Friday, September 4, 2026

Greyhound Stadium

Little Greyhound Night

Taft Greyhounds

VS

Odem Owls

Dear Greyhound Fans,
Welcome to Greyhound Stadium, Home of the Mighty Greyhounds! Our 2026 season will be filled with success and unforgettable memories.

Thank you to our students, staff, parents, and community members for supporting our academic and extracurricular programs. At Taft ISD, we achieve greatness when we combine our unique strengths and work as a united force.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize our 2026 Football, Cross Country, and Volleyball teams, alongside our Band, Cheerleaders, Color Guard, and Athletic Trainers! Your hard work and commitment set a heroic example for our Whippets and Pups. Continue to lead with respect, honor, and unmistakable Taft Pride!

Dr. Irene Garza
Superintendent of Schools, Taft ISD



Taft ISD Spectator Behavior Expectations

- Always offer positive encouragement to your team. Do not ridicule or belittle opposing players, coaches, or fans.
- Model respectful behavior by maintaining self-control and demonstrating good sportsmanship, regardless of the outcome of the game.
- Treat all participants—opposing players, coaches, officials, and fellow spectators—with courtesy and respect.
- Accept the decisions of game officials with dignity and restraint, even when you disagree.
- Spectators are not allowed on the field/court before, during or after the game.
- Remember, your behavior reflects on our school and community. Support a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all.

Administrators on duty and law enforcement officers reserve the right to remove any individual from the facility who does not fulfill these expectations.

(Effective Beginning 2025–2026 School Year)

TEXAS LAW: SB 2929

Game officials may now REMOVE SPECTATORS IMMEDIATELY for disruptive or inappropriate behavior.
No warning is required.

Your cooperation helps model good sportsmanship and protect the integrity of our programs.

-Cheer for our players, not against the other team.
-Treat officials and visiting teams with respect.
-Keep events positive for everyone.

If a spectator is asked to leave:
-The decision is final under Texas law.
-Schools are allowed 3 incidents before losing home officials.

GREYHOUND STADIUM GUIDELINES

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOUR VISIT

- Taft ISD has a Clear bag policy.
  No outside food, drinks, or drink containers.
- Woodroe Petty Elementary & RLTJHS students must be accompanied by a ticketed adult to enter event.
- NO sports balls allowed in for play in open spaces. All students must be seated.
- Loitering along the fence line of the stadium is prohibited.
- All Taft ISD Athletic event tickets will be sold online only.
  www.taftisd.net / Athletic Event Information
- RLTJHS & THS student athletes must wear student ID's to events for entry with Athletic Pass.
- Senior Citizens(60+) who reside in the Taft ISD boundary are eligible for the Greyhound Gold Card. Please visit the Athletic office and bring your ID.

