From Principal Sermak:

**Important Dates:**

February 12  Count Day

February 13  Touch of Class charity luncheon (tickets on sale now - see below)

Diversity Assembly Auditions (after school in auditorium)

"Surviving (and Maybe Even Liking) Your Teens" at Chippewa, 7pm

February 14  NHS Informational Meeting, lunch hours

Autism Awareness Basketball Games, OHS wood gym, 6pm and 7:30pm

February 17 & 18  No School

February 26  Early Release, dismissal 12:35pm

March 9  Spring Sports begin (be sure you have a current physical on file)

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)

**Touch of Class (all-school charity lunch on February 13):** Touch of Class is the only fundraiser we have to support Okemos Cares. We encourage all students and staff to attend the charity luncheon on Thursday, February 13. Tickets are $7.00 each and are on sale until Tuesday, February 11. If there is a financial need, please contact a counselor.

[https://okemosk12.revtrak.net/high-school/touch-of-class-gr/](https://okemosk12.revtrak.net/high-school/touch-of-class-gr/) or during the lunch hours for cash or check (made payable to: OHS- Touch of Class).

Lunch menu includes: Olive Garden Tasty Twist and Pepsi.

**School News:**

**NHS INFO:** Invitations to apply for the National Honor Society were emailed out to those eligible. An information meeting about NHS membership will occur on 2/14 during A & B lunch in the KIVA. The NHS Blood Drive occurs on 2/21 - Sign up at lunch!

**The class of 2022 is looking for parent volunteers to chaperone the winter formal dance** on Saturday, February 22nd, 2020. The dance is from 8:30 - 11:00pm and chaperones are needed from 8:00-11:00pm. Please fill out this google form if you are interested and contact Trisha Funk with any questions or concerns. Thank you! [https://forms.gle/L53WD1YURTWWjAB6](https://forms.gle/L53WD1YURTWWjAB6)
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

-or-

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

Go to educationaltravel.com/register Trip ID: Okemos-2021

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)

The Early College @ LCC Informational Session:
Sophomores - Interested sophomores are invited to an informational session about The Early College in the Kiva during Flex on Thursday, February 13. Parents interested in learning more about the Early College can find more information and the schedule of evening presentations at https://www.lcc.edu/community/college-credit-in-hs/earlycollege/. Only sophomores are eligible to apply to this program. See Mrs. Akers for more information.

Athletic News:

Athletic Calendar: https://www.okemosk12.net/domain/3116
Participation Fee: https://okemosk12.revtrak.net/athletics/#/list

Senior Spring Athletes- If you are a Senior and played on the varsity in a Spring Sport last year, we are coordinating a picture to be used for a Spring Sports Poster. In order to have it in time for the Spring Season, we need to take this picture before Spring Sports begin. The picture will be taken in the Wood Gym on Thursday 2/20 at 2:50PM. Please make arrangements with your Spring Sports coach for any uniforms, apparel or equipment you want/need for the picture. Posters will be available (hopefully?) at Meet the Chiefs on March 17th and in the Athletic Office after Meet the Chiefs.
Autism Speaks Basketball Games: The Boys & Girls Varsity Basketball games vs Waverly on February 14th are being designated as Autism Awareness games through Autism Speaks (https://www.autismspeaks.org/press-release/autism-speaks-teams-ncaa-basketball-coaches-and-fans-coaches-powering-forward). Okemos Alum Anthony Ianni will be our guest that evening. Anthony was the first Division 1 Basketball player to play with Autism. We will also ask for all non playing attendees to wear blue which is the color designated for Autism Awareness, and we also ask that everyone not playing remain silent for the first 4 minutes of each game. Many people with autism have sensory issues, including loud noises, and we want to use this as an opportunity to raise awareness about Autism. Please come and join us for what promises to be great games and an informative evening.

