



March 2024

## Important Dates To Remember>

**March 1- 10th- 11<sup>th</sup> grade SAT test  
Benchmarks for Alg I and BIO**

**March 7<sup>th</sup>-March 25<sup>th</sup> TELPASS  
Online Testing**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>- Student Early Release**

**March 10<sup>th</sup>- Daylight Savings Time  
Change**

**SAVE THE DATE: April 18<sup>st</sup>- TPRS Senior  
Celebration (Information soon!)**

**SPRING BREAK MARCH 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>!**

**March 17<sup>th</sup>- St. Patrick's Day!**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>- Good Friday!**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>- EASTER!**



**April 5<sup>th</sup> – END of 5<sup>th</sup> SIX WEEKS;  
Teachers post grades**



MARCH is the initiation of the season that is between winter and spring. March is teasing with its weather changes and inconsistent days. We have enjoyed glorious weather followed by freezing temperatures that make us question our viability, to then be greeted with wind gusts that blow our snow jackets off. That same day we are sunbathing and envisioning ourselves at the lake. March presents to us a whirlwind of change and unpredictability.

Now that we emerge from the cold days of winter, it's nearly impossible not to feel the birth of possibilities with the turning of the season. Nothing matches the rising energy of Spring, both in nature and within ourselves. Trees start to show signs of new birth and the sun shines with a refreshing warmth to the chilled skin. It refreshes our minds and thoughts as we start to engage in visions of blooms and butterflies. Our thoughts soon ponder of what is next and what is to be planned as we enter the new season. Give yourself time to reflect and meditate on what will be your new season. What will you give "bloom" to? Give yourself time to relax and prepare. Take in the beauty around you that we tend to overlook and not see. Prepare for the new season.



### “March Motivational Message”

“Without ambition one starts nothing. Without work one finishes nothing. The prize will not be sent to you. You have to win it.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Spring is coming... Time for some cleaning. Remove all the self-doubt, worry, jealousy, regret, anger, guilt, or any other negative emotions that are holding you back from your happy, fulfilled life.”

— Nanette Mathews

Take time to reflect on how these quotes make you feel about yourself and the season? Did you discover anything surprising? What memories do they evoke? Which quote would you say epitomizes the month of March for you? Why?

Enjoy the month of March and enjoy the new Spring season as you build your best life.



[Life Advice: \*\*Fall Forward\*\* \(Denzel Washington\)](#)

(Click on the link, skip the ads, grab some popcorn, and “Fall Forward!”)



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME**

**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**MOVE CLOCKS FORWARD  
ONE HOUR AT 2AM!**





## SENIOR SECTION:



### Police Interaction Video and Quiz:



March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Prom (Diamond Event Center) 6pm to 11pm

March 5<sup>th</sup> - Mandatory Senior Meeting (PAC) 830am.

March 5<sup>th</sup> - Parent Graduation Meeting (Auditorium) 530pm

March 20<sup>th</sup> - SAT (All juniors and available spots for Seniors)

**May 24<sup>th</sup> - Graduation 8:30pm Ratliff Stadium**

## Graduation Ceremony: Stadium Details

The graduation ceremony is a formal event and a privilege – not a right.



**APPROVED BAGS** MUST BEHAVE AND MEASURE BY THE DIMENSIONS LISTED BY THE BOARD OF SUE OF STATE

**Large Bags:**

- Clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC
- Must be labeled 12" x 4" x 12"
- Must display clear one large one identifying contents



**Small Bags:**

- Small Clear Bags (with or without straps)
- Small Clear Bags or Bags (must have 10" clear, 10" clear, must be 7" x 10" x 10")




## ALLOWED



Large Clear Bag  
12" x 4" x 12"



Small Clear Bag  
10" x 10" x 10"



Small Clear Bag  
10" x 10" x 10"



Small Clear Bag  
10" x 10" x 10"



## SILENT AND OUT OF SIGHT

### BAGS NOT ALLOWED



Backpack



Fanny Pack



Messenger Bag  
12" x 10" x 10"



Overhead Tote Bag



Duffel Bag



Fanny Pack



Large Fanny Pack

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- **Students:** Enter on the East (Grandview) side of the stadium (practice and ceremony).
  - Students may not return to vehicles once arriving to the graduate seating area.
- **Parents/guardians/guests:** A-L graduates are seated on the field, West side; M-Z graduates are seated on the field, East side.
- **After Graduation:** Make a plan before the ceremony about where you will see/meet one another after graduation. The stadium closes 30 minutes after the ceremony concludes.
- **Parking Lot:** Practice PATIENCE and KINDNESS. Everyone wants the same thing - please be safe.

