

# OHS NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2023





# WELCOME!

Odem High School has a few new rules and a few new faces to start the school year. New OHS family members are Ms. Gonzales, Coach Carp, Coach Torres, Mr. Tomlin, Coach Ruiz, Mr. Roussel, Mrs.

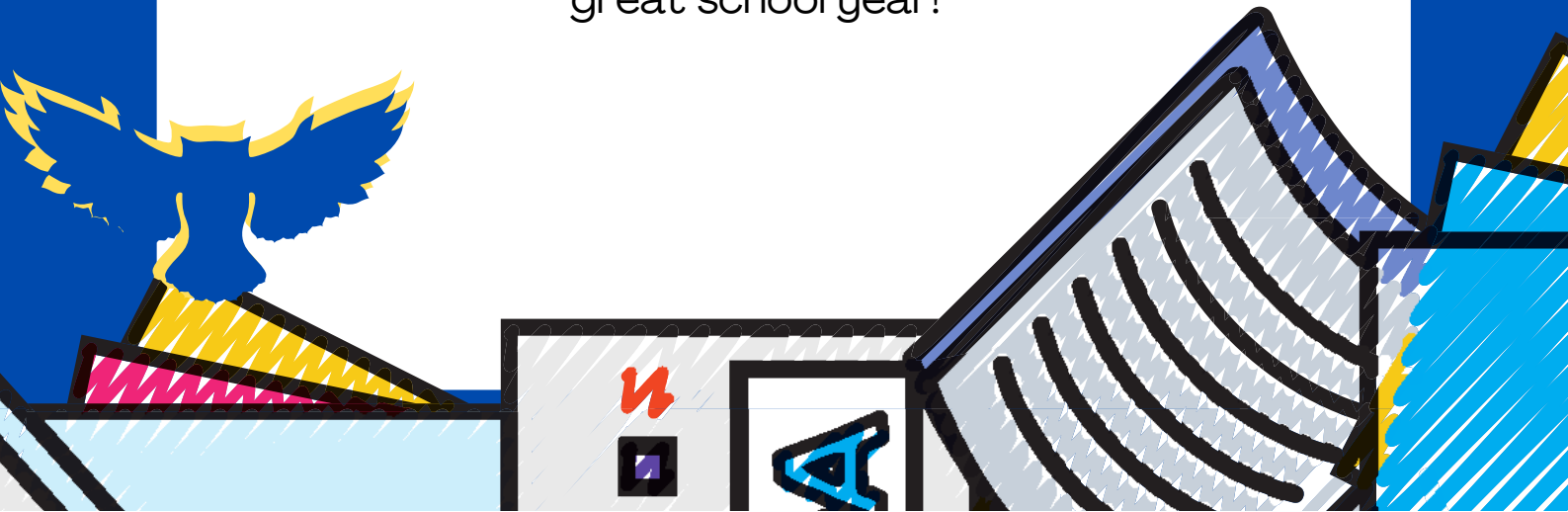
Beyer, Ms. Rosenbaun, and Coach Ramirez.

This first six weeks we spent most of our time getting back into the school routine and out of the summer mode. We also have a series of upcoming events such as Homecoming, football games, pep rallies, etc. We are excited to show off these fun times with our community. Stay tuned for our 2023-2024

Homecoming festivities!

We also have multiple events this school year for our seniors as well. Including senior fun day, wrapping and burning of the "O", senior pep rally, senior walk, and so much more throughout the year. We hope we can make another memorable year just like the last.

We thank our OHS Staff, teachers, and faculty for making this school year possible. Hope everyone has a great school year!





# CROSS COUNTRY

On September 2nd the JV girls Cross Country team finished 3rd at the STXC Bobcats Invitational. Alma Almendarez placed 2nd, Brianna Parraz placed 8th, and Phaith Garcia placed 12th. At the same Bobcat meet, the Varsity Boys finished in 8th place. Out of 72 runners Hayden Mitchell placed 38th, Justin Andrade placed 50th, Noah Brown placed 53rd Charlie Thomas placed 59th, and Chris Cantu placed 68th. JV boy runner, Steven Cantu placed 23rd out of 40 runners. The Odem Owl Cross Country teams have 3 weeks until their district meet at Veterans' Memorial Park in Beeville.