Home Games- Week of February 10, 2020

Tuesday 2/11/20
FR/JV/VAR Boys Basketball vs Eaton Rapids- 4:00/5:30/7:00

Thursday 2/13/20
FR/JV Girls Basketball vs Waverly- 5:30/7:00
Boys Swim/Dive vs East Lansing (Senior Night)- 6:00

Friday 2/14/20
Girls & Boys Varsity Basketball vs Waverly- 6:00/7:30

MHSAA Post Season Play
Tuesday 2/11- Skiing Regionals @ Cannonsburg 9:30AM
Wednesday 2/12- Wrestling Districts @ Eastern 6PM
Saturday 2/15- Individual Wrestling Districts @ Jackson- 10AM
Sunday 2/16- Girls Basketball Bracket Day (District Assignments set- games at Jackson NW week of March 2nd)

We have a student group that is helping update the bulletin board outside the athletic office with Okemos Graduates that are playing sports in college. We need help identifying those players we are missing. We would like a digital picture of them in their college uniform or other college team apparel. Just the individual, not a group picture. Please send those pictures to brian.fuller@okemosk12.net. We will also request pictures from our current seniors, once they get in school and have the chance to get their uniform.

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:

**Headlee Restoration for Special Education:** On March 10, 2020, Ingham Intermediate School District will have a question on the ballot regarding a Headlee Restoration for Special Education. In the Ingham ISD service area, which includes our district, the Special Education Millage has eroded .2438 mill since 1988. As a result, Ingham ISD has been collecting less revenue than originally approved by taxpayers for special education students.

This restoration would cost homeowners with a market value of $125,000 or a taxable value of $62,500, $15.24 per year or $1.27 per month. If approved, this restoration would generate approximately $2,300,000 for students with special education needs. If not approved, it will not reduce your home property taxes.

Every registered voter who lives in our school district, whether a property owner, or not, is eligible to vote. For more information, to review frequently asked questions or view the ballot language, please visit the Ingham ISD website at [www.inghamisd.org](http://www.inghamisd.org).

**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](https://www.okemos12.net/Page/520)

**Chippewa Parent Group invites you** to mark your calendar for our evening speaker meeting on February 13th at 7pm in the Large Group Meeting Room. Jana Aupperlee will present "Surviving (and Maybe Even Liking) Your Tweens and Teens." Jana is a nationally certified School Psychologist, a Licensed Psychologist in the state of Michigan, the Training Co-Director of the Mid-Michigan Psychology Internship Consortium and the Director of the Ph.D. program in School Psychology at MSU. Her research interests include cognitive-behavioral therapy for children and adolescents with anxiety, depression and challenging behaviors and helping parents/guardians to promote mental health at home. All are welcome! Please see our flyer below and/or our Facebook page for event details.
Please join us for a discussion about

**MSU Programs for**

**Children in Grades 2 - 12**

Speaker: special guest Susan Sheth or Jessica Bilodeau

from MSU’s Office of Gifted & Talented Education—”GATE”

Monday, February 10, 2020

Okemos Public Library (4321 Okemos Road)

7:00 p.m.

SOAR is an organization of parents, educators and others in the community who support high-ability students. We strive to address the unique academic, emotional, and social needs of high-ability children.

SOAR needs new faces and fresh ideas! Consider making a difference for your high-ability child by joining SOAR. It is a wonderful opportunity to network, share information, and advocate for your child.
Okemos Archery Club
Asian Buffet Fundraiser

No need to bring a flyer or email!

Located in the Target Plaza, across from the mall
Happily serving the area for over 20 years!

Dine at Asian Buffet on
Tuesday, February 18th
between 5pm - 9pm
and a portion of your purchase will support the Okemos Archery Club!

Address: 4920 Marsh Rd, Okemos
Join us as we recognize the proud history of Okemos athletics by redesigning and installing new Championship Banners at our Okemos High School competition venues! Recognition in the gymnasium has not been updated in over 4 years. We are compiling an accurate history of team titles across all levels, from Leagues to State Finals. Beginning in the gym, all 28 Varsity sports will receive an individual banner listing the achievements of the past, with room for titles of the future. Phase two of the project will see the installation of banners at each of our competitive venues, specific to the sports held at each.

Your Okemos Athletic Boosters are committed to our mission of supporting Okemos athletics!

**Show Your Support :: Sponsor a Sport**

- Championship Sponsor Banner: $300 annually
- $100 of the proceeds from banner will be earmarked for the team of your choice. If different than "Team Banner" please indicate below.
- Space sold on a first-come, first-serve basis per sport.
- Dimensions: 4’ x 2’, horizontal
- Logo Artwork: .pdf, .jpg, .png formats only
- Design accommodations can be made for non-standard dimensions/logo.
- Layout will be performed by OAB, approved by both client & Okemos Public Schools.

For sales & information, please contact Karl Ann Brown at:
Phone: 517.696.5208 OR Email: kariann1953@gmail.com