



OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

No School
November 1

Senior Pics Due
November 4

Thanksgiving Break
November 27-
December 1

Winter Break
December 23-
January 3

IMPORTANT LINKS

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OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

I hope all our students are enjoying their day off today. They deserve it! We're already into the second quarter of the year, and time has flown by!

Our students have adjusted smoothly to the new lunch schedules. The lunchroom is now quieter, lines are short, and there's room to be comfortable and move around. As we work through the "split" 4th-hour challenges, I'm gathering feedback from staff to determine when we might rotate the lunch periods. Rest assured, most students will still be with their current lunch group, and I'll keep you posted if we make any changes to the current schedule.

On a fun not, Dr. Schmidt held a contest for students to help design our cafeteria setup, and we combined two student entries to create the final design. Congratulations to Shreya and Grace on their creative contributions- and yes, Dr. Schmidt now owes them Crumbl Cookies!

Office update: Starting on Monday, all visitors to the school will use the Jolly Road visitors' entrance. Students are NOT to be dropped off there in the morning, thanks.

Things are going well here; our students are incredibly talented and making the most of the school year.

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 [November 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.

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.). **Senior pictures are due on November 4th.**

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.

WOOF PACK CALENDARS

Attention Okemos Woof Pack fans! It's time to fetch your favorite wall calendar featuring our adorable furry friends! Our special wall calendars are now on sale and can be purchased for \$25 at

NHS FOOD DRIVE

Thank You, Okemos Community! We're thrilled to announce that, thanks to your generous support, the National Honor Society (NHS) raised \$3,946 for the Okemos Food Bank! Your contributions will make a significant impact in helping those in need. Together, we're making a difference! Thank you for your kindness and commitment to our community.

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).

TODDLER DAY 2024

Join us for a fun-filled Toddler Day at OHS! This special event is designed for our little learners, featuring engaging activities, interactive play stations, and delightful storytelling sessions. It's a fantastic opportunity for toddlers to explore, socialize, and discover new interests in a safe and welcoming environment. Send your little ones to enjoy a day of laughter, creativity, and connection. Please read the [informational flyer](#) for more information on how to send your toddler! We can't wait to see you there!

Community News



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.

OKEMOS CARES! GIFT DRIVE

Sign up before Nov. 18!

How to sign up:

Whether you are a group or individual sponsor, please fill out [this form!](#)

Monetary donations:

If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Okemos Public Schools. Checks can be dropped off in the main office. Thank

you!

How to donate:

- Individual sponsors will be added to another group or paired up!
- Your sponsor group will be assigned a family based on your size preference.
- We ask sponsor groups to spend approximately \$100 / family member.
- Your assigned family's wish list will be sent to your group by November 25th.
- Your group will purchase these items & drop them off to OHS by December 9th. Okemos Cares! takes care of the rest!



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