# VOLLEYBALL



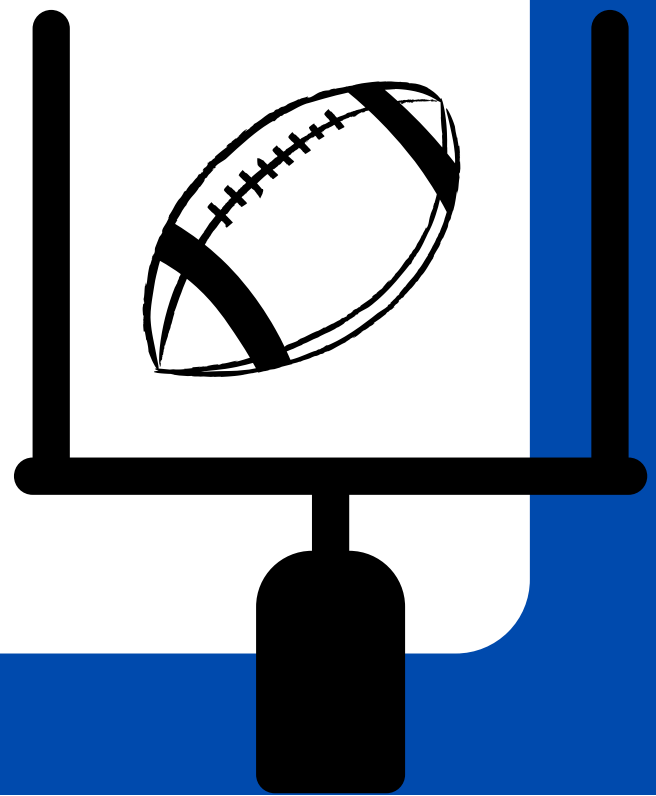
Varsity: This upcoming Friday they will face the San Diego Lady Vaqueros in Odem at 4pm. The girls previously played Skidmore and unfortunately lost all three sets to them. Varsity player Michelle Rogers says, "Skidmore was a tough opponent to play against, us girls will have to train harder for the next game."

JV: Their next game is against Aransas Pass on Tuesday in Odem. Games will begin at 5pm in the high school gym. The JV teams fell short against Skidmore, but are practicing hard to get the win next week. JV player Harper Dredla says, "Confidence is key."



# FOOTBALL

It was a good first week for the Odem Owls. Odem finished the game with a score of 16-7 against The Karnes City Badgers in Owl Stadium. Second week was a loss with a score of 0-58 against the Tidehaven Tigers on there turf. The Owls lost against The Mathis Pirates in Mathis this past Friday. Odem will then continue to strive for the victory as we face off The San Diego Vaqueros in week four for Homecoming.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 7th - TSI
- September 12th - Apply Texas Workshop w/ Del Mar College
- September 14th - Homecoming Parade
- September 15th - HOMECOMING
- September 20th - Career Expo for Seniors
- September 25th - Sr. Pictures
- September 26th- Cap, Gown, and Ring presentations, 2-3pm Junior Ring packet Distributed
- October 3rd - Cap, Gown, Ring Orders during lunch
- October 15 - Senior Quotes Due

## **2023 Dress up days.**

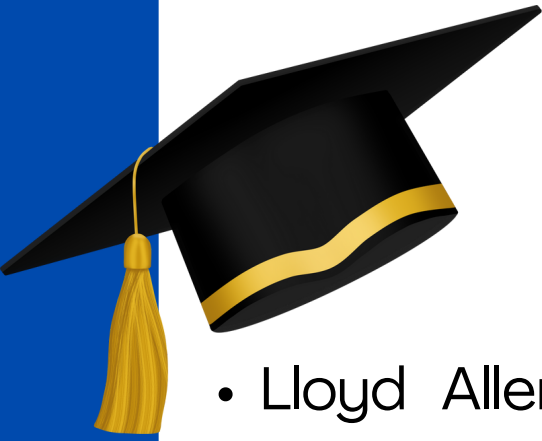
- 9/29 - "Reconstruct the Warriors" Construction Day
- 10/06 - "My momma said the Blue Devils are gonna Lose!" Adam Sandler Day
- 10/13 - "Pink Out the Longhorns" (Little Owl Night)
- 10/20 - "Make the Bulldogs See Double" Twin Day
- 10/27 - "Lasson the Longhorns" (Parents Night)  
Western Day

# STUDENT LIFE

Hoco Nominees are: BAA-Brianna Parraz, Band-Joy Lerma, BPA-Claudia Covarrubias, Cheerleaders-Dezirae Moreno, Color Guard-Vanessa Saucedo, FFA-Traci McClellan, GAA-Jaelynn Garcia, NHS-Isabella Perez, Sports Med-Alianna Hernandez, Yearbook-Yazmin Cruz, UIL Academics-Isabella Flores, Spanish Club-Johnetta Espinoza, and OAP-Lillan Kiefer.