# Graduation Stadium Guidelines

**\*\*\*CLEAR BAG POLICY IS IN EFFECT**

 \*NO PURSES/BACKPACKS  
\*NO CAMERA BAGS  
\*DIAPER BAGS ALLOWED UPON INSPECTION



- \*NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS
- \*NO UMBRELLAS
- \*NO FATHEADS
- \*NO FLAGS
- \*NO FLOWERS
- \*NO POSTERS OR BANNERS
- \*NO BALLOONS OR CONFETTI
- \*NO AIRHORNS OR NOISE MAKERS
- \*NO BLANKETS / \*NO STROLLERS
- \*NO DRONES (FAA REGULATIONS)



# CCMR & POST SECONDARY NEWS

<https://www.smores.com/sq360m>

Check out the ECISD CCMR Post Secondary Department's website for all of your college and scholarship information!

**WHY ODESSA COLLEGE?** (click [here](#) to see the video)



**SIGN THE PLEDGE  
NOW BEFORE THE  
APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> DEADLINE!**

**USE THE QR CODE ABOVE!**



**WHY UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS OF THE PERMIAN BASIN?** (click [here](#) to see the video)





## **TPRS FAMILY MEETING: FEBRUARY 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 ALL SENIORS MUST ATTEND!**

We are asking TPRS Seniors and legal guardians to attend our Family Meeting. Odessa College will host our group to assist with connecting our students with Odessa College staff to assist with the complete process of applying for Odessa College and financial aid.

Odessa College offers the WRANGLER PROMISE which covers tuition for 2024 graduates! However, there is an April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Let us help you do the work!

# Mark your Calendar



**Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>,  
2024 5:30-6:30PM**

Odessa College Gregory D. Williams Hall,  
201 W. University, Odessa TX  
(Corner of Roberston and University)

### **Yes, It is time to enroll and apply for Free Aid (FAFSA)!**

The sooner you apply, the better chances you have to receive extra financial help for you to attend college. Work-study and childcare are also available on several campuses. Let's start your college journey now and start the application processes. Odessa College is here to help.  
(Parents or guardians must accompany the student to this session.)





**FILL OUT YOUR FAFSA/TASFA & APPLY TO COLLEGE!**

If you feel that you are needing some help in your classes, we have tutoring resources for you.

- Odessa College Tutoring- Available Sunday through Monday and evening hours
- AVID tutoring – by appointment.
- AIR Tutors- online tutoring by appointment

**There is NO REASON FOR YOU NOT TO BE PASSING YOUR CLASSES. Call our office to discuss. Do not wait until you are failing your semester!**

**FREE CHILDCARE and TRANSPORTATION**--If you are planning to use TPRS Free Childcare Services or need bussing, give us a call. You can view a virtual tour of the childcare facility, [here](#). If you need more information about the childcare center, call Sylvia Duran at 456-6971.

The background image shows the interior of a library. On the left, there are bookshelves filled with books, and the words "Little Family Library" are written in a colorful, stylized font on the wall above them. On the right, there is a large, vibrant mural of a tree with a person sitting under it. The floor is red. A large white star shape is overlaid on the top half of the image, containing the text "LITTLE FAMILY LIBRARY NOW OPEN!".

# LITTLE FAMILY LIBRARY NOW OPEN!

Out side of corral 3

\*Select a book for yourself, a child in the home, or older sibling or parent.

\*Exchange when ready.

\*Returning the book is optional.

\*Select from fiction, nonfiction and children's bookshelves.

The library will be open for staff on Fridays.





# Enroll your child for free monthly books!



Inspire your child's love of reading with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



## FREE BOOKS FOR KIDS!

If you have a child from 0-5 years old, register them today for free monthly books.

### How It Works:

- Enroll your child online at [\(imaginationlibrary.com/usa/affiliate/TXECTOR/\)](http://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/affiliate/TXECTOR/)
- In 6-8 weeks, your child will receive their first book in the mail, 'The Little Engine That Could'.
- Books arrive in the mail monthly until your child's 5th birthday.

### Easy to Enroll!



Scan this code to enroll your child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. It's easy!



Ector County ISD Education Foundation

PO Box 951  
Odessa, Texas 79760  
Phone: 432-210-6395



## TPRS PARTNER EVENTS:

The Letters in **PURPLE** Stand for

<b>P</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>PEAK OF CRYING</b>	<b>UNEXPECTED</b>	<b>RESISTS SOOTHING</b>	<b>PAIN-LIKE FACE</b>	<b>LONG LASTING</b>	<b>EVENING</b>
Your baby may cry more each week, the most in month 2, then less in months 3-5	Crying can come and go and you don't know why	Your baby may not stop crying no matter what you try	A crying baby may look like they are in pain, even when they are not	Crying can last as much as 5 hours a day, or more	Your baby may cry more in the late afternoon and evening

For information on “PURPLE CRYING” see link [HERE](#).

  
**PARENTING WISELY**  
A HIGHLY INTERACTIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

  
Community Outreach Center  
**456-8569**

**“ La Mejor Practica para Prevenir la Violencia en la Juventud ”**  
Centro de Control de Las Enfermedades





Supplies include free diapers, formula, wipes and gently-used maternity and baby clothing.

