From Principal Sermak:

**Important Dates:**

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  

February 13  Touch of Class charity luncheon (tickets on sale now- see below)  
"Surviving (and Maybe Even Liking) Your Teens" at Chippewa, 7pm  

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

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**Touch of Class**

The 21st annual student-organized Touch of Class charity luncheon will be held on 

**Thursday, February 13 during an all-school lunch.**

All proceeds will be donated to Okemos Cares (assisting OHS students in financial need).  
Last year, we raised over $4,000 and sold over 550 tickets!

**Tickets will be sold during the lunch hours until February 11 for $7 each.**

You can also use a credit card and purchase them online:

[https://okemosk12.revtrak.net/high-school/touch-of-class-gr/](https://okemosk12.revtrak.net/high-school/touch-of-class-gr/)

This year’s luncheon is sponsored by **Olive Garden**, **Pepsi** and **Tasty Twist**.  
The event is chaired by a very dedicated and hardworking executive committee
comprised of two seniors (Eli Allaire and Maddie Sermak)  
and two juniors (Tommy Balesky and Lilia Pincheira).  

We hope that your student joins us for this spectacular event.

If a student has a financial need and would like to attend, please contact a counselor.

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**School News:**

**Parents Involved in Research:** The Science Research Seminar class is looking for speakers for semester 2 who would like to share their work and experiences with them. This class revolves around students learning about and performing the research process usually in science or medicine, but it can be any subject area. The class is first hour, approximately 7:45-8:42 AM. If you are interested in being a guest speaker in our class please contact Denise Facione:  
denise.facione@okemosk12.net.

**YEARBOOK INFO:** Yearbook prices go up after January 31st. Order now to save money!  
See our website on how to order.  
[yearbookokemos.weebly.com](http://yearbookokemos.weebly.com)
Senior Tribute Ad Information: Please click on the 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.

Counseling News:

**PSAT 8/9: 9th Graders** - Come to the counseling office to pick up your PSAT Summary Report.

**SCHOLARSHIPs: Seniors** - Come into the Counseling Office to browse through the scholarship binder. 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: Athletic Calendar: [https://www.okemosk12.net/domain/3116](https://www.okemosk12.net/domain/3116)

**Home Athletic Contests- Week of January 20, 2020**

- **Tuesday 1/21/20**
  - FR/JV/VAR Boys Basketball vs Everett- 4:00/5:30/7:00PM
  - Skiing @ Mt. Brighton 4:55PM

- **Wednesday 1/22/20**
  - Wrestling vs Everett 6PM

- **Thursday 1/23/20**
  - FR/JV Girls Basketball vs DeWitt 5:30/7:00PM
  - Skiing @ Mt. Brighton 4:55PM

- **Friday 1/24/20**
  - VAR Girls & Boys Basketball vs DeWitt- 6:00/7:30PM

**Cancer Benefit Game**: The varsity boys basketball players will be selling rubber glow-in-the-dark bracelets for three dollars each at each of the lunches Tuesday through Friday next week to support the coaches for cancer benefit game on Friday night.

**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.

**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](https://www.okemosk12.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.
Support us at our Coaches vs. Cancer Suits and Sneakers Game!

COACHES VS CANCER
Suits & Sneakers
NABC

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://pledgetlt.org/cwc38-okemos-high-school-mi
OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

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

Culver's

Come on in to your local Culver's restaurant:
Culver’s of Okemos (Okemos Rd)
3440 Okemos Rd, Okemos, MI 48864
(517) 293-4990