From Principal Sermak:

I hope that you have a wonderful winter break with your family and friends.
School will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.
Best wishes for the holiday season!

Christine Sermak

Winter Break: December 23, 2019-January 3, 2020

Important Dates:

- December 23-January 3: Winter Break
- January 6: School resumes

Spring Break 2022 and Beyond: Starting with the 2021-22 school year, the Okemos schools will have spring break the last full week in March.

By law, both spring and winter breaks are commonly established through the local intermediate school district, meaning all public schools within the Ingham ISD share the same spring break and are making this change.

Moving break a week earlier will better align Ingham county with other surrounding counties (many of which have spring break the last week of March) and moves spring break away from the start of the state testing window in April, which has been problematic for districts.

These changes are noted on the district website homepage under the calendar link.

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.

CLICK HERE FOR LINK TO MORE INFO

Enjoy the break with family and friends!
School News:

**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

From the Parent Group: Thank you to all the families who have made a donation to the Parent Group these last few months! Please remember to sign up for Kroger Rewards and Amazon Smile. All proceeds will benefit the parent group which in turn supports our amazing students!

It seems early but planning for Post Prom will be starting! If you are interested in helping out with the planning, please email bmbe01@yahoo.com. A meeting date will be set for early January!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 9am!

Happy Holidays!
OHS Parent Group

Counseling News:

**AP EXAM REGISTRATION:** The 2019-20 Bulletin for AP Students and Parents is now available for all students taking AP exams this May. Students can pick up a paper copy in the Counseling Office or view a PDF copy at https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/ap/2019-10/ap-student-parent-bulletin-2019-20.pdf

**PSAT 8/9:** Ninth Graders- please come to the counseling office to pick up your PSAT Summary Score Report.
**SCHOLARSHIPS for SENIORS:** 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).

**SENIORS:** Lansing Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. sponsoring a scholarship writing workshop Saturday, January 11 at St. Stephen's Community Church from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. RSVP by Friday, January 3, 2020 at dstlacscholarship@gmail.com

**Athletic News:**

**Home Athletic Contests:**

**Friday 12/27**
FR/JV Boys Basketball vs Ypsilanti Lincoln 5:30 & 7:00PM

**Friday 1/3/20**
FR Boys Basketball vs Pewamo-Westphalia 4PM
JV/VAR Boys Basketball vs Stoney Creek 5:30/7:00PM (Beach Theme)
Hockey vs Cap City 8:30PM

**Tuesday 1/7/20**
FR/JV/VAR Girls Basketball vs Mason- 4:00/5:30/7:00PM
Skiing @ Mt. Brighton- 4:55PM

**Thursday 1/9/20**
Skiing @ Mt. Brighton 4:55PM
FR/JV Boys vs Waverly- 5:30/7:00PM
Swimming vs Grand Ledge- 6:00PM

**Friday 1/10/20**
Hockey vs Jackson Lumen Christi- 6:30PM

**Tickets for the Washtenaw County Showcase at EMU** where the Varsity Boys Basketball team will face Ypsilanti Lincoln on Saturday 12/28/19 at 8PM can be purchased at this site: [https://www.emich.edu/emutix/event.php?event=748](https://www.emich.edu/emutix/event.php?event=748)

You may also purchase them at the gate for $12. (Black Out Theme)

**Spring Sports Begin March 9, 2020.** You MUST have a physical on file in the Athletic Office before this date to practice or tryout. Spring Sports Offered include: Track, Baseball, Softball, Girls Soccer, Lacrosse, Boys Golf, Girls Tennis, and Girls Water Polo. Now would be a good time to make sure you have submitted your physical and/or set an appointment to get your physical scheduled so you don’t miss out.
**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.

**Athletic Calendar**
https://www.okemosk12.net/domain/3116

**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.okemosk12.net/Page/520