



# OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Final Exams

January 15-17

Hours 1 & 2: Jan 15th

Hours 3 & 4: Jan 16th

Hours 5 & 6: Jan 17th

\*10:55 am dismissal\*

### No School

January 20

### February 8

Winter Dance

## IMPORTANT LINKS

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## OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

I hope you all had a wonderful break! As I write this, I am a bit tired as I imagine some of you are, too--but GO LIONS!

As we wrap up our first semester, please note the half-day **exam** schedule on Jan 15, 16, and 17. If students need extra time to finish their exams, they will finish after school on the date of the exam.

We have our **Winter Dance** coming up on Feb 8th. This is a welcome measure of fun. Details regarding the theme should be determined soon.

I am pleased to announce that Eli's Project will be hosting a Youth Mental Health Awareness Hockey game on January 10th. The purpose of this event and the mission of Eli's Project is to ensure that students know it's okay to ask for help, that there are resources available, and that they are not alone. **Come on out and support our Eastside Stars at Munn Ice Arena!** Details are on the last page of this newsletter!

As much as I love Winter Break, it really is nice to see all the staff and students again. We have just a couple of weeks until the year is halfway done. It has gone by really slowly and quickly at the same time. Funny how that works.

I hope you all are doing well. 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 [January 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.

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

## Okemos High School Theatre Department Winter Production



AUDITIONS ... January 21 & 22 from 4:00-5:00  
REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE ... February 22

Have you ever thought, "I sure would love to act in a play, but I just don't know if I have the time?" Well, the OHS Theatre Department winter production could be for you! The 24-Hour Plays brings actors, writers, and directors together to create and perform six new short plays over 24 hours. You can get the full theatre experience in just one day.

Students interested in being in the cast can go to [okemostheatre.com](http://okemostheatre.com). There, you can find out more information about auditions. You can also scan the QR code below. Please contact Mr. DeKatch ([chad.dekatch@okemosk12.net](mailto:chad.dekatch@okemosk12.net)) if you have any questions.



## 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:

- 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)

**SHOE US THE LOVE**

**DONATE YOUR GENTLY WORN, USED AND NEW SHOES TODAY!**

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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Thank You

# HOCKEY GAME



EASTSIDE STARS vs. LENAWEЕ UNITED



**January 10th**  
Puck Drop 5:30pm  
MUNN ICE ARENA  
on MSU CAMPUS

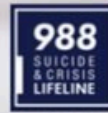


Mental Health Awareness event supported by



Learn more at [www.elisproject.org](http://www.elisproject.org)

- Puck Toss to win a prize
- Mental Health Organizations on site with resources for students, athletes and parents
- Eli's Project is hosting a guest speaker from NAMI's End the Silence initiative
- Game will be broadcast live on LansingTV12



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