



Friday, September 18, 2026

Greyhound Stadium

First Responders/Military Night

Taft Greyhounds

VS



Freer Buckaroos



**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.

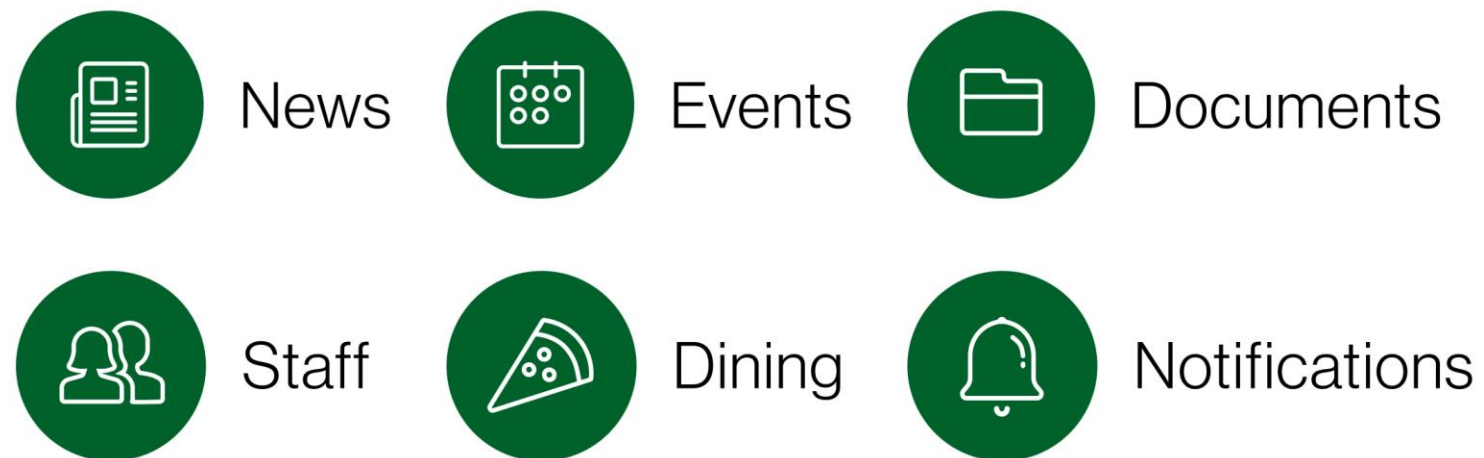
- All Taft ISD Athletic event tickets will be sold online only.
www.taftisd.net / Athletic Event Information

- RLTJHS & THS student athletes must wear student ID's to events for entry with Athletic Pass.