It's everything Taft ISD, **in your pocket.**

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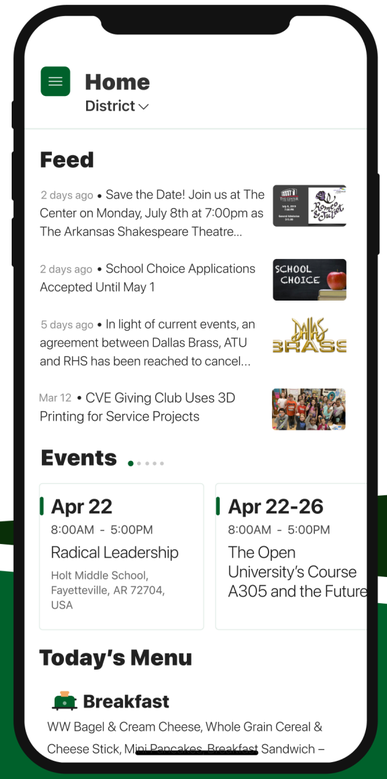
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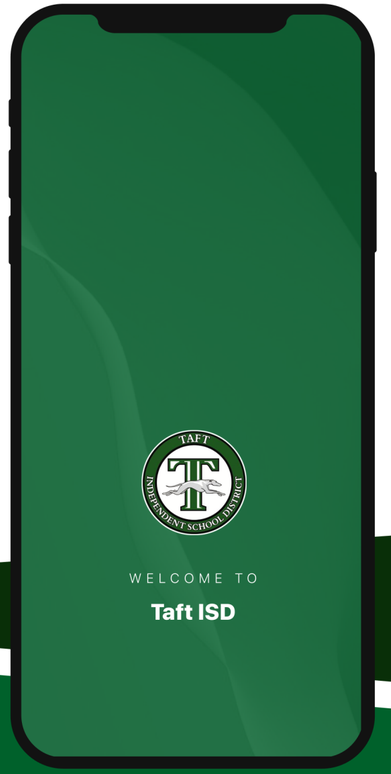
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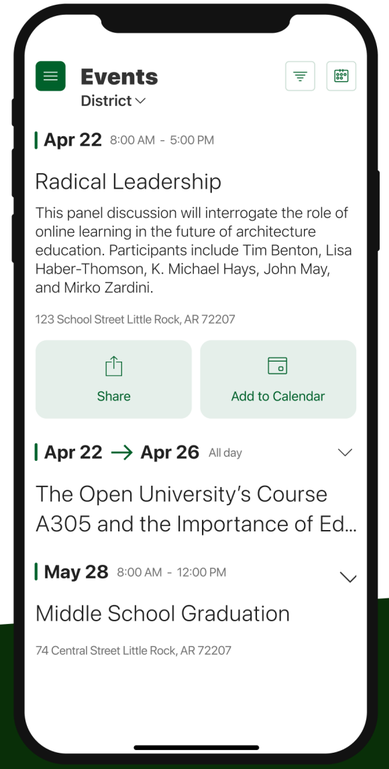
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Download the **Taft ISD** app from the iOS App Store or Android Play Store and enable Notifications.







Taft Independent School District Board of Trustees



Back Row: Dr. Irene Garza-Taft ISD Superintendent of Schools, Miranda Benedict-Trustee, Matthew Banda-Trustee, Nicole Garza-Trustee, Paul L. Treviño-Trustee

Front Row: Johnny Carvajal – Secretary, Manuel Banda- President, Diana Buendia- Vice President

Taft ISD District Administration



Manuel Lunoff

Ass t. Superintendent for HR and Communications



Angelita Lopez

Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Finance



Mark Bechtold

Director of Facilities & Operations



Emily Gamez

Director of Business



Lamar Galindo

Special Education Director



Tanner Yates

Technology Coordinator

2026 TAFT ISD CAMPUS PRINCIPALS



Mrs. Melissa Pittman
Woodroe Petty Elementary Principal

Mr. Thomas Harris
Taft High School Principal

Mrs. Vanessa Sanchez
Ricardo L. Trevino JHS Principal

Taft ISD Campus Leadership



Melissa Pittman,
Woodroe Petty Elementary Principal

Vanessa Sanchez ,
Ricardo L. Treviño JHS Principal





Stephanie LaFavers,
Woodroe Petty Elementary Asst. Principal

Clarissa Moreno,
Ricardo L. Treviño JHS Asst. Principal





Elvia Lopez -Flores,
Woodroe Petty Elementary Counselor

Elizabeth Anderson,
Ricardo L. Treviño JHS Counselor



Peanut Butter Bowl Champions



RLTJHS 8TH Grade Class



2nd Place-
Woodroe Petty Elementary
First Grade Classes





3rd Place-
THS Office Staff





Woodroe Petty Elementary





A HUGE round of applause for our amazing students who have **no tardies, no early checkouts, and no absences!**
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Ricardo L. Treviño JHS Academic Spotlight





The Ricardo L. Trevino JHS Team would like to recognize our newest members of the RLTJH chapter of The National Junior Honor Society.

Back row: Catalina Martinez, Adelita Caceres, Cayden Tijerina, Jacob Cantu, John Martinez, Ayden Vasquez
Front row: Sophia Reyes, Aubriella Garcia, Madelyn Benson, Jordan Leal, Julio Castillo IV, Lillyana Hernandez, Anthony Hernandez,



Taft High School Academic Excellence P-Tech program

- Payton Martinez
- Antonio Maldonado
- Caillou Trevino
- Trinity Mendoza
- Madalynn Ash
- Roland Hoy







TAFT ISD BOND 2024
Moving Forward

Taft ISD Bond Update--August 28, 2026

Progress continues on the new high school with new pavement being put down in the back of the campus and work continuing on the auditorium.

