

TPRS "Monthly Minute"  
**Odessa High School**



DECEMBER 2024

**Important Dates To Remember>>>>>>**

**EOC TESTING- December 3rd-6th**

**Eng I- 12/3**

**Eng II-12/4**

**Alg I-12/5**

**Bio/US Hist-12/6**

**\*Make sure to have your school ID or state issued ID and Laptop on that day!**

**FINAL EXAMS---December 16TH & 19TH (See Pg. 5)**

**END OF 3rd SIX WEEKS- December 19th**

**PD/Records Day- NO SCHOOL DECEMBER 20th**

**December 23rd-January 6th- WINTER BREAK!**

**STUDENTS WILL RETURN ON JANUARY 7TH, 2025**



**"This Semester is Almost Over!"**

Take a look at your grades. If you need a printout of your grades go by your TPRS office. If you feel that you need some help in some of your classes, and you need additional tutoring, please contact your TPRS offices on campus. We will schedule a time for you and the tutor to meet in person or via zoom meetings. There is no charge for tutoring. YES, IT IS FREE!

Also, if you have more than 8 absences in a period, you have lost your credit! Please, visit your corral to get on your attendance contract to make up those hours. We will be calling you in to provide a copy of your contract to RM 213, Ms. Gonzalez.

**FREE CHILDCARE & TRANSPORTATION--**

If you plan to use TPRS Free Childcare Services or need bussing give us a call. If you need more information about the childcare center call Sylvia Duran at 456-6971.



**IN THE NEWS!** Ector ECISD TPRS students attended the ECISD Teen Parent Related Services Annual Health Education Resource Fair on November 14<sup>th</sup>, hosted at American Legion in Odessa, TX. Over 30 Community Agencies and Partners of the program united to provide a wealth of information to students and families. All were welcomed with information as to how they provide support to teen parents as they continue with their goal of high school graduation. Students were gifted with information, a meal, and prizes.



It was a great opportunity for our students to visit with agencies and individuals which provide abundant support “behind the curtain” services to our students at all campuses. Their helping hands encourage our students’ resiliency and assist the common goal of high school graduation.



Remember to have fun baking with the little ones this holiday season! Below is one of our favorite recipes.

### **SIMPLE CHRISTMAS CUT-OUT COOKIES**



Feel free to visit [here for the full recipe](#) if you wish to print. You can also visit the [WILTON BLOG](#) site to see more fun and inviting recipes for you and your family during this holiday season!

**ENJOY!**



# TPRS STUDENTS AT OHS ATTENDANCE RATE IS 87%!!!

## WAY TO GO TPRS STUDENTS!

“GRADES GO DOWN WHEN YOU ARE NOT AROUND...”

Attendance is essential to school success. Absences, excused and unexcused, can quickly add up to cause academic trouble. Please visit with your corral if you feel that you have lost credits due to attendance.

(Please review the link below for help to improve school attendance. Click on the link or copy and paste the link in a new window.)



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SPANISH: [https://attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/AW\\_HS-flyer\\_Spanish.pdf](https://attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/AW_HS-flyer_Spanish.pdf)



## Embrace Grace, Legacy, & Life

Embrace Grace, Crossroads Church initiative, is showing love to our TPRS 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.





## SENIOR SECTION

**ACCESSLife** is the application designed with ECISD students in mind. Students can learn about college and career from regional career experts. They have access to hundreds of videos and information to help students make decisions about their careers. This application was made possible with the collaboration of our community partners ACCESS4Success, CTE and AVID. You can download the **ACCESSLife** App from the Google Play Store or the Apple Store.

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## FAFSA/TASFA APPLICATIONS

**AVAILABLE NOW!**

SENIORS NEED TO FILL OUT FAFSA/TASFA FOR GRADUATION. CONTACT YOUR COUNSELOR, MS. DANGERFIELD, TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT AND GET THAT DONE! 432-456-5851.

**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!**

## Odessa HS Final Exam Schedule Fall 2024

\*Two exams each day include both subjective & objective material.

