

# Odem Junior High Newsletter

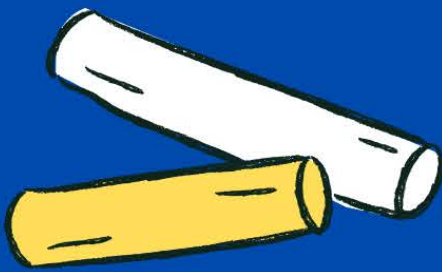
4th Six Weeks



March 3, 2025

## School Year is Flying by

Odem Junior High wrapped up the fourth six weeks. The Owls have been busy in academics, athletics, and extra curricular activities. Students have been making great strides in academics. Benchmarks were completed in February. Results indicate students are headed in the right direction. We need to continue growing. Students will begin tutorials in STAAR tested areas. Parents please be on the lookout for notes coming home if your student will be required to attend tutorials.



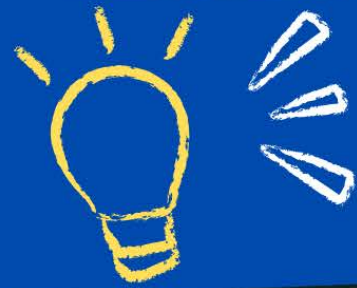
## Girls in STEM

Eighth grade girls in Pre AP Science were invited to attend Coastal Bend Women in Industry Career and Education Expo on February 13, 2025. This One's for the Gals organization sponsored the event at Richard Borchard Fairgrounds in Robstown. The conference focused on construction, energy, manufacturing and maritime industries. Girls from all around the Coastal Bend were invited to learn about career opportunities they may not know exist for them. A panel of eight women presented to over 500 Coastal Bend students.



## Favorite Dance

Students attended a Favorites Dance on Friday, February 21st. Over 100 students attended the dance. Students voted on Favorite 8th graders, E'Layna Cuellar and Jaime Acosta. Best Dancers were Julian George and Alexis Moreno. Best Dressed was Emily Bayardo and Archer Hanson. A great time was had by all.



## OJH Band

Odem Junior High Band had students compete at the Solo and Ensemble competition. If a student earns a 1, which is a Superior rating, they receive a medal for their performance. The following students earned a Superior Rating.

Alysel Huerta - Trumpet Solo  
Constancio Bello- Euphonium Solo  
Vladimir Hunter- Tuba Solo  
Woodwind Trio- Ava Cadena, Alexis Candena, Hayden Langley  
Ysidro Roman- Trombone Solo  
Brass Trio- Ysidro Roman, Shane Gehris, Alysel Huerta



## Course Selections

2025-2026 Incoming freshman were able to take a tour of the CTE classes available to them next year. Eighth graders were able to ask questions about the agriculture, welding, culinary arts, and health science classes. Students then had a meeting with the high school counselor to learn more about the courses required as incoming freshman. In March, incoming sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students will have a presentation on their required and elective courses available. Parents be on the lookout for the course selection papers.



## STAAR Testing



STAAR testing will take place in April this year. Students have been preparing all year for the state assessment. All students will take the STAAR Reading Language Arts test on April 8th, and STAAR Math on April 23rd. Eighth graders will be required to take the STAAR Social Studies on April 15th and the STAAR Science on April 16th. Please make sure your student is here on those days.

## Track

Track season has started off with a bang. Odem held its first meet on February 27th. Several schools including Taft, Santa Gertrudis, Skidmore Tynan, Port Aransas, and IWA came to compete. Our athletes had a great showing in front of the large crowd. District Track meet will be on March 28th in Taft.



## Baseball and Softball

Baseball and Softball season has begun. Baseball has two teams. The gold team is a seventh grade team. The blue team is a mix of seventh and eighth grade students. Softball has one team with seventh and eighth grade athletes. Most games will be held on Mondays. Come out and support our teams.

# Tennis

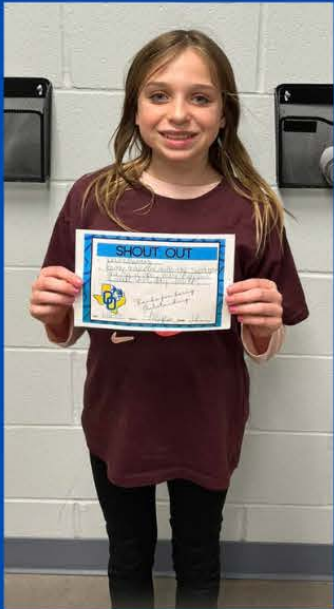
Odem Junior High Tennis team has grown. This year there are over 16 girls and 17 boys on the tennis team. They recently held a Dual Tennis Meet with London on February 28th. On March 1, OJH tennis team competed in the Orange Grove Tennis Tournament. There over 10 schools from 3A to 5A districts. OJH came out victorious in the seventh grade boys doubles. There were sixteen teams and Jaxon Ybarra and Josiah Cruz won 1st place. Joseph Deleon and Julian Galvan won 3rd place.



**Spring Break  
March 8-16th**

**Easter Break  
April 18th -21st**

# Shout Out to some Owlstanding Students and Staff



# Owlstanding Athletes



# Upcoming Dates

- 3/5- Report Cards Distributed**
- 3/6- Cybersecurity Presentation**
- 3/6- Tennis Dual meet @ Sinton**
- 3/17 BBB/ SB Vs Mathis**
- 3/20- Track Meet @ Agua Dulce**
- 3/22 Tennis District Meet @ AP**
- 3/24- BBB/SB @ GW**
- 3/24 - Band Pre UIL Contest**
- 3/27- Spring Pictures**
- 3/27- Track District @ Taft**
- 3/31 BBB/SB Vs WO**
- 4/8- STAAR RLA test 6th-8th**
- 4/15- STAAR SS test 8th grade**
- 4/16- STAAR Science 8th grade**
- 4/23- STAAR Math 6th-8th**