**By appointment only. Call The Life Center - Odessa at 432.617.8378**

The **Life**Center

802 N. Washington, Odessa 79761 • 432.617.8378

Earn Baby Bucks to redeem for new baby items from clothing to car seats and strollers, just by attending classes!

free pregnancy classes and education



Classes are taught by qualified instructors, with topics such as:

- Nutrition
- Home Safety
- SIDS and Abusive Head Trauma Prevention
- Raising Emotionally Healthy Children
- Mother and Newborn Baby Care
- Infant Choking, First Aid and CPR
- Breastfeeding/Dad University
- Labor and Delivery
- Car Seat Safety

Call for class or appointment\* times in your area!

**Midland**

432.683.6072  
2101 W. Wall Street  
Midland, TX 79701

**Andrews**

432.523.2859  
1412 NE Mustang Drive  
Andrews, TX 79714

**Odessa**

432.617.8378  
802 N. Washington  
Odessa, TX 79761

**Big Spring**

432.606.5041  
1801 S. Main Street  
Big Spring, TX 79720

\*Parenting education is available by appointment; call for details.

The **Life**Center



## **TPRS PARTNER EVENTS:**



Embrace Grace, Crossroads Church initiative, is showing love to our TPRS students! We are so very thankful for their donations of supplies and gifts for our students. Embrace Grace's goal is that no teen parent has to leave school so that they can work to buy baby goods. Embrace Grace provides baby showers and a 12-week class through an on-site program at Crossroads. Several of our TPRS students attend the weekly meetings and have found great personal rewards with the relationships that they have encountered as they "Embrace

Grace".

**Thanks a million!**

**"You Are Brave. You are Accepted. You are Loved."**

Join a 12-week personal walk as you learn about God's Love and Grace for you and your baby. In honor of you and your new found bundle of Joy, Embrace Grace wants to provide a baby shower in continuance to help you with your NEW LIFE Journey. Life is better Together.



2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is all you need for my

Power is the greatest when you are weak."

For more information, click the link below to provide your information so that someone can reach out to you.

<https://www.crchurch.cc/Events/embracegrace/>





## Resources

### Crisis Phone Numbers:

**911** for Immediate Crisis

#### Permian Basin Community Center Crisis Line

- 24/7 Crisis Intervention/Suicide Prevention
- 1-844-420-3964

#### The Crisis Center

- 24/7 Crisis Intervention/Suicide Prevention
- 1-866-627-4747

#### Crisis Text Line

- If you are in crisis, reach out for help. Text HOME to 741741.
- 24/7 Crisis Intervention/Suicide Prevention
- [Crisis Text Line Website](#)

#### National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

- 1-800-273-8255
- [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)



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# Get in **FREE** with your **ECISD** ID!

ECISD students, faculty and staff  
can get into all **Odessa College**  
Athletic events free!



# TPRS FAMILY MEETINGS

## 2023-2024



All of our meetings will involve discussion topics and activities. We want to provide an interactive opportunity for you and your child to learn about parenting and allow an opportunity for questions that you or your child may have about this journey. Our speakers will engage our attendants in discussions, games, activities that will help our teen parents and families understand important facets of being a parent.

All meetings will provide refreshments and snacks.

### Topics will include:

Pregnancy Basics

Nutrition

Birthing

SIDS and Newborn Handling

Bonding and Infant Play

Post-Partum Depression

....and so much more!

## Meeting Time 5:30-6:30PM

### Odessa College, Gregory D. Williams Hall



Location for our meetings are subject to change. We will send notices, if needed. Do not worry if you are late. We prefer that you attend. All handouts will be available to you if you are absent. Parents of our TPRS students are required to attend at least 5 meetings. There is lots to learn. We look forward to helping you and your child in the journey of parenthood and school. Let's learn together. We look forward to seeing you!

August 31, 2023

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

November/December- No Meeting.

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

April/May-No Meeting.

Door Prizes will be given.





# **Teen Parent Related Services Include:**



**Odessa High School**  
Home of the Broncos

- \* Counseling Services**
- \*Tutoring, Academic/Attendance Review**
- \*Health Services**
- \* Truancy Intervention**
- \* Free Child Care Services and Bussing to/from school**
- \*Homebound Education and Services**
- \*Dropout Recovery**
- \*Credit Recovery/Acceleration through online education**

## **TEEN PARENT RELATED SERVICES (TPRS) STAFF:**

**Odessa High School : 456-0029**

Connie Flores, Case Worker: 456-5271

Marisela Gonzalez, Specialist: 456-5854

Erica Dangerfield, TPRS Counselor: 456-5851

Marisa Molina, OHS Nurse, 456-5253



Rose Valderaz, Coordinator: 456-8552

Kimberly Bryer, TPRS Homebound Teacher: 456-1006

Hortencia Del Bosque, TPRS Homebound Teacher: 456-8524