From Principal Sermak:

**Important Dates:**

- **February 24**: 2020-2021 Scheduling Process Begins (see below)
- **February 26**: Early Release, dismissal 12:35pm
- **March 4**: Diversity Assembly
- **March 6**: Spaghetti Dinner (support the k-12 music programs!)
- **March 9**: Spring Sports begin (be sure you have a current physical on file)
- **March 10**: 8th Grade Parent Transition Meeting, OHS Aud, 6:30pm
- **March 11**: Parent Group Meeting
- **March 16**: Parent Teacher Conferences, 4-7p.m., (see below)
- **March 18 & 24**: Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30-6:30p.m.
- **April 14**: SAT and PSAT 9 (JR and FR only, no school for SR and SO)
- **April 15**: ACT WorkKeys and PSAT 10 (JR and SO only, no school for SR and FR)

**2020-2021 Scheduling:**

Counselors will be visiting OHS English classes the week of February 24 to explain the 2020-2021 scheduling process and to hand out paperwork. 9th-11th graders without an OHS English class will be invited to a scheduling presentation during Flex on February 27. If students are unable to attend the Flex presentation or are absent during a classroom presentation, scheduling materials will be available in the Counseling Office.

Signed scheduling paperwork will be collected during counselor meetings as follows:

- Week of March 2 - 9th graders will meet during science classes
- Week of March 9 - 10th graders will meet during social studies classes
- Week of March 16 - 11th graders will meet during social studies classes

*Students who are not enrolled in grade level science or social studies classes, or are absent, will meet with counselors on Friday of their designated week

**P/T Conferences:** Our parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled online. This enables OHS to honor parent/guardian time as well as to inform teachers of which parents/guardians they will be speaking with so they are better able to prepare for each conversation.

The conference scheduler is now active. Please be sure to schedule your conference at: [https://www.myconferencetime.com/okemoshs](https://www.myconferencetime.com/okemoshs).

Spring conferences will be held on March 16 from 4-7 p.m. and March 18 & 24 3:30-6:30 p.m.

- All conferences are in the Rubber Gym, so travel time should not be an issue.  
- Please only take one time slot per student/household, per teacher/class.  
- If a counselor appointment is desired, an appointment may be made through the guidance office during school hours.

If you have any questions, please call the main office at 517-706-4904 or 517-706-4902.
School News:

Parent Group: The next parent group meeting is March 11 at 9am at OHS. The post prom committee has started planning! Attached is some general information about post prom - what is post prom, when is post prom, who attends post prom, etc. A sign up for donations and volunteering for this event will be coming out in the next few weeks, but donations can be sent in at any time to the office and are greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who uses Kroger Community Rewards and Amazon Smile to help support the parent group. If you haven't yet signed up for Kroger Community Rewards, here is our NPO# EH042!

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IMPORTANT POST PROM INFORMATION

What is post-prom? Post-prom is a social event held at OHS from 12:00 - 3:00 AM following prom (May 16, 2020) open to all Junior and Senior students and their guests, whether or not they attended prom. Students do not wear prom-attire to this event. In both gyms a variety of fun activities are available, e.g. Inflatables, Laser Tag, Casino, relaxation area, massage, tattoo artists, cartoonists as well as refreshments and an espresso bar in the cafeteria. Prizes are distributed at the end of the evening based on tickets earned throughout the night.

Why hold this event? Post-prom offers our students a fun and safe option for enjoying their hours after prom ends. It's held in an environment that is familiar and where they understand the rules (no drugs, alcohol, sex). School employees, administrators and parent volunteers provide supervision. This is a very fun tradition for OHS students and attendance is typically higher at this event than it is at prom.

What does it cost? Tickets to the 2020 post-prom event are $25 per person. This, however, does not cover all expenses with total cost being about $12,000; only 60% is covered by ticket sales. Keeping the ticket price low encourages more students to attend, making the event more fun and ensuring the safety of more of our students. However, this requires additional fundraising.

There are many expenses related to prom, but please consider making a donation of whatever level you can to ensure that this event is possible. Not only does post prom offer students enjoyable memories of their high school years, but also ensures that our students are in a safe, supervised location on what can be a very dangerous night for teens.

Alternatively, checks made out to Okemos High School Parent Group with Post Prom in the subject line can be sent to the OHS Main Office at any time.

Thank you for your support of 2020 post-prom!

Michelle Renfrew, bmbe01@yahoo.com, cell 517.420.6365
KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Okemos High School Parent Group is now enrolled into Kroger Community Rewards Program. This is an easy way to raise money for OHS!

Every time you pay for Kroger grocery shopping, OHS Parent Group will receive a portion from Kroger. It is a great way to show your support with only a few clicks on your computer, but without any monetary spending!

If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, please go to the Kroger Customer Service desk to obtain one at no cost.

If you have a Kroger Plus card already, please go to http://krogercommunityrewards.com/ to create an online account. Then sign in to enroll the program. Kroger has recently upgraded the Community Rewards system. As a result of the system upgrading, OHS Parent Group has a new NPO number EH042 to replace old NPO #16825.