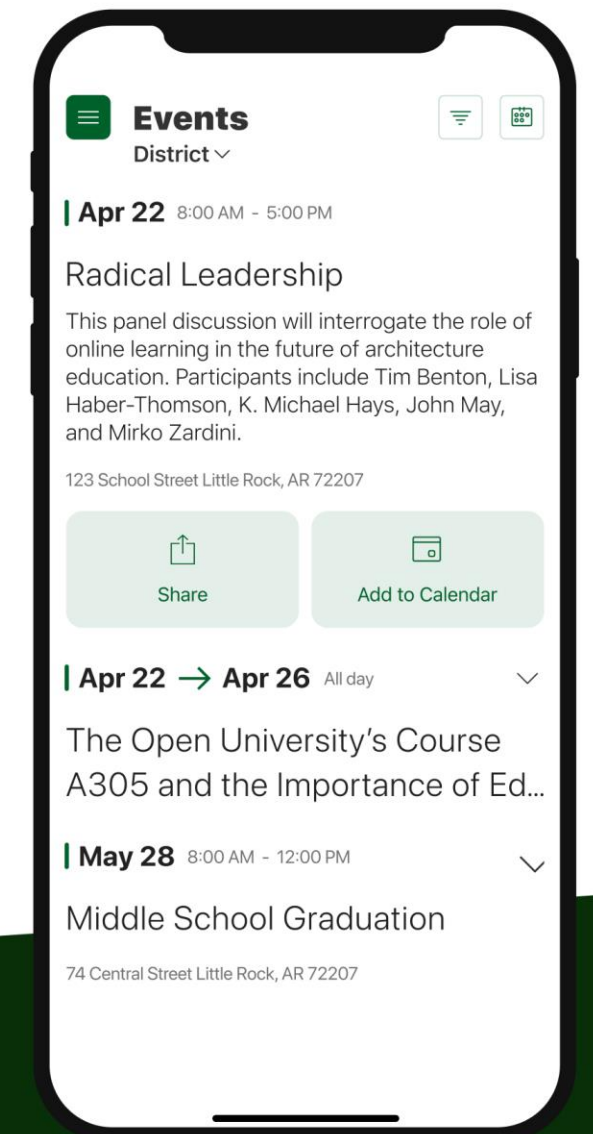
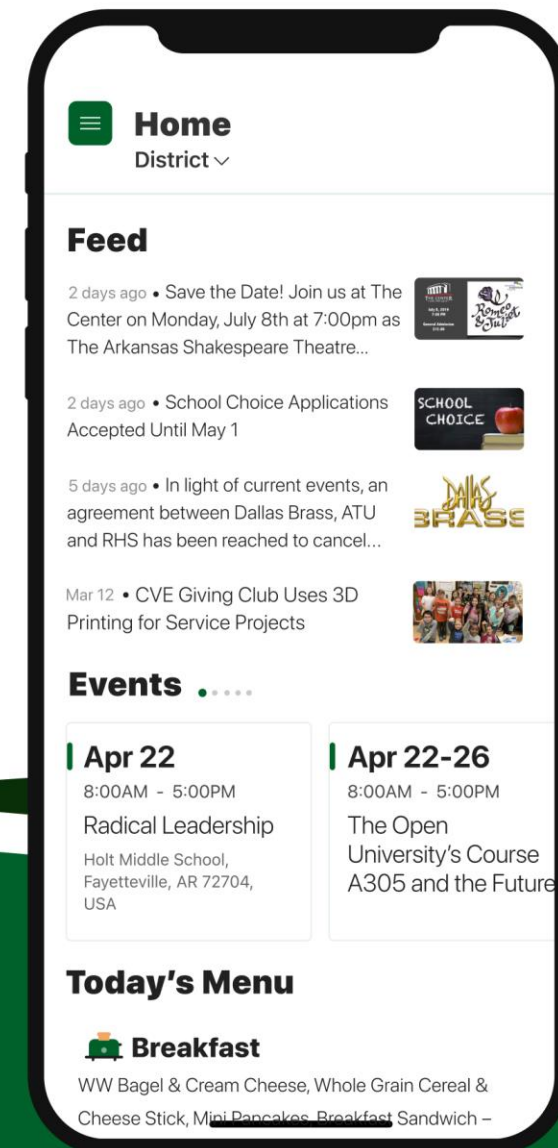
- Senior Citizens(60+) who reside in the Taft ISD boundary are eligible for the Greyhound Gold Card. Please visit the Athletic office and bring your ID.



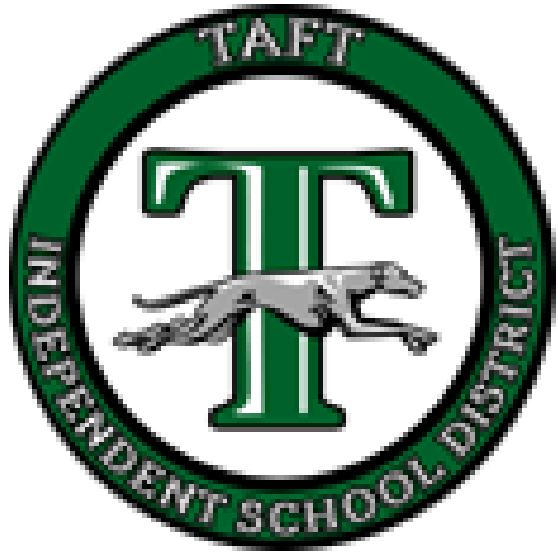
It's everything Taft ISD, in your pocket.



