



OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Winter Break
December 23-
January 3

Final Exams
January 15-17
(1/2 Day Schedule)

No School
January 20

IMPORTANT LINKS

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OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

I hope you all had a relaxing break. I have some good news to share. Remember when I sent out that email asking for help for our exchange student from Ukraine? Well, the person in charge of that program was absolutely flabbergasted by the number of families asking questions and showing interest. I'm happy to report that he has found a new placement and will remain at our high school.

Another cool thing happened just before break. I received a visit from Mike Stout, the president and founder of Michigan Waterways Stewards. Mike's organization had recently completed a cleanup of the Red Cedar River, and 20-30 of our EARTH CLUB and ACTION students participated.

In short, Mike and his colleagues noted, "Their eagerness to participate and wanting to create an impact was noticed by many and appreciated by all." I want to thank Rachel Freeman-Baldwin and Laura Bell for their outstanding work advising these two club, and I also want to thank our STUDENTS who represented our school and community in the best way possible!

Please reach out if you need anything. Take care,

Dr. Kemsley

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COUNSELING INFORMATION

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

Seniors interested in applying for financial aid for college:

FAFSA opens on December 1. Students need to complete the FAFSA (regardless of their financial situation) to be eligible for free tuition if they will be attending LCC full time. Both a student and parent FSA ID must be created before you can submit the FAFSA.

Families are invited to Financial Aid & FAFSA Night presented by LCC Financial Aid office next **Monday, December 2, at 6 p.m. in the Kiva**. No registration is required.

For full financial aid benefits, students should submit their completed FAFSA by March 1, 2025.

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)



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Help us raise funds just by donating gently worn, used and new shoes! Be sure to ask, friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Collected shoes not only help support us, but they will be reused and given a second life by those in need through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN!

LOCATION & DATE
Okemos High School
Inside By Main Office
Outside at Silo A
Dates: 11/25 - 1/17

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Over 600 million people worldwide are in need of a pair of shoes.

Share your impact with #ShoeUsTheLove

Thank You

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!