Taft ISD Coaching Staff



Joe Riojas

Taft ISD Athletic Director/Head Football Coach



Ricardo Elizondo
Offensive Coordinator



Michael Flores
Defensive Coordinator



Juan Buendia
Special Teams Coordinator

Taft ISD Coaching Staff



Alex Ayala
Assistant Coach



Alejandro Azocar
Assistant Coach



Steven Bijarro
Assistant Coach



H. Isaac Rodriguez
Assistant Coach



Joseph Rodriguez
Assistant Coach



Charles West
Assistant Coach

Taft ISD Coaching Staff



Angelica Velazquez
Head Volleyball Coach



Taylor Zabel
Asst. HS/JH VB Coach



Laney Harlen
Asst. HS/JH VB Coach



Elvia Lopez - Flores
Head Cross Country Coach
Asst. HS/JH VB Coach



Kyle Gonzalez
Assistant XC Coach



Naomi Moreno
HS Cheer Coach



Darias Whittington
HS Girls Basketball Coach





Angelina Estrada, ATC
Athletic Trainer



Nicole Borchers
JH Cheer Coach


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PHOTOGRAPHY
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GREYHOUNDS FOOTBALL


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SPORTS MEDICINE


GREYHOUNDS
2026-2027
TAFT HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS

Lady Greyhounds

VOLLEYBALL



Taft High School Band with Pride





Taft HS Co -Band Directors & Section Leaders



Maximus Valdez
Co-HS/JH Band Director & Color Guard



Jason Palmore
Co-HS/JH Band Director & Color Guard



Isabella Trevino
Low Brass Section Leader



Serenity Rodriguez
Flute Section Leader



Riley Hernandez
Reeds Section Leader



Ryannon Guajardo
High Brass Section Leader

Not pictured:
Antonio Maldonado - Percussion Section Leader
Chloe Rios - Drum Major

HS Cross Country Team

Coaches:
Elvia Lopez-Flores
Kyle Gonzalez



L-R(front row): Aaleyonna Perez, Jada Leal, Karime Contreras DeLeon
L-R(back row): Stephen Rojas, Miguel Castillo-Maya, Isaiah Villarreal, Antonio Maldonado, Dominick Marquez, Rick Rodriguez
Not picture: Michael Ortiz Jr.

2026

Taft Greyhounds

#	POS	Class	Name	#	POS	Class	Name
1	WR/DB	SR	Michael Ortiz Jr.	23	WR/DB	SR	Sean Rosalez
2	WR/DB	SR	Michael Hiracheta	24	WR/LB	SR	Juan Jose Ozuna
3	QB/LB	SO	Ramiro Montez III	27	RB/LB	JR	Marcus Alvardo
5	QB/DB	JR	Ryan Ortiz	33	RB/LB	JR	Mike Sturgeon Jr.
6	WR/DB	SR	Timothy Tijerina	50	OL/DL	SR	Koby Nieto
7	WR/DL	SO	Avery Uvalle	52	OL/DL	SO	Kaleb Sanchez
9	WR/DE	SR	Jaiden Soliz	54	OL/DL	SO	Jacob Ortiz
10	WR/DB	SR	Gavin Martinez	56	OL/DL	SR	Michael Mireles
12	WR/DB	JR	Francisco Alaniz	63	OL/DL	JR	Ethan Hinojosa
15	RB/DL	SO	Dennnyel Jaimes-Silva	65	OL/DL	SO	Jordan Gonzales
20	DB/R	SO	Samuel Castillo Jr.	66	OL/DL	JR	Ruben Gonzales Jr.
21	WR/DB	SO	Cameron Mireles	70	OL/DL	JR	Luis Rodriguez III

Taft ISD Athletic Director/Head Football Coach: Joe Riojas

Offensive Coordinator: Ricardo Elizondo **Defensive Coordinator: Michael Flores**