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

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Angelita Lopez

Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Finance



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Director of Facilities & Operations



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Director of Business



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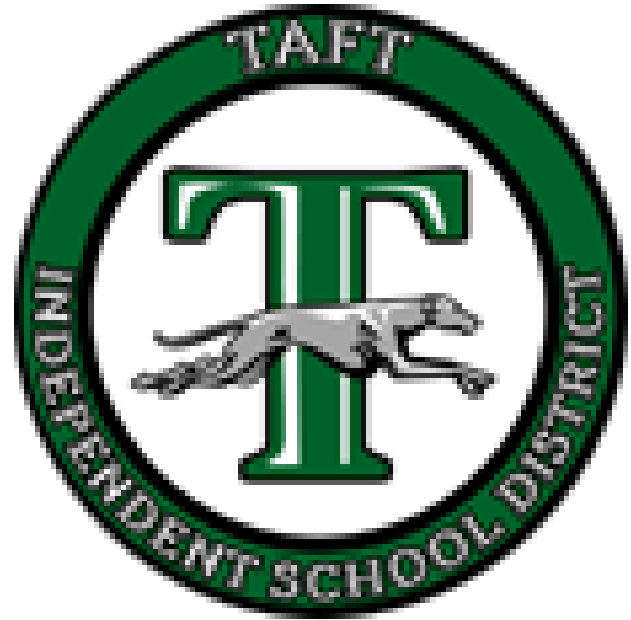
Special Education Director



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



**Ricardo L. Treviño
JHS
Students of the
Week!**



**Back row: Sophia Reyes, Sean Leyva,
Ariella López, Adelita Caceres, Michael Fenton**

**Front row: Paul Gray, Calliope Longoria,
Jace Castillo**



**Taft High School
Academic
Excellence
in Science**

Front Row: Emma Knight-Zepeda, Dolores Mijangos-Villanueva,
Ariana Gonzalez, Noah Castillo

Back Row: Elijah Alaniz, Eli Vara, Antonio Maldonado, Yaneli Rios



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



Darlas Whittington
HS Girls Basketball Coach



Angelina Estrada, ATC
Athletic Trainer



Nicole Borchers
JH Cheer Coach



2026

GREYHOUNDS FOOTBALL

LADY GREYHOUNDS



S P O R T S 26 27 M E D I C I N E

CREW LEADERS



2026-2027

TAFT HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS



Lady Greyhounds

VOLLEYBALL





Taft High School Band with Pride



Taft HS Co-Band Directors and Assistant Marching Director



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



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



Mateo Reyes
Woodroe Petty Elementary Music Teacher



THS DRUM MAJOR AND SECTION LEADERS



Chloe Rios
Drum Major



Antonio Maldonado
Percussion Section Leader



Isabella Trevino
Low Brass Section Leader



Serenity Rodriguez
Flute Section Leader



Riley Hernandez
Reeds Section Leader



Ryannon Guajardo
High Brass Section Leader

HS Cross Country Team



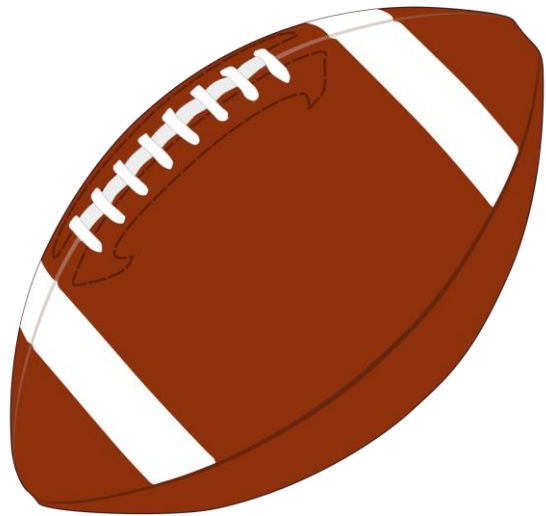
Coaches:
Elvia Lopez-
Flores
Kyle Gonzalez



