

TPRS "Monthly Minute"

Odessa High School

February 2025



Important Dates To Remember>

February 4th FAFSA Night at OHS library

February 14th - Valentine's Day!

February 14th - END of 4th SIX WEEKS; Teachers post grades; Deadline to submit decorated heart to Ms. Del Bosque

February 17th - Bad Weather day/ President's Day

February 22, 2024- Bus Driver Appreciation Day, Thank you TPRS bus driver!

February 27th, Parent Meeting at Odessa College, 5:30-6:30 PM, See information flyer in newsletter



Valentine's Day Facts

Although the name is Saint Valentine's Day, most people refer to the day as Valentine's Day. It was originally a day to celebrate Saint Valentinus, who performed weddings for soldiers who were not allowed to marry, and later sent to prison for doing so. Saint Valentinus wrote a letter to the daughter of his jailer before he was executed. His letter was signed 'From your Valentine'. He was buried on February 14th. Valentine's Day was not associated with romantic love until the middle ages. By the 1700s in England, it began to resemble the Valentine's Day we know today. At this time people began to express their love with gifts of flowers, candy and cards, which were called 'valentines'.

Interesting Facts:

- On Valentine's Day every year, there are at least 36 million heart shaped boxes of chocolates sold.
- There are enough candy hearts made each year to stretch from Valentine, Arizona to Rome, Italy, and back again. The number of these candy hearts produced is approximately 8 billion.
- There are approximately 50 million roses given on Valentine's Day around the world.
- There are approximately 1 billion Valentine's Day cards exchanged every year in the U.S. alone.
- Every Valentine's Day, the Italian city of Verona receives approximately 1,000 letters that have been addressed to Juliet. This is where Romeo and Juliet, the young lovers in Shakespeare's play, lived.
- At least 9 million people buy their pets a gift on Valentine's Day.
- After St. Valentine was buried, Julia, the daughter of his jailor, planted an almond tree with pink blossoms near his grave. The almond tree today is a symbol of lasting friendship and love.



Dating and Relationships can be difficult at any age. Building and maintaining healthy relationships is often a skill we build over time, developing as we grow and learn more about ourselves and others. Specifically, the added stress of surging hormones, peer pressure, and rapid life changes places teens at a higher risk of being in unhealthy relationships. There are a lot of things that feel scary and overwhelming when you are a teenager; **your relationship should not be one of them.**

Common red flags in teen relationships:

- Excessive jealousy, possessiveness, or repeated false accusations that a partner is cheating
- Tracking/controlling social media usage, strict rules for what a partner can/cannot post or view
- Pressuring, coercing, manipulating, or forcing a partner into sexual acts
- Physical violence (hitting, punching, slapping, kicking, spitting.)
- Threatening to 'out' or expose an LGBTQ+ partner to humiliate them
- Isolation from family, friends, and other trusted sources
- Demanding that a partner dress, look, or act a certain way
- Purposely hurting a partner's feelings, exploiting their insecurities, or constantly blaming them for everything
- Manipulating facts and distorting the truth to make a partner question their sanity and values (Also referred to as 'gaslighting.')

There are a lot of abusive behaviors that teens may experience every day. Sometimes, we do not realize that a relationship was abusive until after we have left it. Keeping an eye out for red flags is extremely important, but it is also good to check in every now and then to make sure your relationship stays healthy. Some clever ways to check in with yourself include:

- Asking yourself...
 - Does this person make me feel good about myself?
 - Do I feel supported by this person?
 - Do I always feel safe with this person?
 - Can I be completely myself with this person?
 - Does this person treat me as an equal?

Please, join our parent meeting this February 27th at Odessa College where we will speak about relationships and communication. See enclosed flyer for more information.



TPRS Students Are Connected...

TPRS students & staff are awesome!



OC certificate and “swag”. They informed her and her mother that WRANGLER PROMISE would scholarship her studies while at Odessa College.



We continued celebrating into January 16th, also congratulating 3 of our TPRS Seniors as they graduated from EAA. Congratulations to Valentine Lugo, Marques Tarango, and Ayismeray Sapien.



