVED WITHIN 3 DAYS  
OF THE RETURN TO  
SCHOOL.  
WE WILL ACCEPT 5  
"PARENT NOTES" PER  
SEMESTER.

TRUANCY CHARGES  
COULD BE FILED ONCE A  
STUDENT REACHES 10  
UNEXCUSED ABSENCES IN  
ANY CLASS PERIOD

# DRESS CODE Reminders

## Clothes NOT appropriate



Shorts  
not  
modest  
length



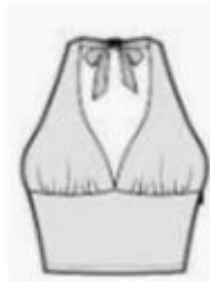
Ripped jeans  
above the  
knee with  
skin showing.



Ripped  
jeans with  
excessive  
holes



Wearing Hood  
over one's head  
not allowed.  
Hoodies cannot be  
oversized.



Halter Top



Crop Tops



Spaghetti Straps



House shoes



Cap



Sunglasses

Length of shorts will be up to the discretion of the administration.

# DRESS CODE

## Reminders



**SHORTS/SKIRTS**  
must be appropriate and modest length.



**PANTS**  
No skin showing above the knee or holes excessive in size or amount.



**HATS/CAPS**  
may not be worn in buildings on campus



**Hoodie sweatshirts** must be appropriately sized. Wearing Hood over one's head not allowed.



**SHIRTS**  
Tops of shoulders must be covered. No portion of the torso, midriff, waist, or hips may be exposed.

# NEW TEXAS LAW

HOUSE BILL 1481



## NO COMMUNICATION DEVICES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Includes cell phones, smartwatches,  
headphones, earbuds, etc.



STUDENTS IN GRADES 2-12  
ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
STORING ALL PERSONAL  
DEVICES IN THEIR BACKPACKS



LIMITED EXCEPTIONS FOR  
MEDICAL NEEDS AND IEP/504  
ACCOMMODATIONS



See the Student Code of Conduct for  
more detailed information.  
Contact OJH Admin if you have any  
questions.