Special Teams Coordinator: Juan Buendia

Assistant Coaches: Alex Ayala, Alejandro Azocar, Steven Bijarro, H. Isaac Rodriguez, Joseph Rodriguez, and Charles West

Taft ISD Athletic Secretary: Mrs. Ida C. Martinez

Taft ISD Athletic Trainer: Angelina Estrada, ATC

Student Athletic Trainers: Juliana Castro, Melody Gonzales, Rhyalynn Guzman, Aaliyah Hinojosa, Pristine Hoy, Jayda Leal, Ethanie Maldonado, Julianna Rached, Riley Rivera, Nataleigh Rodriguez, Molly Silvas and Isabella Treviño

2026

ODEM OWLS

Dist 16-3A Div II
VARSITY

0	Cruz De La Cruz	12		**24**	Layton Price	10
1	Rilye Green	12		**30**	Vayden Villarreal	12
2	Jordan Castro	11		**32**	Koby Candela	10
3	Josiah Santellana	11		**33**	John Mata	10
4	Caden Price	12		**35**	Nathan Carpentier	11
5	Isaac Romero	12		**50**	Darin Mendez	11
7	Erick Esqueda	11		**60**	Jose Saldivar	12
8	Wyatt Bull	12		**62**	Joel Tovar	12
9	Brayden Spurlock	10		**64**	Brady Beyer	9
10	Steven Cantu	12		**70**	Armando Martinez	11
11	Elijah Silguero	11		**72**	Shane Gehris	9
12	Kaleb Price	12		**74**	Jonah Paul Garcia	12
15	Nikolas Garcia	12		**75**	Milton Garcia	12
20	Ryan Salinas	12		**77**	EJ Benavidez	11
22	Jason Rodriguez	11		**80**	Elijah Ramirez	10
23	Richard Rocha	9		**88**	Armando Maqueda	11

Head Coach: Armando Huerta

Offensive Coaches:
Trae Stevens (CoOC/OL), Joel Cano (CoOC/Rec), Tres Garcia (RB)

Defensive Coaches:
Jerry Carpentier (DC/ILB), Robby Silguero (STC/Secondary
Justin Tijerina (DT), Jordan Martinez (OLB)

Athletic Trainer: Sabrina Gonzales

Band Director: Steven Rash

Cheer Sponsor: Amber Simmons

Principal: Lisa Flores

Asst. Principal: Omar Garcia

Superintendent: Yolanda Carr

TAFT HIGH SCHOOL

GREYHOUND FOOTBALL

SCRIMMAGES

@ JOHN PAUL II CENTURIONS
Scrimmage
7:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 13, 2026
John Paul II HS Centurion Stadium

VS SGA LIONS
Scrimmage
7:15 p.m.
Thursday, August 20, 2026
Taft HS Greyhound Stadium

PRE-SEASON

@ KARNES CITY BADGERS
7:00 p.m.
Friday, August 28, 2026
Karnes City HS Badger Stadium

VS ODEM OWLS
7:30 p.m.
Little Greyhound Night
Friday, September 4, 2026
Taft HS Greyhound Stadium

DISTRICT

@ AGUA DULCE LONGHORNS*
7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 11, 2026
Agua Dulce HS Longhorn Stadium

VS FREER BUCKAROOS*
7:30 p.m.
First Responders-Military Night
Friday, September 18, 2026
Taft HS Greyhound Stadium

@ SKIDMORE-TYNAN BOBCATS*
7:30 p.m.
Friday, September 25, 2026
Skidmore-Tynan HS Bobcat Stadium

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026 - BI-WEEK

VS REFUGIO BOBCATS*
7:30 p.m.
Friday, October 9, 2026
Taft HS Greyhound Stadium

@ PREMONT COWBOYS*
7:30 p.m.
Friday, October 16, 2026
Premont HS Cowboy Stadium

VS DILLEY WOLVES*
7:30 p.m.
Homecoming
Friday, October 23, 2026
Taft HS Greyhound Stadium

@ BANQUETE BULLDOGS*
7:30 p.m.
Friday, October 30, 2026
Banquete HS Bulldog Stadium