On January 29th, several TPRS students at OHS, PHS, EAA and COC campuses visited Odessa

College to learn about all of the educational opportunities available to them. A vision of careers and dreams was planted. On January

30th our day began with 17 Seniors participating in “camp” with a day full of Senior business which involved Seniors completing Senior requirements such as CPR, FAFSA, Apply Texas, and other items for their graduation while at OHS. BAM Electric hosted the event providing breakfast and lunch and a multitude of door prizes for those that participated. To end the day, TPRS students and families were invited to our monthly meeting at Odessa College hosted by MCH Family Outreach which presented about stress and with an activity of making stress balls. TPRS students are connected to success. TPRS celebrates 98% of our students staying in school with an attendance rate of 89% and 99% of our Seniors on track to graduate.





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.



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.

2025–26 FAFSA® Form Now Available!

The 2025–26 FAFSA® form is now available for all students and contributors. Complete the form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

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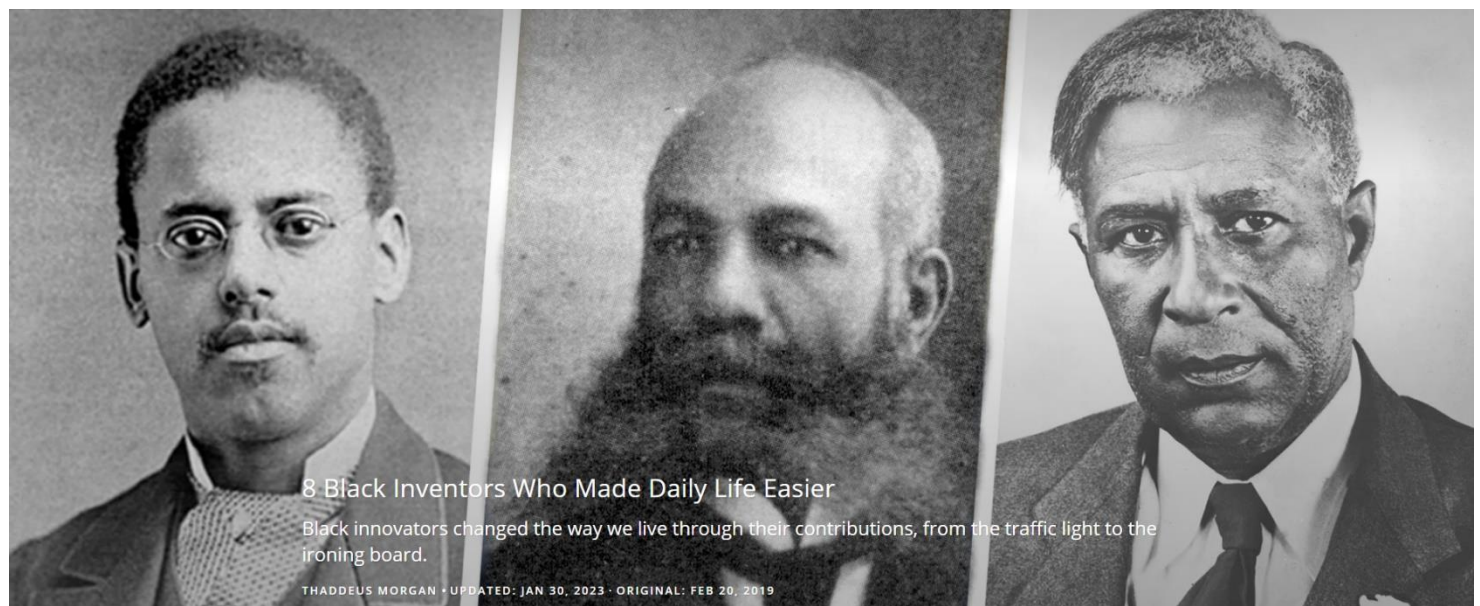
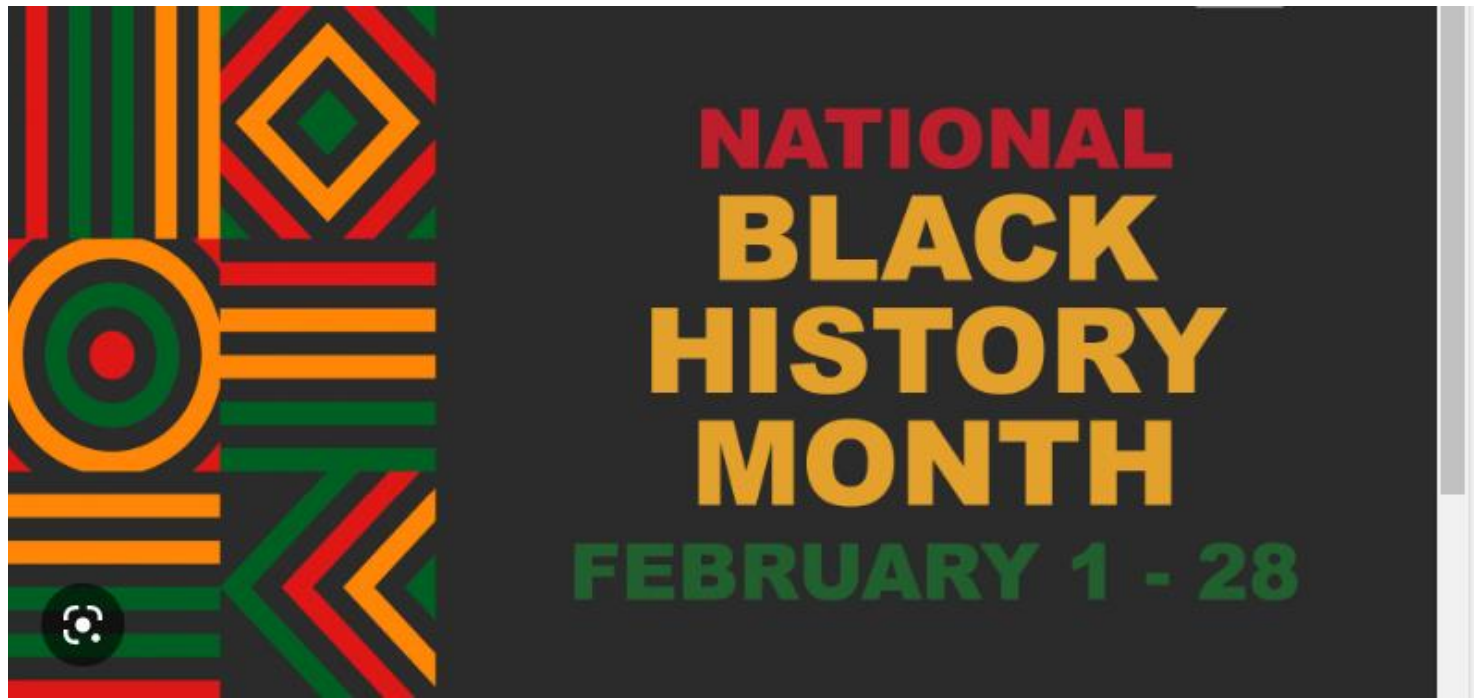
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If you feel that you are needing some help in your classes, we have tutoring resources for you.

