

OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

P/T Conferences

Tuesday, October 17th; 4-7pm

Half Day

Thursday, October 19th

P/T Conferences

Thursday, October 19th; 12-3pm

No School

Friday, October 20th

P/T Conferences

Wednesday, October 25th; 4-7 pm

End of 1st Quarter

Friday, October 27th

IMPORTANT LINKS

click these:

[DISTRICT CALENDAR](#)

[BOND UPDATES](#)

[PARENT GROUP NEWSLETTER](#)

[PARENT GROUP MEETING](#)

[MINUTES](#)

NEXT MEETING: OCT 27

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OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

Thank you for another great couple of weeks. We enjoyed Homecoming with our very own Derm Clarkin as the Grand Marshall!

Parent teacher conferences are coming up. I just want to remind you that conferences are only five minutes long, and even though our teachers love to chit-chat, it's not a lot of time! Of course, if you cannot make those conference times, you are always welcome to shoot your student's teachers an email for an update.

We've also enjoyed having our new friends from Germany visit this week. It has been a pleasure sharing our culture with them and learning what life is like in Germany.

As the morning have become really dark now, please remind all students to be extra vigilant and look out for others, whether walking, biking, or driving.

Finally I just want to say that I am meeting regularly with a group of students, the Principal's Advisory Council. We are trying to plan some fun things in the near future, and they are very adept at keeping me in the loop regarding ways we can improve our school. I appreciate their partnership.

I hope you all are doing well. Please feel free to reach out if you need anything.

Take care,

Dr. Kemsley

COUNSELING INFORMATION

College Night 2023

Lansing Community College is hosting a college fair with more than 50 representatives from Michigan colleges and universities on Thursday, October 19, 2023. More information and registration links are available at www.lcc.edu/collegenight.

Class of 2024

Most seniors have already had their counselor meeting, but if you have not, please schedule it right away! [Check out this link with helpful information.](#)

College Visits

Heidelberg Univ. - Monday, October 17 in the counseling classroom during A lunch only

U of M - Flint - Tuesday, October 17 in the counseling classroom

SENIOR PICTURES:

Senior Pictures are due November 1st.

Please see our website yearbookokemos.weebly.com for requirements and directions on how to submit. All of the information that was emailed out is on the website for easy access :)

IMPORTANT: The picture MUST follow the requirements and be saved as last name, first name.jpeg or we do not know who the student is and will be added to the book in "image54689" instead of the student name. The name saved is how it is shown in the yearbook. Also, if the picture is not approved, the email that it was sent in by will be notified. Please make sure you are checking this email.

ATHLETICS UPDATE:

Congratulations to boys tennis for being conference champs and girls golf for being conference and regional champs!!

Please purchase your tickets for home events in advance on [GoFan](#).

For 35 years, the MHSAA and Farm Bureau Insurance have honored the best student-athletes in Michigan. Again this year they will award 32 students with \$2,000 scholarships based on achievement and leadership in athletics and activities, as well as responses to short-answer and essay questions. In many ways, this is the most prestigious honor the MHSAA awards annually. Please direct your senior athlete to mhsaa.com/scholarship to start the application process.

Fall Play Ticket Information

OHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT presents

Clue

November 3, 4 @ 7:00 pm | November 5 @ 2:00 pm

The classic board game is brought to life in Clue, a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests are invited to a dinner party thrown by an anonymous host, where murder and blackmail are on the menu. Given aliases – Colonel Mustard, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock, Professor Plum, and Miss Scarlet – it is soon discovered that all of them have fallen victim to the same blackmailer, their very host of the evening. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth, the butler, they must race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. CLUE is the comedy whodunit that will leave both movie cult fans and newcomers in stitches as they try to figure out...WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT! Purchase tickets at okemostheatre.com or scan the QR code.



OHS WOOF PACK:

The OHS Woof Pack would like to thank our generous sponsors Grewal Law, Joey's Pet Outfitters, Fromm Foods, Schultz Vet Clinic for their continued support of Willow. We would also like to thank Doggy Day Care and Spa for keeping Willow beautiful!

We are actively seeking community partners for future dogs who will join our pack. Information can be found on our website www.okemoswoofpack.com or by please using this email address woofpack@okemosk12.net

Students can also purchase Woof Pack stickers from Madame Samluk or Mrs. Turner for \$1.00



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on October 17 (4-7pm), October 19 (12-3pm), and October 25 (4-7pm). The sign-up was available at noon on Monday, October 2nd at <https://www.myconferencetime.com/okemos>. These are the times the link will open and close:

Tuesday, October 17th the link will open at 7 pm.

Wednesday, October 18th the link will close at 3pm and will reopen October 19th at 3 pm.

Monday, October 24th will close at 9 am.

A few general reminders:

- Per our school policy involving virtual meetings, please have your camera on at all times so staff are aware of who they are speaking with during the conference. Videoing/recording the conference or taking pictures of the screen are prohibited.
- Staff will use the "waiting room" during Zoom sessions. Please be sure the name you register with for the conference matches the name you use for the Zoom call, so staff will know to let you into the conference.



FROM DR. LARA SLEE, DIRECTOR OF DEI

Weekly Tidbit

The Anishinaabe in Michigan: Michigan's three largest Native American tribes are the Ojibwe (also called Chippewa), the Odawa (also called Ottawa) and the Potawatomi (also called the Bode'wadmi). They share common language, customs and beliefs. Together, they are Anishinaabe, or "original people." Hundreds of years ago, they created a partnership called the Three Fires. The Ojibwe were the "keepers of the ceremonies and song," the Odawa were "keepers of the trade," and the Potawatomi were the "keepers of the fire." (Adapted from an article in the Summer 2008 issue of Michigan History for Kids, a publication of the Michigan Historical Center.)

COMMUNITY EVENTS/INFO

TRUNK OR TREAT 2023

 OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATION DEPARTMENT 

WHEN

Sunday, Oct. 29th, 4-7pm

WHERE

Okemos High School Stadium Parking lot

More Info Here:

<https://www.smores.com/tyw0g>

Sign Up Here:

<https://okemosk12.retrak.net/special-events/>

What is Trunk or Treat??????

Participants decorate their vehicle trunk (or tented space if you prefer) to a theme. Participants dress up in costumes to match. You can hand out tricks or treats to students as they come by. Students dress up in their favorite costume or fall clothing and trick or treat from vehicle to vehicle in a safe place, seeing all of their friends. Students, clubs, staff, sports groups, etc are encouraged to work together, creating exciting trunks! Come hungry and enjoy your favorite Food Truck for dinner!