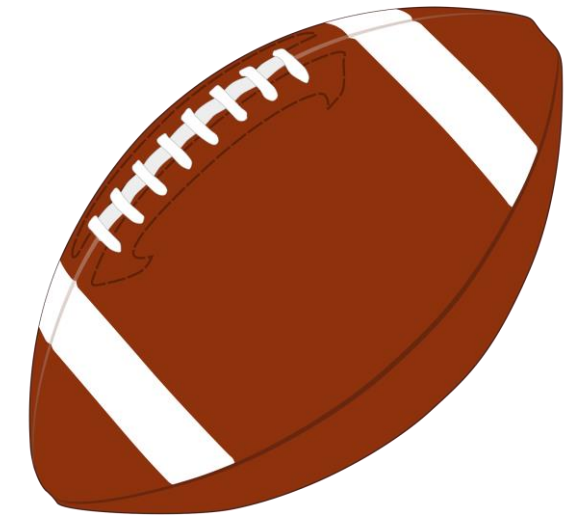
L-R(front row): Aaleyonna Perez, Jada Leal, Karime Contreras DeLeon
L-R(back row): Stephen Rojas, Miguel Castillo-Maya, Isaiah Villarreal, Antonio Maldonado,
Dominick Marquez, Rick Rodriguez
Not picture: Michael Ortiz Jr.

2026

Taft Greyhounds



#	POS	Class	Name	#	POS	Class	Name
1	WR/DB	SR	Michael Ortiz Jr.	22	RB/LB	FR	Gabriel Elizondo
2	WR/DB	SR	Michael Hiracheta	23	WR/DB	SR	Sean Rosalez
3	QB/LB	SO	Ramiro Montez III	24	WR/LB	SR	Juan Jose Ozuna
5	QB/DB	JR	Ryan Ortiz	27	RB/LB	JR	Marcus Alvarado
6	WR/DB	SR	Timothy Tijerina	33	RB/LB	JR	Mike Sturgeon Jr.
7	WR/DL	SO	Avery Uvalle	50	OL/DL	SR	Koby Nieto
8	QB/LB	FR	M.Gunner Montemayor	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	WR/DB	SO	Samuel Castillo Jr.	66	OL/DL	JR	Ruben Gonzales Jr.
21	WR/DB	SO	Cameron Mireles	70	OL/DL	JR	Luis Rodriguez II



Taft ISD Athletic Director/Head Football Coach: Joe Riojas

FREER BUCKAROOS VARSITY FOOTBALL ROSTER 2026

#	NAME	CL	Pos.
0	AYDEN RAMIREZ	SR.	QB/SEC
1	NOAH FLORES	SR.	WR/SEC
2	AIDAN ALMENDAREZ	SR.	RB/OLB
3	ROMAN AGUILLON	SR.	RB/OLB
4	GAEL PINA	JR.	RB/LB
5	ELI LUNA	JR.	WR/SEC
6	MARCUS PEREZ	JR.	RB/LB
7	MICHAEL ALANIZ	JR.	RB/SEC
8	GLADIATOR CHAVEZ	FR.	RB/DE
9	RYAN LOPEZ	SR.	RB/LB
10	ROLANDO RUIZ	SO.	QB/SEC
11	JOAQUIN HASETTE	JR.	WR/OLB
12	OSCAR LUAN	JR.	RB/LB
15	CHASE VICKERS	SR.	WR/SEC
18	DENNIS SCHUESSLER	SR.	RB/LB
21	ANTHONY GALLEGOS	SR.	WR/SEC
22	MAX LOPEZ	JR.	WR/SEC
25	DEVIN SERNA	JR.	RB/LB
50	IZAAK GONZALEZ	JR.	OL/DL
52	ALEX ZARAGOSA JR	SO.	OL/LB
55	AARON ESPINOZA	SO.	OL/LB
56	LANDON HINOJOSA	SR.	OL/DL
60	JACOB PALERMO	JR.	OL/DL
61	JONAH URIBE	SR.	OL/DL
62	DAVID MIRELEZ	SR.	OL/DL
64	DORIAN MARTINEZ	SO.	OL/DL
65	CALEB GUZMAN	JR.	OL/DL
67	JESSE CONTRERAS	SR.	OL/DL
71	RYLAN LOPEZ	FR.	OL/DL
72	GABRIEL GUAJARDO	JR.	OL/DL
77	JAYDEN AGUILLON	SO.	OL/DL
87/70	ERNANDO GUERRA	JR.	OL/DL