VS MONTE ALTO BLUE DEVILS*
7:30 p.m.
Parents Night
Friday, November 6, 2026
Taft HS Greyhound Stadium



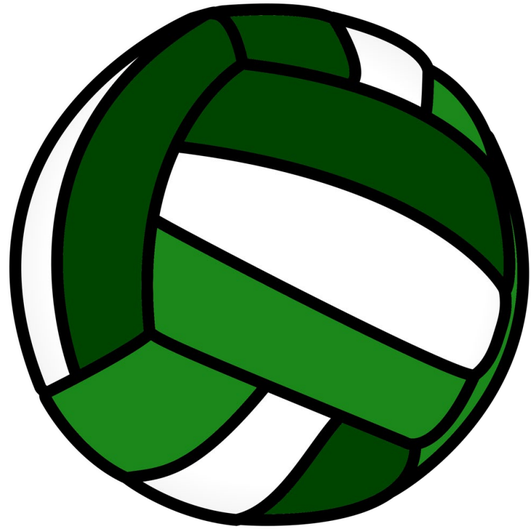
TAFT HIGH SCHOOL

Lady Greyhounds Volleyball

2026 SCHEDULE

Home ★ ★ Away

8/7	*Orange Grove (scrimmage)*	*9:00 a.m.*	*Orange Grove HS*
8/8	*Carroll (scrimmage)*	*9:00 a.m.*	*Carroll HS*
8/11	Ray Lady Texans	5/6/7:15p	Ray HS
8/13-15	***Woodsboro Varsity Tourn.***	***TBA***	***Woodsboro***
8/18	Miller Lady Bucs	5/6/7:30p	Miller HS
8/20-22	***Banquete Varsity Tourn.***	***TBA***	***Banquete***
8/25	Skidmore-Tynan Lady Cats	5/6/7:15p	Skidmore-Tynan
8/27-29	***Skidmore-Tynan Varsity Tourn.***	***TBA***	***Skidmore-Tynan***
9/1	San Diego Lady Vaqueros	5/6/7:15p	Taft HS
9/4	*OPEN*		
9/8	Robstown Lady Pickers	5/6/7:15p	Robstown HS
	District games*		
9/11	Agua Dulce Lady Horns*	5/6/7:15p	Agua Dulce HS
9/15	Orange Grove Lady Bulldogs	5/6/7:15p	Taft HS
9/18	Freer Lady Buckaroos*	4:30p (V)	Taft HS
9/19	***Pettus JV tournament***	***TBA***	***Pettus***
9/22	Ben-Bolt-PB Lady Badgers*	5/6/7:15p	Ben-Bolt HS
9/25	Banquete Lady Bulldogs*	4:30p (V)	Taft
9/29	Three Rivers Lady Bulldogs*	5/6/7:15p	Taft
10/6	Agua Dulce Longhorns*	5/6/7:15p	Taft
10/9	Ben-Bolt-PB Lady Badgers*	4:30p (V)	Taft
10/13	Freer Lady Buckaroos*	5/6/7:15p	Freer HS
10/16	Banquete Lady Bulldogs*	4:30p (V)	Banquete HS
10/20	Three Rivers Lady Bulldogs	5/6/7:15p	Three Rivers HS



TAFT HIGH SCHOOL ALMA MATER

HAIL ALMA MATER, HATS OFF TO YOU.
EVER YOU'LL FIND US, LOYAL AND TRUE.
FIRM AND UNDAUNTED, EVER WE'LL BE
HAIL TO THE SCHOOL WE LOVE
HERE'S A TOAST TO THEE!



TAFT HIGH SCHOOL FIGHT SONG

FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT FOR TAFT HIGH!
YOU'VE GOTTA SEE THOSE COLORS TRUE.
FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT FOR TAFT HIGH!
YOU'VE GOTTA SEE THAT BALL STRAIGHT THROUGH.
WHEN THE GAME IS OVER, YOU'LL KNOW–
IT WAS A CASE OF DO OR DIE.
IT WAS VICTORY AND THAT'S THE SPIRIT OF OL' TAFT HIGH!