



OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

PSAT 10 & M-STEP
April 16

**Touch of Class
Luncheon**
April 24

Spring Musical
April 25-27

No School
April 28

**Prom Tickets Go On
Sale**
April 28

IMPORTANT LINKS

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OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

Juniors, Seniors, and Families- Please be sure to check out page 3 for important Prom information. Details for Post-Prom have already been shared, so no need to worry—I'll be sending out a separate email that includes everything you need to know about both Prom and Post-Prom in one convenient place.

We're currently in the midst of **state testing**, and I want to take a moment to recognize how smoothly things are going despite the usual challenges. Huge thanks to Meg Stadt for her organization, to our teachers for their flexibility and support, and to our students for continuing to rise to the occasion and impress us each day.

Senior "Run Out"- After thoughtful consideration, we've decided to discontinue the "Senior Run Out." But don't worry—we're replacing it with something even better! Our new plan will create a more meaningful and lasting tradition for students, staff, and families alike. Stay tuned as we finalize the details, and thank you for your continued patience.

It's been an exciting season with events like the Hawaii Trip, Science Olympiad, and the Senior Field Trip (I'm forgetting a dozen, probably). I've received incredibly positive feedback—not just from our staff, but from people outside of Okemos Public Schools as well—about how **respectful and kind** our students are. That speaks volumes about the expectations we uphold together at school and at home. Simply put, I'm very proud of our students, and I hope you are too.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything. And here's hoping that warmer weather gets here soon!

Take care,

Dr. Kemsley

COUNSELING INFORMATION

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

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TOUCH OF CLASS CHARITY LUNCHEON

The 24th annual student-organized Touch of Class charity luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 24, during students' assigned lunch period. All proceeds will be donated to Okemos Cares (assisting OHS students in financial need).

Tickets will be sold on GoFan for \$10 starting on Monday, April 14th, and can be purchased through April 22nd.

[Touch Of Class 2025 TICKETS](#)

Olive Garden and Grand Traverse Pie Company sponsor this year's luncheon.

The event is chaired by a very dedicated and hardworking executive committee: Allison Korb, Avani Pavangadkar, Kenneil Tucker, Isabella Portnoy, Addison Sherman, Sarah Flink, Seniorita Funk, and Mrs. Cironi.

We hope that your student joins us for this spectacular event! If a student has a financial need and would like to attend, please contact their counselor.



IMPORTANT YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Yearbook Reminder:

If you haven't ordered your yearbook yet, now is the time! 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:

- 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 Prom is on Saturday, May 17th from 8:00 - 11:00pm @ Eagle Eye.
Prom tickets are on sale from 4/28 - 5/10! Please see the Prom Poster below for all details,
including information on guests. Please use the QR code to purchase tickets.

Please email Trisha Funk with any questions - trisha.funk@okemosk12.net



Juniors & Seniors

OLD HOLLYWOOD

2025 Prom

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025
8-11pm, No entry after 9pm

EAGLE EYE GOLF CLUB
15500 Chandler Rd, Bath, MI 48808

HEAVY APPETIZERS + DESSERTS
No Dinner Provided

NO BAGS ALLOWED

JUNIOR & SENIOR GUESTS ONLY

*Guest forms due to Kelly Cool (Main Office) by May 8th @ 2:35pm,
Must present school ID to enter*

TICKETS ARE \$60
ON SALE
APRIL 28 @8AM -
MAY 10 BY 11:59PM
GO FAN ONLY
NO REFUNDS



IF YOU NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR COUNSELOR BY MAY 1.

#SOCKOUTSUICIDE

FRIDAY,
MAY 16, 2025



OHS ACTION's annual #SockOutSuicide campaign raises awareness and starts important discussions about suicide prevention and mental health. On May 16, Meridian Township community members are encouraged to wear fun, brightly colored socks and join OHS ACTION in taking the #SockOutSuicide pledge:

NEED COLORFUL SOCKS?

#SockOutSuicide partner Playmakers will hold a special sock sale in advance of May 16. Playmakers will also hold a Fun Run 5K on May 15 at 6:00 pm to raise awareness for suicide prevention. No registration necessary.

BY PARTICIPATING IN #SOCKOUTSUICIDE, I PLEDGE TO:

- Seek help or call 988 if I am having self-harming thoughts.
- Encourage others to seek help from a professional if they are struggling.
- Call 988 or 911 if I think someone is in danger of self-harm.

EVENT PARTNERS:



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.



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 (found below). You can also contact our Special Education Coach, Christine Skoutelas, to register at christine.skoutelas@okemosk12.net or 517-706-4899.



GREATER LANSING
foodbank



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.

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