# SCHOLARSHIPS



- Lloyd Allen David Scholarship–Due Jan 24 2024
- Dell Scholarship - Due Dec 1
- Heisman High School - Due Oct 17
- Coca-Cola Scholarship - Due Oct 2
- Texas Urban Scholarship - Due Jul 10
- Texas Armed Services Scholarship - Due Oct 31





# SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

Jacob Phillips is a great student involved in many sports. Phillips is a starting wide receiver for the Odem Owl Football team and is also a Varsity Basketball player. Jacob's plans after high school are to go to college for business management.

Jacob's favorite memory of high school was when he went to regionals for track and field with Javy Martinez. Surprisingly, Jacob's top songs on his playlist are: Take On Me by A-ha, Separate Ways by Journey, and Viva la Vida by Coldplay. Jacob is an athletic, helpful and generous student. We wish Jacob the best in his future wherever he goes.



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Dezirae Moreno is an extraordinary student athlete involved in multiple sports and is in the top 20 in the class of 2024. Dezirae has been a varsity athlete in volleyball, basketball, and softball since her freshman year. Dezirae plans to go to college and get her degree in teaching. Her dream job is teaching a first grade class. In Dezirae's free time she enjoys listening to music. Her favorite song at the moment is "Telekinesis" by Travis Scott and SZA. Dezirae's favorite food is sushi and she would pick that meal over anything else. Lastly, Dezirae's goal is to make the most of her senior year and to get her license and graduate.



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Hayden Mitchell is a great student. He participates in varsity cross country and track and he is an athletic trainer. His plans after high school are to go to Killeen Texas

University to become a pilot and study science. His proudest accomplishment is being varsity cross country MVP and being a captain for 2 years in a row. In 3 words, Hayden is described as funny, polite and respectful.



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Yazmin Cruz is a senior who does her best and strives to succeed. She is involved in BPA, FCCLA, Yearbook, and is an Athletic Trainer. She is going on her 3rd year as secretary of Spanish Club. She is planning on going to Texas A&M-Kingsville to further her education and pursue a career in psychology. She wants to give underclassman some advice, “I want underclassman especially freshman to know they should never slack off; Have fun of course, but freshman year is where it counts the most!” Yazmin is excited to see what her senior year holds and excited for the memories she’s going to make this year.



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Ashton Rodriguez is one of the OHS varsity football players. After Ashton finishes school he plans on going into the realtor industry. He looks forward to finishing high school and graduating. He wants all the underclassman to enjoy every high school moment. Ashton's favorite memory is from his sophomore year when OHS had an undefeated football season. He also enjoys listening to 2 of his favorite artist, Key Glock and Young Dolph. Ashton is excited to see how his senior year unfolds!



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Johnathan Perez is a senior and is planning on being a nurse practitioner. Johnathan is a 4 year athletic trainer. He is in many clubs such as Yearbook, FCCLA, BPA, Student Council, and NHS. When he was younger he wanted to be a doctor so he could save lives. Three words people would use to describe Johnathan are sassy, funny and chill. What is your favorite thing to do in your free time? "I love to sleep!"



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

Trey Canales is a starting varsity football player. His proudest accomplishment so far is getting 1st team all district safety during his junior year. Trey's favorite high school memory is being part of the district championship winning team his sophomore year. His goal this year is to earn 1st team all South Texas in football.



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Avril Quiroz is a senior this year at Odem High School. One of her favorite memories are all the xc meets because its fun hanging out with the team. A good piece of advice she'd give to underclassmen is, don't be disrespectful and turn in your work. She plans on going to college after high school. Her goal for this year is to just do well in all classes and make the most of this year. Avril is also in track, cross country, powerlifting, and volleyball.





# ADVICE

1.Be Yourself

2.Make friends

3.Stay on top of your school work

4.Enjoy yourself and have fun in and out of school but remember who you represent.

5.Don't think you're too cool to participate in events in school. P.S. you aren't.



# OWLSTANDING TEACHER

Joel Cano has been teaching at Odem High School for 9 years now. He attended the University of The Incarnate Word and has a degree in biology. Cano is the head track coach and wide receiver coach. A

couple facts about him are:

Favorite activities: grilling and coaching

Life motto/quote: "Cancel it!"

Would like to learn how to: weld to make BBQ grills