**NON-TEST DAYS:** Wednesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Last day for 6 weeks grades.  
Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> are Final Exam Review. **GRADES DUE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> @ 4:00PM.**

### Monday, Dec. 16th

8:35–10:35am Period 1 Exam

10:40–12:40pm Period 2 Exam

12:40-1:00pm Grab & Go Lunch  
(Teacher Duty/Clear Your Areas)

1:05pm Buses leave

*All students must clear the building  
by 1:05pm unless staying for  
tutorials or makeup exams.*

### Tuesday, Dec. 17th

8:35–10:35am Period 3 Exam

10:40–12:40pm Period 6 Exam

12:40-1:00pm Grab & Go Lunch  
(Teacher Duty/Clear Your Areas)

1:05pm Buses leave

*All students must clear the building  
by 1:05pm unless staying for  
tutorials or makeup exams.*

### Wednesday, Dec. 18th

8:35–10:35am Period 7 Exam

10:40–12:40pm Period 8 Exam

12:40-1:00pm Grab & Go Lunch  
(Teacher Duty/Clear Your Areas)

1:05pm Buses leave

*All students must clear the building  
by 1:05pm unless staying for  
tutorials or makeup exams.*

### Thursday, Dec. 19th

8:35–10:35am Period 4 Exam

10:40–12:40pm Period 5 Exam

12:40-1:00pm Grab & Go Lunch  
(Teacher Duty/Clear Your Areas)

1:05pm Buses leave

*All students must clear the building  
by 1:05pm unless staying for  
tutorials or makeup exams.*

### EXPECTATIONS FOR FINAL EXAMS:

- Students must stay the entire class period during final exams.
- Students who remain on campus and do not have a final exam must report to the auditorium.
- There are NO early final exams (only taken during scheduled time)
- TEACHER Expectations:
  - On campus during teacher hours 8:15 – 4:15.
  - Teacher lunch from 1:05 – 2:05 each day.



# READING ALLOUD TO BABIES



READING HELPS TO BUILD  
VOCABULARY (STORED FOR  
LATER USE)

READING ALOUD  
IMPROVES  
LISTENING SKILLS



READING BOOKS  
TEACHES UNCOMMON  
WORDS

READING TO YOUR  
BABY TEACHES HER  
TO PAY ATTENTION



THROUGH READING  
BABIES LEARN ABOUT  
MEANING OF WORDS

READING HELPS TO  
IMPROVE MEMORY



READING ENCOURAGES  
LOVE FOR BOOKS AND  
LEARNING

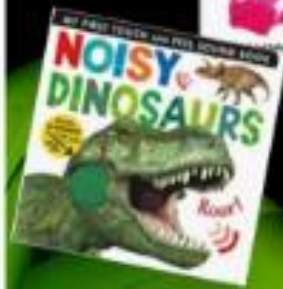
READING IS A  
BUILDING BLOCK  
FOR IMAGINATION

**You can win a basket full of books and gifts for you and your baby!**



Remember to turn in a picture of you reading to your child to one of your TPRS staff. Your pic will be entered into the December 2024 drawing for the Early Literacy gift basket.

The drawing will be held on Thursday, December 9th, 2024. Through the support of ECISD's Education Foundation and funding from the Donors Choose projects, we have gifted new children's books to over many teen parents in our school district.



## TPRS Early Literacy Targeted Concepts

Sensory books have multiple benefits, among them we find the following:

- Promotes the development of fine motor skills.
- Increase hand-eye coordination.
- Develop creativity.
- Encourage the development of simple and complex schemes in the brain.
- Facilitate the understanding of didactic concepts.

## Campus Cookie Competition



OHS VS PHS



**Who will collect the most pictures of student parents reading to their children?**

- Picture must include the student, not just the child, reading one of the books given by TPRS.
- Picture can be submitted to any staff member of TPRS but forwarded to Hortencia.
- All students who have submitted prior to November 14 will be eligible for the first book gift basket drawing. Second drawing will take place on each campus BEFORE the semester ends.







