OHS NEWSLETTER

























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WELCOME!

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/3 Student Holiday 11/6 Dual Credit - FSA Parent ID 11/7 TAMUCC Trip 11/8 Report cards 11/15 Feast of Kindness 11/16 Parent involvement 11/20-24 Thanksgiving Break

11/29 TAMUK Trip

Welcome back to Odem High School! We're about to finish off our second six weeks of the school year. This six weeks has been very exciting, and full of a lot of fun activities. The Odem High School Varsity football team won District Champs, the Spirit of OHS got a superior rating at the Region Marching Contest. October was full of surprises as well, Pink out, Halloween, and Odem's "Mental Health Morning". We are hoping the third six weeks can be just as good!!

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Niche No Essay Scholarship Due Dec 14
- Dr. Barbara Odom-Wesley Spirit of Achievement Scholarship - Due Feb 14
- Sack The Stigma Scholarship Due Dec 31
- Hagan Scholarship Foundation Due December 1
- Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship Due Feb 5
- Perseverance Is Key Scholarship Due Dec 15

CROSS COUNTRY



Congratulations to Evalynn Pena who competed in the Class 3A Region IV Cross Country Meet at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi. The cross country teams competed at Veterans Memorial Park in Beeville. The lady owls finished in 5th place. Evalynn Pena led the varsity girls team with a time of 14:42. She placed 6th and advanced to Regionals. Alma Almendarez had a time of 16:04, Phaith Garcia 18:12, Audryna Martinez 19:01, Yasmin Campos 19:4, Elyssa Garcia 20:13, and Avril Quiroz 20:15. From the JV team, Brianna Parraz placed 4th with a time of 17:52, Hailey Berdan 20:40, and Ava Mathis 22:26. For the boys varsity, Mikiel Villarreal placed 11th with a time of 19:32, Hayden Mitchell 21:38, Charlie Thomas 22:39, Justin Andrade 23:22, Noah Brown 23:24, and Adrian Aguirre 25:20. The cross country team had a very fun and memorable season.

VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Owls have worked hard since August, although they did not have a successful season as they hoped. They tried their hardest and it paid off for their last game. They faced the Mathis Pirates on October 24th and the owls came out on top. The final score was Owlets 3, Lady Pirates 1. The last game also happened to be senior and parents night. We are so happy that the seniors got to win their very last game of the season. Varsity player Annabeth Coleman stated, "The hardest game was against Mathis last week, since it was the last one." Good season girls and good luck on the other sports y'all are playing! The JV volleyball season ended well as they won their last game against Mathis finishing their season on a strong note. Presley Simmons said, "I feel pretty good because we won our last game and we had our ups and downs but in the end we came together and had a lot of fun."



FOOTBALL

The Varsity Odem Owls advance to the playoffs. The teams that we might encounter are Natalia and Nixon-Smiley. Both teams have a record of 2-7, barely qualifying for the playoffs. Odem Owls have been doing great this year after a 1-9 season last year. The last game against George West ended with a score of 38-7 making Odem Owls the district champs. It will be a tough few games to advance to the finals and win the playoffs, but with the help of our OHS Band and loyal fans we can get through this season and win us a title. #OFND



The JV Odem Owls also won district champs with a record of 8-2. Last game was against George West with a score of 6-48 making Odem Owls losing their last game of the football season. It was a tough season as we faced schools like Hebbronville, Santa Rosa, Karnes City, and Tidehaven. However, we came through as a team and took on most of the schools that stood in our way and won the fight. It was a great season and it will be an even better one to see them playing in the future.



The Spirit of OHS marching band performed at 8:15am on October 28th in Beeville for Area Finals with an opportunity to advance to State. The band earned 13th place which was one spot shy of advancing to Finals. Despite the outcome, we are extremely proud of the band members, color guard and band directors. Congratulations on an amazing season! They represented our community very well with every performance. Best of luck to our senior band members who were honored at the last home game. We look forward to The Spirit of OHS continuing to support the football team as they go far into the playoffs.



ADVICE

- Try and read a book this month
- Pass your classes
- Be nice and kind to others
- Don't bring yourself down
- Try and learn a new skill this month

STUDENT LIFE



These past few weeks have been stressful for everyone. Our administrators decided to do a mental health day. Although we could not have the day off, it felt as though everyone was more relaxed than if they were at their own home. We learned how to cope with stress and deal with our anxieties all in that one day. This gave us an opportunity for our students to reset our system and get out of the stressful mode. Everyone felt so re-energized when the day was over. It was a a nice break from the everyday stress of tests, deadlines and social pressures.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS



PHAITH GARCIA

Phaith Garcia is a senior who is kind and puts a smile on everyone's face. Phaith is involved in XC, Tennis, and Track. Phaith just finished XC and will be working on Tennis and Track as they come up throughout this year. Phaith plans to live out whatever God has planned for her after Phaith's school. high proudest accomplishment was her finding Jesus. Outside of school Phaith works at McDonald's and likes to get to know God by reading the Bible.

