From Principal Sermak:

Important Dates in September:

- September 16: Homecoming Spirit Week (see details below)
- September 16: Powder Puff game, 6:00 p.m.
- September 18: Early Release, 12:35 p.m. dismissal
- September 18: Bonfire, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- September 19: Flex Schedule
- September 19: Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet (see flyer)
- September 20: Homecoming Parade, Tailgate and Football Game (see flyer)
- September 21: Homecoming Dance, 8:30-11:30 p.m.

Home-to-School Communication - Communication between home and school is critical to your student's success. We have a variety of ways our families and student body can stay informed:

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<td>• Weekly FLEX video announcements (viewed by students on Thursdays)</td>
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<td>• OHS website (<a href="http://www.okemosk12.net">www.okemosk12.net</a>)</td>
<td>• NEW all school communication APP! SIGN UP TODAY!</td>
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<td>• 2019 Back to School Letter (tons of information about Yearbook, parking pass, athletics, etc.)</td>
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School News:

Senior Pictures: for the class of 2020 are due Monday, November 4th. Please see website for all requirements before submitting and setting up appointments. [Yearbookokemos.weebly.com](http://Yearbookokemos.weebly.com)
Please send all senior pictures to seniorpictures@okemosk12.net

OHS Parent Group: Thank you to the parents who attended the first Parent Group Meeting. Everyone is always welcome at our meetings throughout the year. For more information, reminders and updates, please join the Okemos High School Parent Group Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Renfrew at bmbe01@yahoo.com

Your Voice is Important:

OHS STUDENT FORUM (NEW DATE! October 7, 10:53pm, 11:58am) OHS Kiva
Members of the Okemos High School student body are invited to the Kiva during lunch to express their thoughts and ideas about what is most valued at OPS and the challenges that must be addressed for a vibrant future. Students are asked to pre-register in the main office so we can plan for their participation.

COMMUNITY SURVEY (Survey window: September 4 - 16, 2019)
Please respond to a brief electronic survey that has three important questions that will inform future planning.
Click on the survey link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LYLVHGN](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LYLVHGN)

OR

Scan the QR code with your mobile device’s camera:

COMMUNITY FORUM (October 10, 7:00 – 8:00 PM) Senior Center
The Community Forum provides an opportunity to have a voice about important matters pertinent to OPS’s future. It provides an opportunity to listen and speak to one another and those responsible for the strategic planning process. (More information will follow!)

Thank you for sharing your voice as we plan for the future of OPS!
**Car Wash-A-Thon:** The Okemos Band’s 30th Annual Car Wash-A-Thon will be held, **Saturday, September 14,** from 9 AM until 4 PM at Okemos High School. Last year, the band washed over 500 cars and earned over $20,000! Bring as many cars as you want and over 180 student washers will wash your car squeaky clean **FOR FREE!** Funds are generated IN ADVANCE, by collecting per/car pledges event. So, even if you can’t make a pledge, please support your band and bring your cars!

**For Math Enthusiasts—MMPC Registration is now open!** Registration is now open for the 63rd Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition. (MMPC) Part I will be administered on **Tuesday, October 8, 2019.** Part I is 40 multiple choice questions. The Top 1000 students are invited to take Part II. Part II will be administered on **Wednesday, December 4, 2019.** Part II is 5 show-all-your-work-and-prove-your-answer-correct sort of problems. The Part I and Part II scores are combined, and the Top 100 students are invited to a banquet next spring where they will be awarded prizes.

If you would like to participate, please see any math teacher to get registered. The cost is $5 and the test is held at Okemos High School in room D234. Deadline to sign up is **Monday, September 23rd.** Any questions, contact Mrs. Carpenter at nita.carpenter@okemosk12.net.

**Homecoming News:**

**Attention to those living in College Fields, The Sanctuary, The Preserve and The Meadows Neighborhoods:** The Okemos High School 2019 Homecoming parade will take place on Friday, **September 20** beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The parade will pass the homes and neighborhoods (College Fields, The Preserve, The Sanctuary and The Meadows) located on Hulett Road on the way to the Okemos High School football stadium. As a result, Hulett Road between Jolly and Bennett will be closed to the public from approximately 5:15 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. We regret any inconvenience this may cause, and we hope you can join our school and community in celebrating the 2019 Homecoming.

**September 16 -September 21, 2019**

**Class t-shirts:** Shirts will be on sale on a first come, first serve basis during lunch hours Monday-Thursday and will cost $15. Students can pay in cash or a check made out to Okemos High School. If students are in need of financial assistance, they can see their counselors.

