



OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thanksgiving Break

November 27-
December 1

Winter Break

December 23-
January 3

Final Exams

January 15-17
(1/2 Day Schedule)

IMPORTANT LINKS

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OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

It's been a devastating week here at OHS. In times like these, poets often find the words we struggle to express ourselves.

To live in this world

you must be able
to do three things:
to love what is mortal;
to hold it

against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it
go,
to let it go.

-Mary Oliver
In Blackwater Woods (an excerpt)

I've been reminded that our students and staff are loving, sympathetic, and kind. We are incredibly thankful for the outpouring of support, especially to the families of those we have lost.

I hope you are well.

Dr. Kemsley

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COUNSELING INFORMATION

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

West Point Military Academy will visit OHS on Tuesday, November 26, from 12:35 to 1:30 in the KIVA. If you are interested, you need to sign up in Google classroom.

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).



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

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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