



OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

No School:

Monday, September 4th

Picture Retakes:

Friday, September 8th
During students' respective lunches

HOMECOMING WEEK

Kickball Tournament

Monday, October 7th

Bonfire

Tuesday, October 3rd

Homecoming Parade/Game:

Friday, October 6th (parade form on pg. 3).

Homecoming Dance:

Saturday, October 7th

IMPORTANT LINKS

click these:

[DISTRICT CALENDAR](#)

[PARENT GROUP](#)

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 8

[BOND UPDATES](#)

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OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

Ok! We are getting in the swing of things, and I have some good things to share with you all:

- Car line? Not perfect. BUT, much, much better! Just exercise a little caution pulling in and out, and we'll be ok. Thanks again, Dr. Schmidt, for the idea!
- Freshmen are finding their way and, most seem like experts at navigating the school at this point.
- The construction crews are making good progress, and we'll be back in our stadium soon!
- The process for lunch is smoothing out and kids have found their spots to eat with their friends.

Overall, I'd say we have had a really smooth start to the school year. I was talking to a few teachers and staff, and it feels like we've settled in a little earlier than usual, which is wonderful.

I hope you all have a restful, relaxing, and rejuvenating weekend (former English teacher so alliteration feels nice sometimes, lol). As always, I am proud of our staff, students, and school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

See you soon,

Dan Kemsley
Principal

COUNSELING INFORMATION

Class of 2024

Please check your email from your counselor with the reminder to schedule your Senior Meeting. Appointments should be scheduled any time between now and the middle of October. [Check out this link for helpful information.](#)

National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

This test is open only to OHS students in the Class of 2025. More information is available here: [Digital PSAT/NMSQT October 12, 2023](#)

College Visits

National Guard - Wednesday, September 13 in front of the cafeteria
DePaul University - Monday, September 18 in front of the cafeteria
Albion College - Thursday, September 21 in front of the cafeteria
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor - Thursday, September 28 during FLEX
Miami University- Friday, September 29 in the counseling classroom during lunch

HOMECOMING PARADE INFO:

Dear Club Advisors, Coaches, & Community Organizations,

Okemos High School Student Council wants to extend an invitation to participate in the 2023 Homecoming Parade, which is being held on Friday, October 6th. To sign up to participate in the parade please fill out this [Google Form](#)

SENIOR PICTURES:

Senior Pictures are due November 1st.

There will be a senior picture email coming soon to both parents/guardians and students that will describe exactly how to upload your senior picture. We are NOT collecting any senior pictures by email this year!

END OF DAY ROUTINE

At 3pm every day, students may do the following:

1. Head home
2. Wait outside for a ride
3. Work with a teacher
4. Work with a coach
5. Work in the library from 3pm-4pm M-TH

It seems like we start off well enough, but then the system breaks down. That won't happen this year. Students and families need to plan ahead. We cannot have students unsupervised in the building after 3pm. Unsupervised students will be asked to leave the building at 3pm, which seems counterintuitive, I know. We will be happy to provide them a place to work from 3-4, the library. I hope this makes sense and please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks!

ATHLETICS UPDATE:

Gofan Season Tickets are up and available for purchase for the 23-24 season.

Update to date athletic schedules can be found at okemoswolves.org

FROM DR. LARA SLEE, DIRECTOR OF DEI

The Okemos Public Schools Equity Plan ([full document](#), [1-page overview](#)) was updated over the summer of 2022, and we are putting the plan into action. We need the help of our whole community to improve upon our already amazing district, and your voice would be a great addition to our equity work.

Please take a few moments to complete [this form](#) so we can get you involved in the process. We will work to provide multiple ways to participate, so you can help as much or as little as your time and energy allow. For more information, contact Dr. Lara Slee, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, lara.slee@okemosk12.net, 517-706-5011.

IMPORTANT NHS DATES/INFO:

Please Mark Your Calendars - The Following Events are Mandatory!

Meetings in the Auditorium at 7:15 am:

- September 13, 2023
- January 10, 2024
- February 28, 2024
- May 29, 2024

Fall Food Drive- Oct 7, 2022 (8 am - 1 pm, Staff Parking Lot)

- This is also the day of the Homecoming Dance, so plan accordingly
- There will be multiple ways to attend this event before the date including preparing bags and flyers and dropping off bags and flyers

Spring Blood Drive- March 13th (During the School Day)

- There will be multiple ways to attend this event that happen before the event, the day of the event, and ways to participate that don't include giving blood

Induction Ceremony- May 8th (6:30 - 8, Auditorium)

- New Members will be inducted
- Juniors and Seniors will be Recognized

Okemos High School Theatre Department Fall Play

Clue

FALL PLAY | Cast Auditions & Crew Applications

HIGH SCHOOL
EDITION

September 6 & 7 from 3:00-5:00

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 – and discouraged from revealing personal information, it is soon discovered that all of them have fallen victim to the same blackmailer, their very host of the evening. Each is presented with a weapon and an option: pay their extortionist double or kill the innocent butler. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth – the butler, Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock, and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. What follows is a madcap, slapstick evening full of murder, mystery, and laughs as they seek to puzzle out the culprit amongst criminals. 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!

Students interested in being in the cast click on this [CLUE AUDITION FORM LINK](#). Students who would like to be a part of the crew click on this [CLUE CREW APPLICATION LINK](#).

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1st Annual Student Health Fair

Monday, September 18th 4-6pm
Okemos High School Gym

Vaccine Clinic, (Insurance will be billed) *signup required see QR Code below), Free EKGs, free vision and hearing testing, Sports Physicals \$25, Free walking/running gait analysis, Dental Screenings, and more!

Hosted By:



Call Okemos Health Team with questions: 517-706-5008
Please bring insurance card for immunizations

33rd Annual Okemos High School Band Car Wash-A-Thon



FREE CAR WASH

Saturday, September 9, 2023

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Okemos High School Parking Lot
(Rain or Shine - 2800 Jolly Road)

Drive-ups and Donations welcomed (no previous pledge required).
Students fundraise by getting pledges in advance
from friends, family & neighbors for each car washed.
Proceeds pay to enrich the student experience and support the band program.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/okemosbands>