*From our TPRS OHS staff,*

*We wish you and your family a time of rest and peace. We pray that you and your family will be blessed during this holiday. We hope that you will be excited to start the new year 2025 with a boost of energy and ready to finish the year successfully. You are always on our minds and in our hearts.*

*Merry Christmas Kiddos!*



## Partner Agency Information:

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

The Letters in **PURPLE** Stand for

# PURPLE

### **PEAK OF CRYING**

Your baby may cry more each week, the most in month 2, then less in months 3-5

### **UNEXPECTED**

Crying can come and go and you don't know why

### **RESISTS SOOTHING**

Your baby may not stop crying no matter what you try

### **PAIN-LIKE FACE**

A crying baby may look like they are in pain, even when they are not

### **LONG LASTING**

Crying can last as much as 5 hours a day, or more

### **EVENING**

Your baby may cry more in the late afternoon and evening



superior  
healthplan.



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

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





# Free baby supplies for children up to 36 months!

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!



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







## 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](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)



# TPRS FAMILY MEETINGS 2024-2025

**Meeting Time 5:15-6:30 PM**

**Odessa College Wood Math and Science Building Room 119**



TPRS is a support program for ECISD Teen Parents. Odessa College partnership will allow us to provide informational family meetings on parenting and furthering post-secondary education after high school graduation. Do not worry if you are late; we prefer that you attend. We ask parents to attend a minimum of 5 meetings. There is much to learn. We look forward to supporting you and your child on their journey of parenthood and education.

Family meetings will provide an interactive opportunity to learn about parenting post-secondary life skills and much more.

## **August 22<sup>th</sup>, 2024 TPRS Orientation**

### **ATTENDANCE REWARD:**

You and your student will earn an entry to an end of year prize for attending each family meeting. Our drawing will be at the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thank you to D&V Welding and Construction Service (Daniel Villalobos/ Valerie Grado)

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

No Meeting in Nov or Dec

January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

No Meeting in April or May



**Door Prizes will be given.**





### LRC HOURS



SUNDAY: 6:00PM - 12:00AM  
 MONDAY: 8:00AM - 11:00PM  
 TUESDAY: 8:00AM - 11:00 PM  
 WEDNESDAY: 8:00AM - 10:00PM  
 THURSDAY: 8:00AM - 10:00PM  
 FRIDAY: 8:00AM - 5:30PM  
 SATURDAY: 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Virtual Library Center: <https://bit.ly/3ya5tky>  
 \*VIRTUAL HOURS REFLECT LRC HOURS



Schedule FREE  
Tutoring Appointment

### KEITH CAREER & TRANSFER CENTER



Resume  
Cover Letter  
Mock Interviews  
Job Search  
Job Placement

Career Assessment  
Career Exploration  
Transfer Requirements  
University Exploration

### LIBRARY SERVICES



Super Search  
Young Adult Collection/  
Laptop/Hotspot Check-Out  
Lib Guides  
Interlibrary Loans

### ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS



Odessa College Information  
Academic Skills  
Career & Transfer

### TUTORING CENTERS



STEM Center: Wood Building RM 201  
 Writing Center: Wilkerson Hall RM 106  
 HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00AM - 4:00PM  
 PECOS Ext. Center: 5:00PM - 9:00PM

### CONTACT US



LRC@odessa.edu



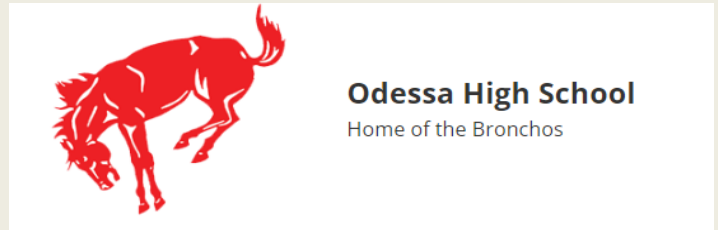
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201 W. University  
Odessa, Texas 79763



## Teen Parent Related Services Include:



- \* **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