



OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

End of First Quarter
October 25

No School
November 1

Thanksgiving Break
November 27-
December 1

IMPORTANT LINKS

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OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

I hope you all are doing well. I wanted to clarify a quick point in case you hear otherwise: there is no "Senior Skip Day" in the fall. Last year, we encountered some confusion around this, so I'd like to remind everyone that the only "skip day" we recognize is in the spring. Just a heads-up!

A reminder: we will be starting our new lunch schedule on October 28th. I sent out an email with the details yesterday, but in case you missed it, you can find the information I shared with students [[HERE](#)].

Things are going great at OHS! The front office and secure vestibule should be completed in just a couple of weeks. Additionally, work will begin soon on repairing the bathrooms that were damaged by the broken pipe. This is a significant project, and we expect it to take several months. I'll keep you updated as we learn more.

With the end of the quarter just 10 days away, I hope your students have had a positive start to the school year. From my perspective, things are going exceptionally well. For the first time since the pandemic, the school environment feels like it did pre-COVID. The students have settled in nicely, and school spirit is stronger than ever.

As always, I appreciate all of you and your continued support. Please feel free to reach out if you need anything.

Dr. Kemsley

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COUNSELING INFORMATION

Check out the latest information from the Counseling Office in our [October Newsletter](#).

Class of 2025

Check out this link for helpful information. You will be meeting with your counselor for your Senior Meeting this fall and we will answer questions you have about your post secondary plans.

Reminder: Students interested in attending MSU and/or Kalamazoo College need to sign up through Google Classroom to attend the presentation

MSU - 10/22 at 12:30 in the KIVA

K.C. - 10/24 at 12:30 in the KIVA

AP EXAM REGISTRATION, MAY 2025 CYCLE

Students who are enrolled in an AP class at OHS and those who plan to self-study for an AP Exam for May 2025 MUST pay their AP Exam fee by Friday, October 11th. Payments must be made via this link: www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/232850

Here are the important dates for the registration process:

11/14/24: REFUND POLICY: Date by which a student can receive a Full Refund

11/14/24 @ 11:59 PM: LATE REGISTRATION FEE: Begin \$40 per exam late registration fee

Questions may be directed to Mr. Walton at hedlun.walton@okemosk12.net

SENIOR PICTURES

Are you wondering how to submit your child's senior picture for the yearbook? Please [click here](#) to access all the necessary information (sizing requirements, how to submit, etc.).

COLLEGE ESSAY/APP FEEDBACK SESSIONS

Seniors!

If you have questions about filling out your college applications, want feedback on your essays, or just need to schedule some time to get things done, counselors will be available during lunch each Monday and Wednesday from October 7th to 30th in the Counseling Office Conference Room. Grab your lunch and join us!

ACCESS TO PRAYER SPACES

For many of our students, prayer and meditation are a part of everyday life. Reflection rooms provide a quiet, private space for OPS students to pray, meditate or sit in silent reflection. The reflection room at Okemos High School is located in the counseling office. To use this room, students should visit the counseling office.

2024-25 MHSAA-FARM BUREAU INSURANCE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

2024-25 marks the 36th year Farm Bureau Insurance has sponsored the MHSAA's Scholar-Athlete Award. Since the beginning of the sponsorship, Farm Bureau Insurance has awarded over \$1,000,000 in Scholar-Athlete awards. This year, 32 \$2,000 scholarships will be available to high school seniors who meet the eligibility requirements listed.

Athletes go to mhsaa.com/scholarship to start the application process.

IMPORTANT 24-25 NHS DATES

If you have an issue getting to our four 7:15 a.m. meetings (reduced schedule, late buses, dual enrollment, 7th-grade camp, etc.), there will be a "make-up" meeting the day before the scheduled meeting after school in the KIVA. You can attend this meeting instead. An excused absence from school means you are excused from the meeting. Please check Google Classroom for updates and announcements.

