



OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

No School
February 16-19

ALC Closed
March 5

Diversity Assembly
March 6

Half Day
March 8

Parent Teacher Conferences
March 11 & March 14th
More details to come!

IMPORTANT LINKS

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NEXT MEETING:

MARCH 15, 2024

OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

There are so many wonderful things happening here at Okemos High School. It's amazing! I have had the pleasure of giving a couple of student tours recently, and the experience was really gratifying in that there are so many positive things to talk about!

One thing that I love about our school is the many ways kids can find a place to succeed. Is art or music your thing? We've got it covered. What about joining a club? We've got dozens. Like books and hanging out in the library? You are welcome! Sports? Drama? Magic the Gathering? Science Clubs? Math Competition? Chess or Chinese Yo-Yo? No problem! We've got it. We are really fortunate to have such amazing teachers and staff that help our kids find their places here.

Another thing I would like to highlight is our diverse student body. We are lucky to have kids from MANY, MANY different countries and who come from all walks of life. And here is what I want to say: our high school isn't perfect--no school is--but I am consistently impressed with how kind our students are to one another. I am so proud of all of our students--ALL OF THEM! It really is amazing how we can have such a mix of people, beliefs, and values, and for the most part, we all get along just fine. It gives me a lot of hope for the future!

I want to thank each of you and recognize that the success of this school depends on a lot of stakeholders--and you are one of them. It's really fulfilling to know that we all are doing the best for our students--our kids.

Take care. And reach out if you need anything,

Dr. Kemsley

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COUNSELING INFORMATION

Monthly Counselor Newsletter

Please access the [February Counseling Newsletter](#) here.

Cap & Gown Donation

Counselors are accepting cap & gown donations from the Class of 2021 to 2023 to be used by economically disadvantaged students. Please drop them off in the main office if you would like to donate them.

Senior Decision Form

Seniors-do you want to share your post-high school plans? Would you like those plans featured on the Class of 2024 Decisions Instagram page? Then fill out [this form](#) to be featured!

Senior Yard Sign Info

Please complete an order form and submit payment by Friday, March 15th if you are interested in purchasing a Class of 2024 Yard Sign personalized with your senior's first name and yearbook photo. The order form has all the details and samples of what your yard sign will look like. Signs are \$15 each with a group order of 120+ signs (\$20 for a smaller order) and you will be able to pick up your signs at OHS by mid-April. If you have any questions, please contact the parent volunteer coordinating the sale, Valerie Long, at valong11@gmail.com. ORDER here: <https://forms.gle/1uu1EpKXSotZRRZ77>

Important NHS Dates

March 1: Applications must be submitted by 2:35 pm

April 15: Applicants will be notified of acceptance or rejection

May 8: NHS Induction Ceremony, 6:30 pm in OHS Auditorium

May 29: Mandatory Chapter Meeting, 7:15 am in OHS Auditorium

Feel free to email any questions to chenx25@okemosk12.net or trebeshc27@okemosk12.net

SUPPORTING FRIENDS OF CADL

Okemos Key Club Children's Book Drive

02/12 - 3/19

Have Extra Children's Books?

Donations can be accepted around the school in donation bins and at the school libraries! Only books in good condition are eligible for donation - No major tears or other damage!



OHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS....



Join us as we bring you another season of the WOHS Radio, Vol. 3... this time live on stage! This staged reading will bring classics like Ray Bradbury's "Zero Hour" and meet Archie, Jughead, and the rest of the gang in "Christmas Shopping in Riverdale", and will feature the sound stylings of The Okemos Sound Machine. All tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door.

Haven House Donation Drive

Haven House is an organization dedicated to helping families who face homelessness. More about their goals can be found [here](#). They need materials to continue housing these families:

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| Paper Towel | Hand Sanitizer |
| Toilet Paper | Air Freshener |
| Toilet Bowl Cleaner | Mop buckets |
| Comet | All-Purpose Cleaner |
| String mops ONLY | Laundry Soap |
| Toilet Brushes | Clorox Bleach |

Any of the aforementioned products can be put in boxes around the school during the month of February! Contact tandoca25@okemosk12.net, tandoco25@okemosk12.net, or action.okemos@gmail.com for any questions.