- **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 TO FAIL YOUR CLASSES. Call our office to discuss. Do not wait until you are failing! Act Now!



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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 22th, 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 27th meeting. Thank you to D&V Welding and Construction Service (Daniel Villalobos/ Valerie Grado)

September 26th, 2024

October 24th, 2024

No Meeting in Nov or Dec

January 30th, 2025

February 27th, 2025

March 27th, 2025

No Meeting in April or May



Door Prizes will be given.



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your **ECISD** ID!

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



Embrace Grace

SCHEDULE:

6:30pm Crossroads Student Building

Tuesday, January 28 | Introduction
Tuesday, February 4 | Expect
Tuesday, February 11 | Realize
Tuesday, February 16 | Perceive
Tuesday, February 23 | Testimony Night
Tuesday, March 4 | Trust
Tuesday, March 11 | Spring Break (no meeting)
Tuesday, March 18 | Awake
Tuesday, March 25 | Defend
Tuesday, April 1 | Free
Tuesday, April 2 | Transform
Tuesday, April 9 | Grace
April 15 | Easter Week (no meeting)
April 22 | Conclusion

SPECIAL EVENTS | SHOWERS

Saturday, April 5—Princess Day
10:00am | Crossroads Student Building

Sunday, April 15—Embrace Grace
Baby Shower | 4:00pm | Crossroads Chapel

Teen Parent Related Services Include:



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- * 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:

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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