From Principal Sermak:

**Important Dates:**

December 17  Choir Concert, 7:30pm  
December 18  Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm  
December 19  Band Concert, 7:30pm  
December 23-January 3  Winter Break (school resumes on January 6)

**OHS Takes a Break:** We encourage everyone to take full advantage of this break and to also make an effort to “unplug”. As educators and parents, we continue to have conversations about the impact technology (specifically cell phones) has on our learning environment and the well-being of our children. At the county principal’s meeting earlier this week, I learned about the *Screenagers* film that will be presented at the Hannah Center in January. Please click on the link below to watch the trailer and learn more. I plan to attend and hope you consider it as well.


Enjoy the break with family and friends!
School News:

**Library Hours:** The library will close at 2:35 Friday, December 20th for Winter Break.

**TALENT SHOW AUDITION INFO MEETING:**
The OHS Talent Show will be here before you know it. If you'd like to audition please attend the info meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 3:00 in the Green Room (behind the auditorium). Auditions will be held on Jan. 9 and 10 after school. Please have at least one representative for your group attend so you can get the necessary information.

**Celebrating Diversity at OHS:** Okemos High School's United in Social Progress group has recently put up the flag of every single country of the world. Our goal is to promote the diversity of our community and evoke respect and acceptance for ourselves and others. We hope these flags inspire parents and students to learn more about each other and the world. We kindly request that you do not try and touch or pull down the flags. #ProgressOHS

**AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION:**
Is your high school student interested in participating in the American Math Competition? Have them sign up with their current math teacher for either the AMC 10 or the AMC 12 depending on their grade level. Cost is $5 and the deadline to sign up is Thursday, January 16, 2020. The AMC will be held in D234 on Thursday, January 30, 2020. If your student is not currently enrolled in a math course at OHS, have them sign up with any math teacher. For further information go to amcinfo@maa.org

**Coat Drive 2019:** Once again this year, we are collecting warm clothing for those in need. We are looking for CLEAN items in good repair. It has gotten significantly colder earlier this fall and there is more need in our area. We are looking for more than just coats; we can use hats, gloves, boots, snow pants, sweatshirts or anything else that will help keep someone warm. Sizes toddler through adult are in need. You can drop off your donations in the Main Office, Guidance Office, or D-232 (Mr. Pline’s room). The final drop off date will be Tuesday December 17th. This is the 26th year for this event and hopefully it will be our most successful.

Counseling News:

**Scholarships: Seniors:** Take time to come into the Counseling Office to browse through the scholarship binder. We have the Tyler Oakley Scholarship available (due 4/22/20), the “Heart of a Mom” Honorarium (due 5/1/20), the Never Back Down Scholarship (for lacrosse athletes due 5/1/20) and the Okemos Masonic Scholarship (due 3/2/20)

**Required Reading:** Read this article with an open mind. It may offer reassurance you need: The Real World Won’t Care Where Your Child Went to College.

Athletic News:

**Home Athletic Contests- Week of 12/16/19:**
Banner project: We are moving forward with our banner project. We will be making our final decision on the banners at the next booster’s meeting. We will need assistance in obtaining records for older teams, if you would like to assist, please let us know at the email below.

Bring back the white letter project: It was brought to our attention that the athletes who are on teams that win district championships or higher use to receive a special white varsity letter instead of the maroon letter. We would like to bring back this tradition, but we will need donations to help offset the costs.

Concession volunteers: If you are not receiving the emails to sign up for concessions and you would like to receive them, please send an email to: ohschiefsconcessions@gmail.com

All basketball games are set up for volunteer participation, so please pick up a game!

Any questions or donations, please send to larry.gerhardt@comcast.net. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 15 at 7:30, place is TBD.

District News:

Board of Education Meeting Summary- Please click on the link for a summary of our latest meeting of the Okemos Board of Education: https://www.okemos12.net/Page/520

OEF APPLE Awards

The Okemos Education Foundation is again offering APPLE Awards to honor teachers and staff this holiday season. 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)…teachers, para-professionals, support staff…Who has touched the life of your student? 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.
OEF APPLE Award Order Form

Recognize an Okemos employee with an OEF APPLE Award and support Okemos students.

Each APPLE Award costs $20, which is a donation to the Okemos Education Foundation. Thank you!

When you purchase an APPLE award, your honored teacher or other employee will receive a personalized, color 5x7 certificate to remember your appreciation, and your gift will be recognized on the OEF website.

APPLE Award Order Form

Order APPLE Awards online: www.oefsite.org/apple

Donor Name: ____________________________  Please list name as you would like to be recognized.  □ Keep my gift anonymous

Phone: ____________________________  Email: ____________________________

Tell us what you want your award to say:

The Okemos Education Foundation is proud to announce that:

__________________________________________ (Who is doing the honoring?)

HAS HONORED

__________________________________________ (Who is being honored?)

Which school? _________________

FOR

__________________________________________ (Tell us why you are honoring this person.)

Continue on back, if necessary. If left blank, the certificate will read: “for making a difference in Okemos schools.”

We will deliver your award for you and email you a receipt. If you prefer to deliver the award yourself, check here: □ and write your address at the bottom of this form.

Thank You! for supporting the OEF and for recognizing excellence in our schools.

Send this completed form, along with $20 (cash or check made payable to “Okemos Education Foundation”) to your student's school office or mail to: OEF, 4406 Okemos Rd, Okemos, MI 48864

Online orders: oefsite.org/apple
This event is an opportunity for interested students and parents to meet the instructors, view classrooms and labs, hear about curriculum and have enrollment questions answered. Please join us!

Wednesday, December 11, 2019
4:30 - 7:30 pm
611 Hagadorn Road, Mason

www.inghamisd.org/wtc — 517.244.1330

Developing the talents of the next generation.
Enjoy a short stack for a tall cause.

You’re invited to an Applebee’s Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support OHS Boys Hockey Team

Tickets are $8.00

When: Dec. 14th, 8am – 10am

Where: Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar
2284 Woodlak Dr
Okemos