

New Members

Welcome

FBLA is an amazing opportunity to grow your leadership and business skills, gain confidence, serve your community, experience a world outside of Odessa, and have fun. The choice is yours as to how involved you want to be; just going along to have fun with your friends or competing for a national award in Salt Lake. Freshmen have done both and everything in between. Students may compete at whatever level they choose, but know that success does not come without hard work! With over 60 competitions, there is something for everyone, and we look out for our freshmen. They are often paired with experienced members to help build confidence and learn the ropes.

What to Expect

Meetings-Lunch time usually twice a month

Traditional Club Activities-Mystery Dinner, Christmas Party

FBLA Week-February

Projects-Nothing in the works yet, but we are starting to plan

Competitions-It takes many hours to plan, implement, research, write reports, prepare speeches, and create PowerPoints. Every competition is a little different, but we spend many nights in the computer lab preparing. Some competitions are straight to state, while others require you to place in the top six at Winter Conference.

Clothing

FBLA dress code that must be followed. No jeans, no tennis shoes or flip flops. Clothes are available to borrow if needed. Ideally, all students who plan to compete in a speaking event would buy or borrow a suit for Winter Conference.

Speaking Events: Suit or jacket with a dress for girls. Most students have a suit for competition. Black Friday is a great time to pick one up cheap. Most teams match by wearing matching ties and shirts.. We have a closet full of clothes to help with this.

FBLA Closet: If you are unable to purchase or borrow dress clothes, our FBLA closet is stocked with many sizes and styles.

Conferences

- Fall-October 24, 2019– Spokane, \$25-Attend Sessions
- Winter- February 6, 2020-Spokane, \$25, Competitions
- State-April 10-13, 2020-Spokane, Approx. \$325, Competitions

- Nationals-June 27-July 3, 2020-Salt Lake City, Approx. \$1,000
Fall Conference is a great way to check out FBLA and see if you really want to join. There are no competitions, just lots of speakers and socializing. If you attend

Winter Conference you will be competing. If you place in the top six, you will qualify for state. You can also qualify for state even if you don't place in other types of competitions like Community Service Project and Business Plan.

State Conference is usually attended by all members. If you have been actively involved all year, we will make sure you are on a team or have a competition. This is how you learn!

National Conference is usually attended by 75% of those that compete at State. You must place in the top 4 and you can only compete in one event, which requires us to often add people to qualifying teams.

Nobody that has made a strong effort to fundraise has ever been left behind because of money. I would start working now, because most likely you will at the very least be going to State.

Other Expenses

- Dues-\$20

Talk to Us

- Please share your concerns, your interests, and your questions and we will do our best to help you. If you do not tell us, we do not know.

Information

School Website: www.odessa.wednet.edu Minutes, permission slips, parent letters and schedules can be found on the school website under Our Schools > Jr-Sr. High School > FBLA

Bulletin Board: Mrs. King's Classroom

Group Texts: Student Group and Parent Group

Daily Bulletin: School Website

Contact Mrs. King: kingt@odessa.wednet.edu or 509-988-0430

Or Maddy: 509-993-0823

FBLA Websites: State-www.wafbla.org National- www.fbla.org

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Student Accounts

All students have an account where income and expenses are recorded. Caitlyn is our treasurer with the assistance of Nathan. Please check the accuracy after each fundraiser to make sure your hours are recorded properly. You can add money to your account anytime by giving it to Chris. Student Accounts are posted on the bulletin board and are updated regularly. It is important you record your hours at each fundraiser.

Fundraising

Fundraising opportunities happen throughout the year. We keep track of hours to divide profits among the workers based on hours. Some fundraisers are big, but many are small; the biggest is Deutschesfest. Most fundraisers are led with a parent or two in charge. Mrs. King helps to organize, but parents assume full responsibility. Most fundraisers need both student and adult help. All profits from fundraisers are divided amongst those who work with the in charge parent receiving a greater percentage. Students get credit for parent work. All opportunities are posted in Mrs. King's room. Parents are welcome to call, email, text or stop by to get more information. Communicating is the key if you want to be involved. Fundraisers vary from year to year, but traditionally include:

Fundraiser

In Charge

Major Fundraisers for All

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| • Deutschesfest Bratwurst Booth | Setup-King, Friday-Kuchenbuch, Saturday-?, Sunday-DeWulf and Strebeck |
| • Deutschesfest Ice Cream Booth | ? |
| • Women's Health Night Catering | Mrs. King |
| • Booster Club Auction Cleanup | One Adult |
| • Booster Club Auction Kitchen | One Adult |
| • Firemen Auction | Strebeck/Clark |

Major Fundraisers for Nationals (Some operated by just the families, others are open to all)

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| • Stumpjumpers Food Booth | Two Families |
| • Stumpjumpers Hot Dog Stand | One person |
| • Stumpjumpers Misc. | Mrs. King |
| • Fireworks Booth | Schuh |
| • Taco Feed | One or two adults with students going to NLC |
| • Catering Alumni Banquet | Two adults |
| • Doll Race | Officers in Charge |
| • Car Wash | Two Families |
| • OHCF Auction | One Adult Kitchen, One Adult cleanup |

Smaller Fundraisers for All

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| • Concessions | One or two adults depending on game |
| • Misc. Catering | Mrs. King |
| • Gates at Sporting Events | Parent /student for football, Hailey Wagner JV Basketball, Varsity Basketball ? |
| • DVD Making Play, Games, etc. | One or two students |