**BEAT
THE
STANDARD**



SUPERINTENDENT: CONRAD CANTU

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: FRAN ADAMI

PRINCIPAL: JUAN PUIG

ATHLETIC SECRETARY: DEBBIE MARTINEZ

BAND DIRECTOR: JAIME MARTINEZ

ASST. BAND DIRECTOR: TERRI ROBERTSON

CHEERLEADER COACH: STELLA SIPRIAN

ROYAL DAZZLERS: LISA ESPINOSA

FILMER: MICHAEL LONGORIA

ANNOUNCER: RUSSELL BUHIDAR

ANNOUNCER: JORGE ESCOBAR

TRAINER: LORI RUIZ

STUDENT TRAINERS:

RAELYNN GARZA, GIANNI LOPEZ

COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: NICOLAS LOPEZ

OC: RASHAD ANDERSON

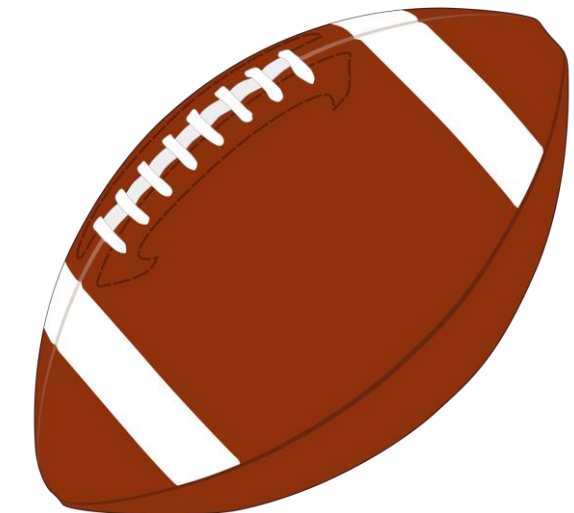
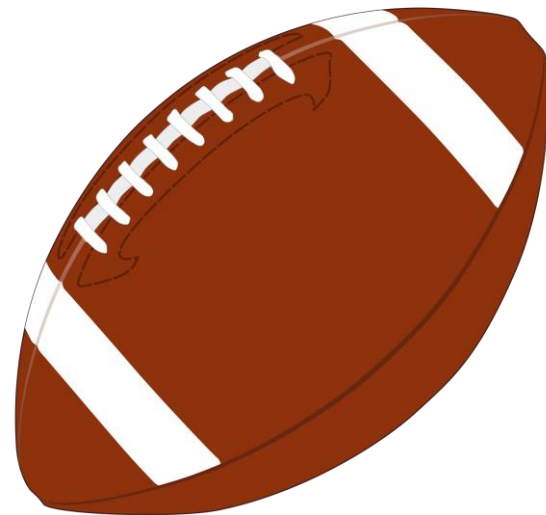
DC: CASEY BOGGS

STC: OSCAR LUAN

EDUARDO SANCHEZ

MARC BUHIDAR

RICKY SALAZAR





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GREYHOUND FOOTBALL



SCRIMMAGES

@  **JOHN PAUL II
CENTURIONS**
Scrimmage
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 13, 2026
John Paul II HS Centurion Stadium

@  **SKIDMORE-TYNAN
BOBCATS***
7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 25, 2026
Skidmore-Tynan HS Bobcat Stadium

VS  **SGA
LIONS**
Scrimmage
7:15 p.m.

