From Principal Sermak:

Important Dates:

January 15-17   Final Exams, 10:55am dismissal
January 20     No School MLK Day
January 21     Semester 2 begins (check schedules on PowerSchool)
January 22     Parent Group Meeting, 9:00am
January 29     Early Release, 12:35pm dismissal

Final Exams:  Final exams are on Wednesday, January 15, Thursday, January 16, and Friday, January 17. Students will be dismissed at 10:55 a.m. each day.

Library Hours during OHS exams:
Jan 14 and 16: open until 2:35 pm for students to study.
Jan 17: closed at 10:55 am.

Spring Break 2022 and Beyond:  To clarify, starting with the 2021-22 school year, the Okemos schools will have spring break the last week in March (not the last full week). We did not want wording to interfere with planning. The dates are as follows which are posted on our website:

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Please note that the 2021-22 calendar is not fully established yet, as areas outside of the common spring and winter breaks are negotiated with our local bargaining units.

School News:

YEARBOOK INFO: Yearbook prices go up after January 31st. Order now to save money! See our website on how to order. yearbookokemos.weebly.com

SENIOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Senior Tribute Ad Information Below:
Please click on the following link to place a senior tribute ad: https://www.jostens.com/apps/jcom/router.mvc?affiliateld=1063655
The last day to order is Monday, March 9th at midnight.

SHOE DRIVE: Okemos High School will be hosting a Shoe Drive for Souls4Soles from January 27th to February 10th. When you donate your gently used shoes of any kind (sneakers, sandals, etc), Souls4Soles will distribute them to children and adults living in poverty in 127 countries around the world. Donations should be placed in the box in the Main Office. Thank you for contributing to this great cause! Event is being organized by student council.
**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!

**Counseling News:**


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

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Seniors - take time to come into the Counseling Office to browse through the scholarship binder. We have the Okemos Masonic Scholarship (due 3/2/2020), The APAWA Scholarship (due 3/27/2020), the Tyler Oakley Scholarship (due 4/22/2020), the “Heart of a Mom” Honorarium (due 5/1/2020), and the Never Back Down Scholarship (due 5/1/2020) to name a few.

**Athletic News:**

**Home Athletic Contests Week of January 13, 2020**

**Tuesday 1/14:**
FR/JV/VAR Boys Basketball vs East Lansing- 4:00/5:30/7:00PM
Skiing at Mt. Brighton 5:00PM

**Wednesday 1/15:** Wrestling vs Waverly- 6:00PM
Thursday 1/16: Skiing at Mt. Brighton 5:00PM

Friday 1/17: Hockey vs Mid Michigan Marauders 6:30PM @ Suburban Ice Arena

Saturday 1/18: Wrestling- Adam Nevells Memorial Tournament 9AM

Spring Sports Begin March 9th- Have you submitted your completed physical?

Banner project:
We are moving forward in our banner project. We will be making our final decision on the banners at the next boosters 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. 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 like them, please send an email to this address: ohschiefsconcessions@gmail.com

They will get you set up. All basketball games are set up for volunteers participation, so pick your 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:

Headlee Restoration for Special Education
Dear Staff and Families,

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.

Thank you.

Asbestos Notice – The Okemos School District has conducted an extensive asbestos survey of all buildings and continues to monitor all remaining asbestos containing materials. This is accomplished through periodic surveillance and a re-inspection every three years. Based on the findings of these inspections a management plan was drafted and is available for public review.

Pesticide Notice – It is the practice of Okemos Public Schools to use a “NO SPRAY” policy for the use of pesticides in any area where children or staff are present. In certain emergencies, pesticides may have to be used. The Michigan Dept. of Agriculture requires the following notice: Parents and guardians of children attending school are to be notified by school administrators of the right to be informed prior to any application of a pesticide at their school. If you need a prior notification, please notify June Hicks at June.Hicks@okemosk12.net.

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
DONATE WHILE YOU DINE!

Visit Culver's of Okemos (3440 Okemos Rd) on Tuesday, January 28th 5-10 pm and we will donate a percentage of sales to Okemos HS Boys Swim and Dive

Give LOCAL

FOOD. FAMILY. FUTURE.

Come on in to your local Culver's restaurant:

Culver's of Okemos (Okemos Rd)
3440 Okemos Rd. Okemos, MI 48864
(517) 993-0960

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CULVER'S.COM
Support us at our Coaches vs. Cancer

**SUITS AND SNEAKERS GAME!**

Join the 3-Point Challenge by donating funds at the URL below to support our game on January 24 at OHS, 7:30 PM

**Support our Suits And Sneakers game today!**

We’re competing against schools across the country to be crowned the Suits And Sneakers champion, so wear your sneakers to the game and help us save lives from cancer! All proceeds help the American Cancer Society save lives and celebrate life. Every single day.

FOLLOW US on the national leaderboard at SuitsAndSneakers.org.

https://pledgeit.org/cvc20-okemos-high-school-mi

OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL BOY’S VARSITY BASKETBALL