



OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

ALC Closed
March 5

Diversity Assembly
March 6

Half Day
March 8 & March 14th

Parent Teacher Conferences
March 11 & March 14th

Touch of Class
March 15

Spring Break
March 21 - March 31

IMPORTANT LINKS

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NEXT MEETING:

MARCH 15, 2024

OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on March 11 (4-7 pm) and March 14 (12-3 pm, 4-7 pm). The sign-up is now available at [CONFERENCE LINK](#). Conferences are held through Zoom.

The link will close at specific dates/times to allow teachers to prepare. That schedule is as follows:

MARCH 11TH CONFERENCES

Link is NOW OPEN: [CONFERENCE LINK](#)

March 10th at 4 pm: link will close

MARCH 14TH CONFERENCES

March 11th at 7 pm: Link reopens: [CONFERENCE LINK](#)

March 13 at 3 pm: Link will close

Reminders:

- Per our school policy involving virtual meetings, please have your camera on at all times so staff are aware of who they are speaking with during the conference. Videoing/recording the conference or taking pictures of the screen are prohibited.
- Staff will use the "waiting room" during Zoom sessions. Please be sure the name you register with for the conference matches the name you use for the Zoom call, so staff will know to let you into the conference.

I hope you all are doing well! Per usual, there are a million great things happening here at OHS. I am glad you are a part of our team. Have a great weekend and please reach out if you need anything.

Dr. Kemsley

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COUNSELING INFORMATION

Monthly Counselor Newsletter

Please access the [March Counseling Newsletter](#) here. Be sure to check out the 2024-2025 scheduling timeline.

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 (we have already sold the minimum # of signs needed for this bulk order discount price!). 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>

Yearbook Information

- Yearbook Senior Tribute Ads are Due Friday, April 19th.
- Yearbook Orders: To ensure that you/your student receives a copy of the yearbook, you must order before May 5th, 2024. Any sales after May 5th will be subject to extra-run copies received. If you order after May 5th and there are not enough books, you will receive a refund. If you order by May 5th, you are guaranteed a copy.



The OHS Black Student Union (BSU) has been busy this winter! After January exams, BSU held a Culver's Community Fundraiser to raise money for the club. Students enjoyed volunteering at Culver's and experiencing working in a restaurant. To kick off Black History Month, male BSU students were invited to attend the Sigma Youth Workshop at the Hannah Community Center in East Lansing on



February 1st. This workshop allowed attendees to learn about resume writing, college scholarships, and gave the opportunity for networking amongst black leaders in the greater Lansing community. Finally, in concert with Black History Month, BSU has launched some new merch! BSU apparel can be found at the OHS school store. Purchasing apparel supports the club

and helps to bring awareness to its mission of providing a safe space for black students at OHS, and bridging the gap between students in the community.

OHS ATHLETICS UPDATE

HIGH SCHOOL SPRING TRYOUTS

Baseball March 11th - Okemos High School Gym 9th/10th - 5:30 - 7:15 pm 11th/12th - 7:15 - 9:00 pm Coach Raul Presas - raul.presas@okemosk12.net	Soccer (Girls) March 11th - Okemos Turf Stadium 9th - 12th Grade - 7:15 - 9:00 pm Coach Keith Miller - keith.miller@okemosk12.net
Dance March 5th - Okemos High School Rubber Gym 9th - 12th Grade - 4:15 - 6:00 pm Coach Vanessa Nahat - vanessa.nahat@okemosk12.net	Softball March 11th - Okemos High School Gym 9th - 12th Grade - 3:00 - 5:00 pm Coach Amy Bane - amy.bane@okemosk12.net
Golf (Boys) March 11th - Forest Akers East 9th - 12th Grade - 3 pm (weather permitting) Coach Brian Abbey - kamerondad1@gmail.com	Tennis (Girls) March 11th - 13th - OHS Tennis Courts 9th - 12th Grade - 3:00 - 5:00 pm Coach Olivia Becker - olivia.becker@okemosk12.net
Lacrosse (Boys) March 11th - 13th - Okemos Turf Stadium 9th - 12th Grade - 4:30 - 6:15 pm Coach Mike VanAntwerp - okemoslacrosse@gmail.com	Track & Field March 11th - Gym/Track - weather permitting 9th - 12th Grade - 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Coach Brian Harrod - brian.harrod@okemosk12.net
Lacrosse (Girls) March 11th - 13th - Okemos Turf Stadium 9th - 12th Grade - 6:00 - 7:30 pm Coach Kevin Kaiser - kevin.m.kaiser@comcast.net	Water Polo (Girls) - Co-op with Mason TBA @ Mason High School Coach Betsy Collins - collinsb@masonk12.net

For further information, please click [here](#).

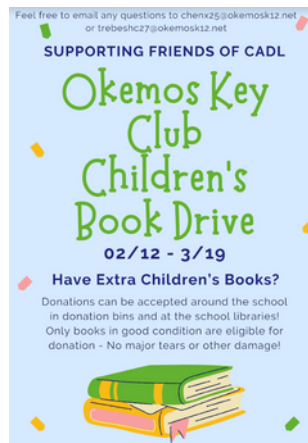
Important NHS Dates

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



OHS Parent Group 03.01.24 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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2024

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/>

WE LOVE TO READ!



MARCH IS READING MONTH

Earn 1 raffle ticket for every book you check out. Winners drawn every Friday.

BOOK CHECKOUT
RAFFLE

Take a selfie reading your favorite books in front of our shelves & we'll post it on Instagram.

#SHELFIE

Read read your book at an appropriate time. Earn tickets from teachers. Win prizes!

GOT CAUGHT
READING

Get a coupon for free Biggby coffee by recording a book talk, posting on social media, & tagging @library.ohs

BOOK TALKS

Like basketball, but with your favorite books. Get a bracket from the library today!

MARCH
MADNESS

Write a short recommendation to be displayed with a book and get entered to win a prize!

STUDENT
BOOK RECS

Presented by the OHS Library

Thank you, Mrs. Mares and Mrs. Joldersma!