TPRS "Monthly Minute" Odessa High School



March 2024

Important Dates To Remember>

March 1- 10th- 11th grade SAT test Benchmarks for Alg I and BIO

March 7th-March 25th TELPASS Online Testing

March 8th- Student Early Release

March 10th- Daylight Savings Time Change

SAVE THE DATE: April 18st- TPRS Senior Celebration (Information soon!)

SPRING BREAK MARCH 11th-15th!

March 17th- St. Patrick's Day!

March 29th- Good Friday!

March 31st- EASTER!



April 5th – END of 5th 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

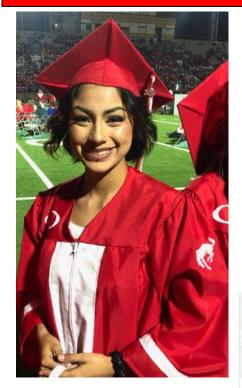
Sunday, March 10, 2024

MOVE CLOCKS <u>FORWARD</u> ONE HOUR AT 2AM!



Police Interaction Video and Quiz:

SENIOR SECTION:







March 2nd - Prom (Diamond Event Center) 6pm to 11pm March 5th - Mandatory Senior Meeting (PAC) 830am. March 5th - Parent Graduation Meeting (Auditorium) 530pm March 20th - SAT (All juniors and available spots for Seniors) May 24th - Graduation 8:30pm Ratliff Stadium



Graduation Ceremony: Stadium Details

- <u>Students</u>: 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.
- <u>After Graduation</u>: 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.
- <u>Parking Lot</u>: Practice PATIENCE and KINDNESS. Everyone wants the same thing - please be safe.





https://www.smore.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 15th DEADLINE!

USE THE QR CODE ABOVE!

What are the benefits of applying to Odessa College. 2



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



TPRS FAMILY MEETING: FEBRUARY 29th, 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 15th deadline. Let us help you do the work!

Mark your Calendar



Thursday, February 29th, 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.

- <u>Odessa College Tutoring</u>- Available Sunday through Monday and evening hours
- <u>AVID tutoring</u> by appointment.
- AIR Tutors- online tutoring by appointment

There is <u>NO REASON FOR YOU NOT TO BE PASSING YOUR CLASSES</u>. 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, <u>here.</u> If you need more information about the childcare center, call Sylvia Duran at 456-6971.

LITTLE FAMILY LIBRARY NOW OPEN!

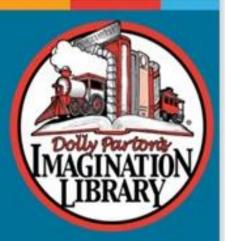
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*Select a book for yourself, a child in the home, or older sibling or parent. *Exchange when ready. *Returning the book is optional. *Select from fiction, nonfiction and children's bookshelves.

The library will be open for staff on Fridays.

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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/)
- In 6-8 weeks, your child will receive their first book in the mail, 'The Little Engine That Could'.

Easy to Enroll!

 Books arrive in the mail monthly until your child's 5th birthday.



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:



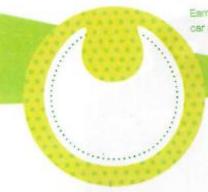
For information on "PURPLE CRYING" see link HERE.





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

Call for class or appointment* times in your area!

Midland

432.683.6072 2101 W. Wall Street Midland, TX 79701

Odessa 432.617.8378

802 N. Washington Odessa, TX 79761



Andrews

432.523.2859 1412 NE Mustang Drive Andrews, TX 79714

Big Spring

432,606,5041 1801 S. Main Street Big Spring, TX 79720

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

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
- . Labor and Delivery · Car Seat Safety

and CPR

Infant Choking, First Aid

Breastfeeding/Dad University

TPRS PARTNER EVENTS:



Grace".

Thanks a million!

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

encountered as they "Embrace

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.



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

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/

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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

Get in FREE with your **CSD** 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. <u>Parents of our TPRS students are required to attend at least 5</u> <u>meetings.</u> 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 28th, 2023 October 26th, 2023 November/December- No Meeting. January 25th, 2024 February 29th, 2024 March 21st, 2024 April/May-No Meeting.



Door Prizes will be given.

<u>Teen Parent Related</u> <u>Services Include:</u>



Odessa High School

Home of the Bronchos

- * 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