Eduardo Medina is a senior who is involved in many sports. He is a starting offensive lineman on Odem's varsity football team, a powerlifter and a participant in shotput and discus. If he could describe himself in three words, he would describe himself as, goofy, swole. Ed's short. and proudest accomplishment would have to be winning district this year in football after going 1-9 last year. Some advice Eduardo would like to give to underclassmen is, "Don't rush because time flies by."





LANDON DOUGLAS

Since freshman year Landon Douglas has always had a passion for playing baseball. Every day every year he worked his butt off to get to varsity, and then his Junior Year, he got it. Landon's proudest accomplishment is getting his acceptance letter to UTD (University of Texas at Dallas.) Landon's plan after high school is to get his Bachelors for computer science. Landon's top songs on his spotify are "Blast off" by Bruno Mars, "Put on a Smile" by Bruno Mars, and "Slide" by Calvin Harris. When I asked Landon what food he would eat for the rest of his life he would choose steak. On behalf of Odem we fully support Landon in whatever he decides to do after high school.

Joy Lerma is a varsity volleyball and tennis player. Joy's favorite high school memory is playing tennis late at night with her friends. Joy would describe herself as joyful, thoughtful, and peaceful. Her plans after high school are to get her Masters in athletic training and work for a college. Her favorite accomplishment so far is placing in district tennis on varsity her sophomore year of high school.





JOSH OBREGON

Joshua Obregon, a man of many talents such as a football player, basketball varsity player, powerlifter, shot thrower, and discus thrower. His favorite memory of high school is being a part of the undisputed district champions and completing the revenge tour. He said he wants to get accepted into Texas A&M Kingsville or The Island and keep a steady 3.0 GPA. He wants to win a district championship in football, basketball, and baseball. His top three songs on his playlist are, "Drive me Crazy", "n 2 deep", "Hate Sleeping Alone." His favorite quote is " Expect to be Great; I expect to do what hasn't been done; I expect to provoke change."-Deion Sanders

Josh Chavira, a man of many skills including Varsity Football, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Baseball, and Varsity Track. His favorite high school memory is beating Taft on Taft's turf in football. A goal Josh has for the rest of his senior year is getting a district championship in both basketball and baseball. His top songs in his playlist include, "8am in Charlotte", "Champagne Poetry", and "Skitzo". Josh's plans after high school are to go to college and study to eventually become a chemical engineer. Some advice Josh has for underclassmen is, "Don't blink and live in the moment because high school doesn't last forever, it flies by faster than vou think."



JOSH CHAVIRA



Senior Jadelynn Hall describes herself in three words: quiet, responsible, serious. Her plan after high school is to go to college to study Criminal Justice, but is undecided as to where. Jadelynn participates in color guard, One Act Play and FCCLA. Her favorite high school memory is this year's marching season because it was her last season and she wanted to enjoy it.

JADELYNN HALL

Julian Romero's favorite memory of high school was his first football game. His favorite strategy to get through school is to finish all your work early so you can take naps. He plans to be a pilot after high school. Julian likes to keep things private. His favorite karaoke song is "Dancing Queen" by ABBA.



JULIAN ROMERO



Brianna Parraz is a senior who does cross country and track. Three words used to describe her are determined, fast and smart. Her favorite memory about high school is participating in track events. Brianna's plan after high school is to attend college to become a coach for Odem High School. Her goal for senior year is to go to Regionals for the 400m run in track.

BRIANNA PARRAZ

Jaelynn Garcia is a senior athlete who plays volleyball, basketball and softball. After graduation JaeyInn plans to go to college at either Del Mar or to Texas A&M University - Kingsville to further her education in earlv childhood development. Currently, Jaelynn's top two songs to to listen to "Normal Girl" by SZA, and "Shot For Me" by Drake. The advice she could give best to underclassmen is to stay on top of your grades and to stay out of drama.



JAELYNN GARCIA

OWLSTANDING STAFF

Mrs. Salinas has been teaching for 18 years. She grew up in Corpus Christi and Hot Springs, Arkansas. She attended Texas A&M, and has a Bachelors degree in Communication. Her life motto/quote is "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."- Helen Keller. On her bucket list is to cook with a famous chef one day, travel to most of the 7 continents, and to watch her grandchildren grow up. If Mrs. Salinas wasn't a teacher, she would like to be in the TV movie industry. She did it for awhile and enjoyed it. Something you may not know about Mrs. Salinas is she is a very good cook/baker, and she's not afraid to try anything.



MRS. SALINAS



MS. RAMIREZ

Ms. Ramirez is our new history teacher. She is very welcoming and passionate about what she teaches. Ms. Ramirez has been teaching for four years. Her dedication for teaching has already made a good environment for us students. For her degree she went to Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi. Ms. Ramirez's number one motto is, "I never lose, I either win or I learn" which shows her passion for success. In school her most favorite subject was English. Having Ms. Ramirez is such a positive light on all of us and we are so happy she is here with us at OHS.