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IMPORTANT DATES

Winterfest Dance

February 8
8-11 pm

No School

February 14 & 17

OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

February and Valentine's Day, a perfect time to say 'thank you' to those who have impacted our lives in a meaningful way. A perfect time to say 'thank you' to the teacher, paraprofessional, administrator, administrator assistant, custodian, librarian, food service worker, bus driver, specialist, etc. who has impacted your child and/or family in a meaningful way.

The Okemos Education Foundation is offering APPLE Awards to honor all staff. For a \$20 donation to the OEF, families can purchase a 5x7 color, personalized certificate for their honoree. An APPLE award recognizes those who show an Amazing Performance in Promoting Learning and Education (APPLE). This can be any of the Okemos Public School staff who has touched the life of your student and/or your family. Proceeds help the Okemos Education Foundation give financial support to all seven of our schools. To order an APPLE Award, visit www.oefsite.org/apple. Orders must be received by Friday, February 7, in order to be delivered by the 13th.

IMPORTANT LINKS

click these:

[DISTRICT CALENDAR](#)

[BOND UPDATES](#)

[PARENT GROUP MEETING](#)

[MINUTES:](#)

[MAY 2024](#)

[SEPTEMBER 2024](#)

Finally, please read the letter below regarding Advanced Placement and application-based classes. Remember, the Google form embedded in the letter is only accessible through STUDENT email addresses. Please note the deadline for completing the Google Form is FEBRUARY 5th, at 8am. [AP//APPLICATION BASED COURSES](#)

Take care and reach out if you need anything,

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COUNSELING INFORMATION

Check out the latest information from the Counseling Office in our [February 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.

SENIOR SERVICE PROJECT

Seniors: The Senior Service Project will be on Wednesday, May 21st. This annual event is a fun way to give back to the community and, for many, get back to your elementary roots! Sign up at <https://forms.gle/Ng59kepqVZ4QVoxe9>. If you'd like to be assigned to the same worksite as your friends, make sure to sign up at the same time, as form submissions are timestamped. Participation is voluntary and requires a small fee, which can be submitted to <https://okemosk12.revtrak.net/hs/hs-seniors/#/f/hs-senior-service-project>. Questions about the Senior Project can be directed to hedlun.walton@okemosk12.net

Okemos High School Theatre Department presents

THE 24 HOUR PLAYS: Okemos
February 22 | 7:00 pm | Tickets \$5



Since 2001, stars from Broadway, film, and TV have gathered to write, rehearse, and perform new plays in "The 24 Hour Plays" program. Extraordinary artists race the clock, forge enduring creative partnerships, and leave everything on the stage in a singular evening of live theater. This amazing opportunity is coming to Okemos High and you have the chance to experience it with us. Six amazing OHS staff members will write six original plays for 36 of our talented students to rehearse and perform in just 24 hours. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 at the door. This production is a must-see...mark your calendars! Please get in touch with Mr. DeKatch (chad.dekatch@okemosk12.net) if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT 24-25 NHS DATES

NHS Applications will be emailed to all eligible sophomores and juniors at 2:35pm on Friday, February 7th. Completed applications are due by March 3rd at 2:35pm.

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)
- 4/11/25 - 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 High School Theatre Department Spring Musical
THE DROWSY CHAPERONE



Cast Auditions & Crew Applications
February 18 & 20 from 3:00-5:30 pm

In this hilarious valentine to show tunes and show people, a forgotten Jazz Age musical comes to life in the living room of a diehard theatre fan. As he eagerly spins his favorite cast album, a fizzy vintage show suddenly appears, exploding with song, dance and pure entertainment. Our quirky narrator fills the plot holes, with laugh-out-loud results. Packed with show-stopping numbers and larger-than-life characters, here's a Tony Award-winning spoof that will have everyone falling in love with zany musical comedy! Students interested in being in the cast or crew can click on this [DROWSY CHAPERONE LINK](#). There you can find out more information about auditions and joining the crew. You can also scan the QR code below. Please get in touch with Mr. DeKatch (chad.dekatch@okemosk12.net) if you have any questions.

