From Principal Sermak:

Important Dates:

December 11  Early Release Day: students dismissed at 12:35pm
December 17  Choir Concert, 7:30pm
December 18  Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm
December 19  Band Concert, 7:30pm
December 23-January 3  Winter Break

Mark Your Calendars:

Spring Conferences (dates and times):

- Monday, March 16, 4:00-7:00
- Wednesday, March 18, 3:30-6:30
- Tuesday, March 24, 3:30 - 6:30

Testing Out Dates for the 2020-2021 School Year, August 3-7, 2020

Beginning the School Day and Attendance: Protecting instructional time and limiting disruptions to the learning environment are important to us. Being on time is a lifelong skill. We will follow our attendance policy regarding tardies (please review pages 54-59 of the Student-Parent Handbook).

When you call to inform us of your student's absence, please provide complete information so that we may determine if it is an excused absence in accordance with the Student-Parent Handbook guidelines. In your message, be sure to give us your name, spell your student's name, and give us the date, time, and reason your student will be missing class.

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

Okemos Archery is putting together a Coed team of 15 for the 2020 season! High School Team tryouts are December 9 - 12. There are still openings sign up today!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4EADAE2CA5FE3-high
**Wilson Talent Center Open House:** If your child is interested in the Wilson Talent Center, please think about attending the Wilson Talent Center Open House on December 11 from 4:30-7:30. Students can do a formal program visit (that they need in order to apply) at the Open House too. This is a great opportunity to experience all that WTC has to offer!

**Schuler Books** of Okemos donated another 40 advance uncorrected galleys of 2019-20 young adult books to the OHS Library Media Center. These titles have been popular with our readers and are available on our donated book cart by the door of the library.

A warm thank you to:

- Schuler Books for donating over 600 titles since 2013 to our "Give a Donated Book a New Home" literacy project
- Individual students, parents and teachers (you know who you are!)

Your gift of reading material and support to our library is greatly appreciated.

Remember you too could be a donor. Just contact the library staff to donate funds or "like-new" reading material.

**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)

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**Athletic News:**

**Boosters meeting** Tuesday 12/10 7:30PM at Henry's Place in Okemos

**Home Athletic Contests Week of December 9th:**

**Wednesday 12/11**
6:00PM- Wrestling vs Holt
6:00PM- Hockey vs East Grand Rapids at Munn Arena (MSU)

**Thursday 12/12**
5:30/7:00PM- Freshman/JV Boys Basketball vs Grand Ledge

**Saturday 12/14**
8:30PM Hockey vs Kalamazoo Loy Norrix

**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

**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

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Okemos