From Principal Sermak:

**Important Dates:**

- **March 9**: Spring Sports begin (reminder: current physical form and athletic fee)
- **March 10**: 8th Grade Parent Transition Meeting, OHS Aud, 6:30pm
- **March 11**: Parent Group Meeting, 9am
- **March 16**: Parent Teacher Conferences, 4-7p.m. (see below to register)
- **March 17**: Meet the Chiefs, 7pm
- **March 18 & 24**: Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30-6:30pm (see below to register)

**2020-2021 Scheduling**: Counselors 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 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 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.*

**Don’t forget to vote on March 10!** On March 10, 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).

**P/T Conferences**: Schedule your conference at: [https://www.myconferencetime.com/okemoshs](https://www.myconferencetime.com/okemoshs). If you have any questions, please call the main office at 517-706-4904 or 517-706-4902.

**School News:**

**Okemos High School Spring Testing Schedule**

*PLEASE NOTE* ALL STUDENTS NEED TO BRING A PHOTO ID TO TEST. JUNIORS BRING ID BOTH DAYS. Juniors must also bring their school issued computer on April 15th for the M-STEP!

Students must also bring two pencils, an approved calculator, and snacks. **Juniors bring your school issued computer, fully charged, April 15th.** Do NOT bring a cell phone or backpack unless you plan to secure it in your locker. Backpacks and cell phones will not be allowed in the testing rooms or testing hallways.
Room Assignments will be posted in lower A/B Hall as well as outside the cafeteria in the days leading up to testing.

**Tuesday, April 14, 2020**

9th    PSAT 9       7:45 am until 11:00 am (dismissed after testing)

10th and 12th No School

11th   SAT         7:45 am until approximately 1:30 pm (dismissed after testing)

Students will be dismissed after testing. Transportation will be provided for those students that need transportation. If your student needs transportation, please return the transportation request form to the main office that was emailed to you on March 2. Boxed lunch options will be available for students to purchase through their student lunch accounts. Free/reduced lunch applies.

**Wednesday, April 15, 2020**

9th and 12th No School

10th   PSAT 10     7:45 am until approximately 11:00 am (dismissed after testing)

11th   ACT WorkKeys 7:45-11:00 am AND

M-STEP 11:15 am -1:15 pm (dismissed after testing)

Students will be dismissed after testing. Transportation will be provided for those students that need transportation. If your student needs transportation, please return the transportation request form to the main office that was emailed to you on March 2. Boxed lunch options will be available for students to purchase through their student lunch accounts. Free/reduced lunch applies.

**Borrowed Devices & Personal Device Repairs:**

- With the M-STEP being an online assessment it is imperative that Juniors bring their fully charged school computers to school with them on Wednesday, April 15th. Personal computers will not be allowed for testing.

- If your device needs repair, please take it to the LMC by Wednesday, March 25th.

- Any student that has borrowed a temp device from the LMC, please return it by Tuesday, March 24th. During the spring testing window, the LMC will not be able to issue temporary devices.

**SADD- Students Against Destructive Decisions** will be hosting a fundraiser at Asian Buffet on Thursday, March 12th from 4-8 PM. Please turn their frowns upside down by supporting their mission to empower young people to make positive decisions and to expand on new projects.
20% of the buffet earnings will go to SADD so please come! See Mrs. Reed, Kristen Tran or Jessica Wang for more info.

Talent Show Pictures Needed: If anyone has any pictures of this years talent show please send them to yearbook@okemosk12.net as soon as possible.

Key Club: The Okemos High School Key Club is hosting a book drive to donate to Letts Community Center. Please bring used or unused books to D-231 (Saros), B117 (McNeil), A-201 (Duffield), or C-211 (Facione) between March 9th and March 13th.

March is READing Month Activities Continue in the Library

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.

March 16-20: Library Scrabble: Students earned prizes by creating words with our giant Scrabble pieces in the library display.

March 19: #tbt (Throwback Thursday) Students may read some of their favorite books from elementary school in the library.

Parent Group: The next Parent Group meeting is Wednesday, March 11 at OHS at 9am, everyone is welcome!

The Parent Group continues to seek donations to help support the activities sponsored throughout the year. Below is a link to make an online donation through WePay, which is the system the Parent Group has used the last few years. This link will also allow you to review and sign up for donations (prizes or monetary) to help support the Post Prom event. Click this link which will direct you to “2020 Donations for Okemos Parent Group: https://signup.com/go/LgnUPzh

Post Prom begins at 11:30 pm on May 16 and the planning has already started!

The link for parents to volunteer during post prom and to donate food items will be sent out after spring break!

Please remember to join the Okemos High School Parent Group Facebook page for reminders and updates! The link will also be posted on the Facebook page soon!

Thank you for continuing to support the students of OHS!

OHS Parent Group
Counseling News:

FEEDBACK REQUESTED:
OHS Counselors are looking for parent feedback on the level of interest for starting monthly morning informational sessions. Please take a minute to answer a few quick questions for us [https://forms.gle/rKSwysXhorZCGBZ9](https://forms.gle/rKSwysXhorZCGBZ9) Thank you!

SCHOLARSHIPS:
SENIORS: - check out the scholarship binder in the Counseling Office for a number of various scholarships available. Included are 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 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](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:
Wayne State University - Thursday, March 19 - in front of the cafeteria during both lunches
Lake Superior State - Tuesday, March 24 - in front of the cafeteria during both lunches

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)

Week of March 9th- Spring Sports Begin! (Must have physicals submitted to the Athletic Office)

Boys Basketball Districts @ Mason

Unified Basketball @ Lansing Eastern- Tuesday, March 10th at 5:00PM
Boys Swim/Dive- State Finals: Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 at the Holland Aquatic Center.

FYI (From Page 7 of the Athletic Department Parent-Athlete Handbook)- "An athlete may participate in two sports in the same season provided that coaches of each sport, the athletic director and parents are in agreement. In such cases, one sport will be designated the athlete's primary sport. This means the athlete must attend all practices and contests of the designated primary sport before being allowed to participate in the secondary sport unless the coach of the primary sport grants prior approval. This process must be started prior to the beginning of the season and all team members must be aware of expectations".

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 March 26, 2020 at Henry’s Place at 7:00. 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
Asian Buffet

Come eat @ ASIAN BUFFET

Thursday March 12th
from 4pm to 8pm

20% of buffet earnings go to SADD

Students Against Destructive Decisions

Support Our Mission To...

Empower young people to make positive choices

Expand new projects in the future

Confront risks & pressures that challenge students

Change lives by engaging people to address critical issues

Asian buffet address: 4920 Marsh Rd, Okemos MI 48864

Please contact Mrs. Reed, Kristen Tran, or Jessica Wang for any questions!

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WHAT: Dodgeball tournament to raise money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

WHEN: March 28th 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SIGN UP: Pick up sign-up forms on the ACTION Board starting March 2nd (you do NOT have to be in ACTION to play!)

TURN IN: Turn in forms from March 9th to March 20th outside of the lunchroom