Thursday, August 20, 2026
Taft HS Greyhound Stadium

VS  **REFUGIO
BOBCATS***
7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 9, 2026
Taft HS Greyhound Stadium

@  **KARNES CITY
BADGERS**
7:00 p.m.

Friday, August 28, 2026
Karnes City HS Badger Stadium

@  **PREMONT
COWBOYS***
7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 16, 2026
Premont HS Cowboy Stadium

VS  **ODEM OWLS**
7:30 p.m.
Little Greyhound Night

Friday, September 4, 2026
Taft HS Greyhound Stadium

VS  **DILLEY WOLVES***
7:30 p.m.
Homecoming

Friday, October 23, 2026
Taft HS Greyhound Stadium

DISTRICT

@  **AGUA DULCE
LONGHORNS***
7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 11, 2026
Agua Dulce HS Longhorn Stadium

@  **BANQUETE
BULLDOGS***
7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 30, 2026
Banquete HS Bulldog Stadium

VS  **FREER
BUCKAROOS***
7:30 p.m.

First Responders-Military Night
Friday, September 18, 2026
Taft HS Greyhound Stadium

VS  **MONTE ALTO
BLUE DEVILS***
7:30 p.m.

Parents Night
Friday, November 6, 2026
Taft HS Greyhound Stadium





TAFT HIGH SCHOOL



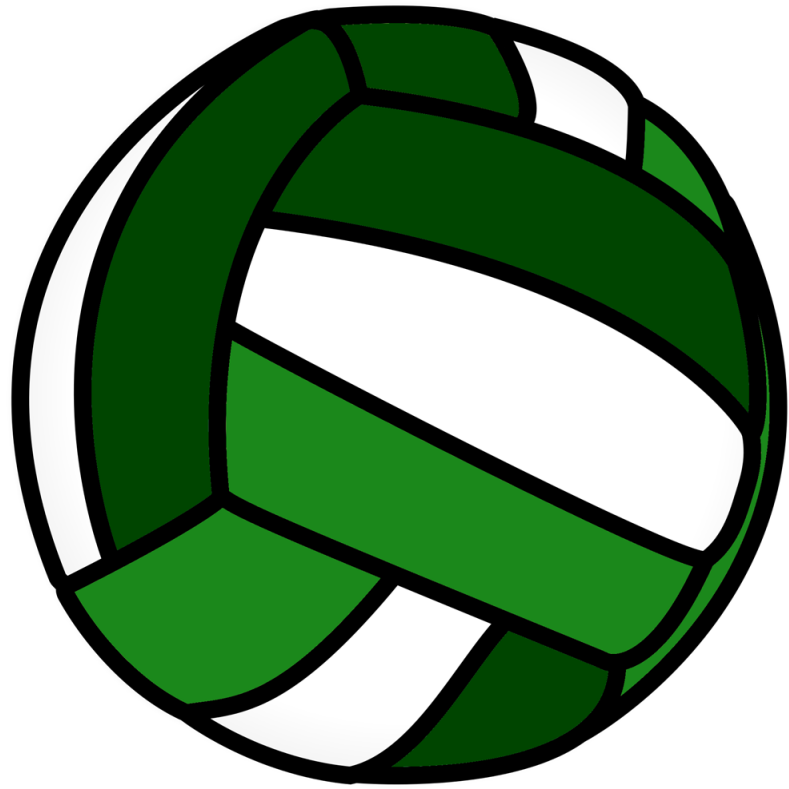
Lady Greyhounds Volleyball

Home★

2026 SCHEDULE

★ 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!*