2024 MSUFCU Student Art Show

This year, OHS has **10 students** who are participating in the annual MSUFCU Student Art Show! Please check out their amazing artwork below and on the [website](#) where you can vote for our student's artwork. Voting closes on February 23, 2024.



OHS Parent Group 2.15.24 Newsletter Updates:

- The next OHS Parent Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 15, 2024 at 9 am in the Counseling office classroom, located on the 2nd floor at OHS. Please sign in at the main office before joining us.
- The Post Prom Planning Committee plans and organizes the Post Prom event, Parent Group's biggest event of the year. We would love to have a couple more parents/guardians join our meetings to help assemble tickets and other supplies for the event. Our meetings take place in the events room at CADL-Okemos library from 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm on the following Mondays: 3/18, 4/15, and 5/6. Hope to see you there!
- Post Prom is organized by OHS Parent group. It is a casual, safe, and fun event that takes place at OHS immediately following Prom (for Juniors/Seniors). This year it is scheduled on Sat., May 18th, 11 pm – 2 am. There are tons of games, food, music, and giveaways! This event is 100% parent powered and we encourage all parents/guardians to volunteer even if your student is not an upperclassman. You get the chance to see all the fun that happens at Post Prom!
- If you are interested in volunteering to work at a station at Post Prom but not in the planning of it, the event signup for Post Prom will be available in April. We will need lots of parent/guardian volunteers at the actual event.

These are the ways in which you can contribute to Parent Group events and activities:

- Volunteer to staff an event and/or donate supplies as needed throughout the year.
- Donate directly to OHS Parent Group. Checks payable to OHS Parent Group can be dropped off at the school's main office. Please label the envelope "Parent Group".
- Kroger Community Rewards: Our charity name is Okemos H.S. Parent Group (EH042). Parent Group earns at no added cost to you, but you must link us to your card first, online or in person at Kroger.
- RevTrak: [HS Parent Group | Okemos Public Schools](https://revtrak.net) (revtrak.net) Use this link and donate through the school's online payment processing system.

You can email us at OHSParentGroupInfo@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook "[Okemos High School Parent Group](#)."

Meetings take place at 9am in the Counseling classroom at OHS on the following Fridays:

March 15, 2024

April 19, 2024

May 24, 2024

Thank you for your support!

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OKEMOS
MUSIC PATRONS

Spaghetti Dinner

Friday March 8, 2024

4:30 - 7:30 PM

Okemos High School

learn more @ okemosmusicpatrons.org

Okemos Music Patrons is excited to offer the 48th Annual Spaghetti Dinner, a lively evening of music, food and fun, on FRIDAY, MARCH 8th, 2024 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm at OHS.

WE NEED YOUR HELP for cookie or brownies donations, multiple shifts of serving lines, take-out service, and many other tasks. Please sign-up and join our fantastic team in making this community fundraising event a success!

Adult Sign-up: [Adult Sign-Up](#)

Student Sign-up (9-12 grade): [Student Sign-Up](#)

Tickets can still be purchased with this QR Code (save your receipt as proof of purchase):

Event Schedule

Dinner Service - 4:30 - 7:30 pm - OHS Cafeteria & To-Go carry-out and drive-through

Musical Performances

5:00 pm - KMS 6th Grade Choir - Auditorium

5:25 pm - CMS Thurs. Jazz Band - Commons

5:30 pm - KMS 6th Grade Band, Choir, and Orchestra Combined - Auditorium

5:45 pm - KMS 6th Grade Orchestra - Auditorium

5:50 pm - OHS Jazz Ensemble - Commons

6:15 pm - KMS 6th Grade Band - Auditorium

6:15 pm - CMS Tues Jazz Band - Commons

6:40 pm - OHS Jazz Band - Commons

Thank you!

Okemos Music Patrons

<https://okemosmusicpatrons.org/>