Please swipe your Kroger Plus card when you check out at Kroger stores.

Remember: Purchases will not count for Okemos High School Parent Group until after you register your card.

If you have any questions, stop into their customer service desk at our local Kroger.

Okemos High School Parent Group appreciates your participation! Thank you! 😊

Puerto Rico June 2021

Don’t miss out on the chance to see what beautiful Puerto Rico has to offer...including El Yunque - which hosts the island’s famous coquí frog and a diverse ecosystem! There’s a lot more to experience! Don’t miss out! Plus, take advantage of early enrollment savings! Please contact Señora McNeil if you have any questions at elizabeth.mcneil@okemosk12.net

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check out the website for more information about this great opportunity!

Go to educationaltravel.com/register Trips ID: Okemos-2021
Counseling News:

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**
**SENIORS:** - check out the scholarship binder in the Counseling Office for a number of various scholarships available. Included are the **Okemos Masonic Scholarship** (due 3/2/20), the **Tyler Oakley Scholarship** (due 4/22/20), the **“Heart of a Mom” Honorarium** (due 5/1/20), and the **Never Back Down Scholarship** (for lacrosse athletes due 5/1/20). Also check the OHS website under Counselors - Post-Secondary Options - Scholarship Information for a list of various scholarships as well.

The OHS Counselors are pleased to announce that the Okemos Education Foundation has approved a grant to provide many new materials to the Zen Den, including a weighted lap blanket, sound machine, rock garden, and meditation books. Our counseling office lobby now has a tea station and essential oil diffuser. We encourage all students to stop by the office for a cup of tea or to use the Zen Den if they are experiencing any stress or anxiety. **Thank you to the OEF!**

Athletic News:

**Athletic Calendar:** [https://www.okemosk12.net/domain/3116](https://www.okemosk12.net/domain/3116)
**Participation Fee:** [https://okemosk12.revtrak.net/athletics/#/list](https://okemosk12.revtrak.net/athletics/#/list)

**Home Contests Week of 2/24/20**
**Tuesday 2/25**
Girls Basketball vs Everett (Senior Night)- FR/JV/VAR 4:00/5:30/7:00

**Thursday 2/27**
FR/JV Boys Basketball vs DeWitt- 5:30/7:00

**Other Athletic Contests:**
Skiing State Finals at Boyne- 2/24 (Good Luck to Sarra Guggemos)
Boys Basketball at Everett- 2/24
FR/JV Girls Basketball at DeWitt -2/27
Unified Basketball vs Haslett at Mason High School- 2/27 @ 6:15PM
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ DeWitt
Hockey Regional vs Fenton/Linden vs Hartland Winner- 2/29 @ 7PM at Hartland Sports Arena
Boys Swim/Dive CAAC Finals at St Johns- 2/28-29

Water Polo Parent Meeting- 2/24 @ 6PM in the Kiva
Spring Sports season begins on March 9th, but only for those athletes that have a completed physical on file in the athletic office. Please take care of this so you don't miss out on the start of your season! Spring Sports down time is from March 1-8, no organized team activities are allowed during the down time.

Booster’s Club: The Booster Club is moving forward with the Banner Project. We will be selling sponsors for each sport’s banner at a cost of $300 with $100 going to the sport of the sponsor’s choice. If interested in sponsoring or providing a business who might be interested, please contact Kari Ann Brown at kariann1963@gmail.com. We will have our next meeting Monday February 24, 2020 at Henry’s Place at 7:30. Please join us!

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

OMP SPAGHETTI DINNER

A night of Music & Spaghetti
Supporting all K-12 Music Programs at Okemos Public Schools

Friday, March 6, 2020
4:30pm - 7:30pm
Okemos High School Commons

Dine-In, Take-Out, or Drive-Thru

Adult: $8  Child: $4
Tickets available at the door

Parent and Friends Signup: https://signup.com/go/Mivzrvp

Student Signup: https://signup.com/go/ePjMrMsV
(Qualifies for NHS volunteer hours)
Introducing the SAT Practice Test!

Okemos High School and Sylvan Learning are teaming up to help you prepare for the SAT.

The SAT exam is coming - are you ready?

Workshop includes a 30 minute presentation on tips and strategies, followed by a full length practice test.

Students will also receive 30 days access to sylvanprep.com which has a video review for each question on the test.

Saturday, March 7th
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Okemos High School Commons

Just $20

To register, fill out the form below and return it, along with your payment, to Mrs. Williams in Room C227. (Make checks to Okemos High School 2800 Jolly Rd. Okemos, MI 48864) You must register by March 4th. Please bring a calculator, pencils, water, and a snack.

Registration

Student name ______________________________ grade __________________

Parent name ______________________________ phone __________________

Street address ____________________________ City __________________ Zip __________

Email ________________________________

*students will access scores via www.sylvanprep.com. Email address will be used as username