



OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Break
March 20-28

Senior Field Trip
April 10

Workkeys
April 10

PSAT 9 & SAT
April 14

IMPORTANT LINKS

click these:

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OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

This spring (March 31–April 18), we will administer the BASC-3 Behavioral and Emotional Screening System to assess student strengths and areas for growth. Students in grades 3–12 (ages 8+) will complete a brief self-rating screener (5–15 minutes). This is not a diagnostic tool but one of many data points used to inform school-based support. Results will be analyzed within four weeks, and staff will not respond immediately to elevated risk scores. If you have concerns about your student, please contact the building counselor. No action is required if you consent to your student's participation. **If you would prefer that your student NOT participate in the BASC screener, [please complete this Google Form to opt-out](#) by Friday, March 28.**

For more information and a list of resources, please check out [this FAQ document](#).

Many students elect to test out of classes. Here is the link to the test out schedule: [TEST OUT SCHEDULE](#). This is the best information regarding the schedule that we have at this time. I've sent this out already, but here is the original document regarding test out: [TEST OUT LETTER](#).

PARENTS OF SENIORS: Next week, I will be sending an email with a link to a Google Doc covering everything you need to know for the end of the year. Keep an eye on your inbox for this important information before Spring Break!

I hope you're all doing well and looking forward to the break. This is an exciting time of year—it's great to have more daylight and sunshine! The energy in the school is positive, and we're here to support you. 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 [March Newsletter](#).

[College Visit Schedule](#)

SENIOR YARD SIGNS

Please use [this link](#) to order your student's senior yard sign. Orders and payment are due by Sunday, April 13, 2025. If you have any questions, please email Shelley McCormick, the OHS point person, at shelleymooremccormick@gmail.com.



MARCH IS READING MONTH

March is Reading Month and the OHS library is celebrating all month long. We have several raffles with some amazing prizes, so be sure to visit the library before Spring Break.



IMPORTANT YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Yearbook Reminder:

If you haven't ordered your yearbook yet, now is the time! Ordering early increases your chances of being featured in the book at least three times, so don't wait—secure your copy today!

Senior Tribute Ads:

Parents, guardians, and friends of seniors—this is your chance to celebrate your graduate with a tribute ad! All designs and payments must be submitted online by April 18th. Visit yearbookokemos.weebly.com for step-by-step instructions on how to order.

Let's make this year's yearbook one to remember!

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:

- 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).



FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Okemos High School is now participating in the Weekend Food Kit program sponsored by the Greater Lansing Food Bank. This program provides FREE GROCERIES OVER THE WEEKEND, so families can have nutritious food and focus on other necessities.

These kits provide supplemental bags of food to students at school a few times per month. If you have multiple children, you are eligible to receive multiple kits. All names will remain confidential.

If you are a family that could benefit from this, you can receive food kits at NO COST. Please fill out the participation form - you can complete this Google Form digitally or send in the paper form (on page 4). You can also contact our Special Education Coach, Christine Skoutelas, to register at christine.skoutelas@okemosk12.net or 517-706-4899.



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PARTICIPATION FORM

OHS WEEKEND FOOD KITS 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Please select **one** of the following options:

- ☐ **Traditional Food Kit:** Includes items such as mac & cheese, tuna, milk, oatmeal, canned veggies, etc...
- ☐ **Non-Traditional Food Kit:** Includes items such as dry rice, dry beans, dried fruit, milk, other snacks, etc...

Student Name(s) (Print)

If you have more than one child at OHS, would you like a food kit for **each** student? Food kits will be placed in each student's individual locker.

- ☐ **Yes** - I want more than one kit
- ☐ **No** - I only want one kit

Parent or Guardian signature

Parent or Guardian name (Print)

- ☐ I would also like to receive information about additional food assistance resources offered through Greater Lansing Food Bank.

Email address

5600 Food Ct. Bath, MI 48808

(517) 853-7800

glfb@glfoodbank.org

Okemos High School Theatre Department Spring Musical



THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

...a musical within a comedy...

April 25 @ 7:00 pm | April 26 @ 2:00 & 7:00 pm | April 27 @ 2:00 pm

Tickets are now available for the OHS spring musical, The Drowsy Chaperone. 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!

You can click on this [LINK](#) or scan the QR code below to purchase tickets online. Please get in touch with Mr. DeKatch (chad.dekatch@okemosk12.net) if you have any questions.



MARCH IS READING MONTH

**New
Books!**

*Thanks to our
sponsors!*

Raffles



**GOT CAUGHT
READING**

**BOOK
CHECKOUT**

THE CARE CLOSET

Now located in the library!

The Care Closet provides supplies for students who don't have what they need to be successful.

Talk to a teacher, counselor, or the librarian if you need to access the closet at any time! :)

- Toiletries
- Feminine products
- Non-perishable snacks
- School supplies
- Clothing

