From Principal Sermak:

**Important Dates:**

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**2020-2021 Scheduling:**

Counselors will be visited OHS English classes last week to explain the 2020-2021 scheduling process and to hand out paperwork. If students were unable to attend the Flex presentation or are absent during a classroom presentation, scheduling materials are available in the Counseling Office. If students lost their paperwork, copies are available in their Class of 202_ Google Classroom.

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 receive an email with their scheduled meeting time.

**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/okemosh](https://www.myconferencetime.com/okemosh).

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:

Dear Staff and Families,

**Don’t forget to vote on March 10!**

On March 10, 2020, a question regarding a Headlee Special Education Restoration will be on the ballot. 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 would generate approximately $2,300,000 for students with special education needs in the Ingham ISD service area, which includes our school district. If not approved, your home property taxes will not be reduced.

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).

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**March is READing Month @ OHS:** *March 9-13: Get rewarded for reading!* Readers who check out a book during this week will receive a coupon for a cookie or ice cream. One coupon per library patron.

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**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!
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.

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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
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!

The Early College at LCC 2020-2021 applications:
The Early College is a program for students entering their junior year of high school who are looking for an opportunity to move into a college environment. Early College Students have an opportunity to earn up to 60 tuition-free college credits. Check out this video to learn more: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0AZR6UqBVg. Any current sophomores interested in applying to The Early College need to submit their applications to Mrs. Akers by 2:35 p.m. on Friday, March 20.

2020 AP Exam Deadline:
The last day to cancel any 2020 AP Exams is Friday, March 13. Students need to notify Mrs. Akers before noon on March 13, in order to get a partial refund. Students are only allowed to cancel exams for which they are self-studying, they must take the exam if enrolled in the course at OHS or through Michigan Virtual.

College Visit:
GMCA (Greater MI Construction Academy) - Tuesday, March 3 - in front of the cafeteria during both lunches

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

Home Athletic Contests Week of March 2, 2020

Thursday 3/5
FR/JV/VAR Boys Basketball vs Caledonia (Senior Night)- 4:00/5:30/7:00

Girls Basketball Districts @ Jackson NW
Wednesday 3/4 @ 5:30 PM vs Holt-Everett Winner
Friday 3/6 Finals @ 7PM
Dive Regional- Thursday 3/5 @ Jenison

Girls Lacrosse Parent Meeting- Monday 3/2 @ 6PM in the Kiva

Girls Soccer Preseason Meeting- Tuesday 3/3 @ in the Library 6PM

Boys Golf- Players interested in playing this spring should make sure to get on the contact list. You may contact Grant Hinterman, Mario Migaldi, or stop by the Athletic Office.

Girls Tennis- Player meeting on Friday 3/6 at 3PM in the Kiva

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/ePjrMsV
(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
8:00a.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