Please Mark your Calendars for this year's Mandatory NHS Events:

- 12/4/24 - Chapter Meeting, 7:15am in the Auditorium (OR 12/3 at 2:45pm in the KIVA)
- 2/4/25 - Chapter Meeting, 7:15am in the Auditorium (OR 2/3 at 2:45pm in the KIVA)
- 4/9/25 - Blood Drive, 8am-1:30pm, Wrestling Room
- 5/6/25 - Induction, 6:30pm, Auditorium
- 5/28/25 - Chapter Meeting, 7:15am in the Auditorium (OR 5/27 at 2:45pm in the KIVA).



OKEMOS Cares! DRIVE

The OHS Care Closet provides OHS students with items they may need including school supplies, food, clothes, and even personal hygiene items. We appreciate your help in restocking our Care Closet!

PLEASE BRING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE OHS FOOTBALL GAME ON FRIDAY, OCT 25

DONATE FUNDS HERE

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Skin Care
- Lip Balm
- Shaving Cream
- Cough Drops
- Lotion
- Shampoo (all hair types)
- Conditioner (all hair types)
- Body wash
- Toilet Paper
- Tissue Packets
- Hairbrushes

LOOK FOR THE DONATION BINS AT THE ENTRANCE



Community News

Okemos High School
Theatre Department presents

HARVEY



Nov. 8-9 @ 7:00 & Nov. 10 @ 2:00
Use the QR Code to purchase tickets.

Tickets are now available for the OHS fall play, HARVEY, a Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy by Mary Chase. HARVEY is the story of a perfect gentleman, Elwood P. Dowd, and his best friend, Harvey — a six-foot tall, invisible rabbit. When Elwood begins introducing Harvey around town, his embarrassed sister, Veta Louise, and her daughter, Myrtle Mae, decide to commit Elwood to a sanitarium. A mistake is made, however, and Veta is committed rather than Elwood! What ensues is a comedy of errors resulting in mistaken identities, misdiagnoses, and a search for the elusive rabbit that reminds us to embrace the quirks that make us special. You can click on this [LINK](#) or scan the QR code above to purchase tickets online. Please get in touch with Mr. DeKatch (chad.dekatch@okemosk12.net) if you have any questions.

Community News

Dine at Culver's of Okemos South MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST FROM 5-9PM

and we will donate a percentage of all sales to the:

OKEMOS BAND BOOSTERS

The Okemos Band Boosters helps raise funds to support their musicians, performances, travel expenses, enrichment activities, and scholarships!



No flyer or code needed.
Drive-thru, dine-in, carryout or
order online at culvers.com
Sorry, no food delivery service

SHARE NIGHT

Enjoy a delicious meal, benefit a great
cause and feel good all over.
Thank you for supporting:

OHS Band Boosters!



Come on in to your local Culver's restaurant:

Culver's of Okemos South
3440 Okemos Rd. Okemos, MI 48864
(517) 993-6960 | culvers.com/restaurants/okemos-mi-okemos-rd



OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TRICK OR TREAT!

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 27
4:00pm - 7:00pm
OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM PARKING LOT
HOSTED BY OPS OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

THIS EVENT IS FREE TO ATTEND AND \$10 PER
PARKING SPOT TO SET UP A TRUNK OR BOOTH.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

Okemos Solar Racing Club's

FALL CLEAN-UP

OCTOBER 19-20

Our team will visit your home and do
basic yard work for you!

Work that can be done:

- Leaf removal
- Small tree removal/pruning
- Gutter cleaning (for 1-story homes)
- Other basic work!

We also accept donations! All funds generated will
go directly towards the Okemos Solar Racing Club!
(Suggested donation varies by the amount of work involved)

Interested? Fill
out this form:

Or contact:
okemossolar@gmail.com

TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION

FALL FUN RIDE

YOUTH CYCLING CLUB

LEARNING - FUN - FREE

OCTOBER 19TH | 9AM

MICHIGAN STATE CAPITOL

REGISTER HERE:

YOUTH CYCLING CLUB

TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION
LANSING, MI

Biketbca.org