**Saturday, September 14: All-school float building**
- Drop off of floats begins at 9:00am.
- Float building will take place in the OHS staff parking lot from 10am-6pm. All students are welcome and encouraged to participate. There are no signup times, simply drop by to help for an hour or two when your schedule allows. (Student council members will work with class advisors to design the floats and order building materials prior to float building.)
- There will be a lunch break at 1pm. If willing, please consider donating (see Volunteerspot link). Food/drinks can be dropped off in the cafeteria between 12:30-1pm.
- Float judging will take place at 6pm. Results will be announced during the pep assembly and during the Homecoming football game on Friday, September 20.
• In case of inclement weather, the float building make-up day will be Sunday, September 15.

**Monday, September 16:** Beginning of Spirit Week.
• Spirit week dress theme for this day is **PJ Day**
• **Class T-shirts** are sold outside the Commons during lunch, beginning today for $15 (if any student needs financial assistance, please have students see their counselors).
• The **Powder Puff Football** game for junior and senior girls starts at 6 p.m. and is played on the OHS football field. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend the game. Juniors & Seniors need to see the flyer board for information on how to sign up. All students must wear a t-shirt. T-shirt money is collected with the permission slip to play. No late permission slips are accepted.

**Tuesday, September 17:**
• Spirit week dress theme for this day is **USA Day**

**Wednesday, September 18:**
• Spirit week dress theme for this day is **Jersey Day:** Get out any type of jersey and show your spirit!
• All OHS students are invited to attend the **Bonfire** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The bonfire is held at OHS outside of D hall (north-west corner of the building between the football practice field and the staff parking lot). The marching band will play, and then there will be a DJ, dancing, food, and lots of fun. Students should park or be dropped off in the student parking lot. Please pick up students promptly at 8:30 p.m.

**Thursday, September 19:**
• Spirit week dress theme for this day is **Okemos Day:** Wear any Okemos apparel such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, sportswear, etc. Support Okemos however you can!

**Friday, September 20:**
• Spirit week dress theme for this day is **Class T-shirt Day:** Support your class and wear the t-shirt that goes along with our homecoming theme.
• The **Pep Assembly** is in the gym from 1:50-2:35 p.m. The Homecoming court will be announced.
• The **Homecoming Parade** starts at 5:30 p.m. The parade staging area will be in the 2/42 Church parking lots (on Bennett Road just east of the Bennett/Hulett traffic circle). From the parking lot, the parade will proceed west on Bennett, around the Bennett/Hulett traffic circle, south on Hulett, and end at the OHS stadium parking lot.
• **Float Tear Down** is immediately after the parade in the staff parking lot at 6 p.m.
  o The paint party will take place before a different football game this year.
  o Student section theme: Okemos Out! We want to see the school spirit!
• The **Football game** starts at 7:00 p.m. The float judging results will be announced and the Homecoming court will be introduced during halftime.

**Saturday, September 21:**
• The **Homecoming Dance** is held in the OHS Commons from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Tickets are sold Homecoming week during lunch and cost $10 each. Tickets are also sold at the door. Students may come with dates or with groups of friends. This is a dressy casual event. Students usually wear suits or dressy pants, shirts and ties, and some students
wear dresses that might be worn for a special occasion. As a reminder, middle school students and anyone older than 20 are not allowed to attend the dance. Guests from other high schools must complete a Guest Request form (available in the main office) and return it to the main office by Thursday, September 19.

REMINDER: All Homecoming events are school sponsored, extracurricular activities, and all school policies/codes of conduct apply.

HELP NEEDED:

WE NEED YOUR HELP with food items as well as with tools and adult volunteers to work the tools during float building on Saturday, September 14.

WE NEED YOUR HELP with providing additional adult supervision at the Homecoming dance on Saturday, September 21.

Please click on the link below to sign up to provide items or time

https://signup.com/go/YgaUqFW

Counseling News:

College Visits:

University of Chicago - Monday, September 16 - in front of the cafeteria during both lunches
Oberlin College - Monday, September 16 - in front of the cafeteria during A lunch only
United States Navy - Tuesday, September 17 - in front of the cafeteria during both lunches
University of Michigan - Flint - Wednesday, September 18 in front of the cafeteria during both lunches
Albion College - Thursday, September 19 in front of the cafeteria during both lunches
Adrian College - Monday, September 23 in front of the cafeteria during both lunches
Kyper College - Wednesday, September 25, in front of the cafeteria during both lunches
Michigan State University - Thursday, September 26, in the KIVA during FLEX - sign up in the counseling office

Athletic News:

Home Athletic Contests Week of September 16th

Monday 9/16
JVB Soccer vs Lansing Catholic 4PM
JVA/Varsity Soccer vs Waverly 530/7PM
Powder Puff Football 6PM

Tuesday 9/17
FR/JV/Varsity Volleyball vs DeWitt 5/7PM
Varsity Tennis vs Grand Ledge 4:30PM
Wednesday 9/18
JV Girls Golf vs DeWitt 315PM
JVB Soccer vs Detroit Catholic Central 4PM
JVA/Varsity Soccer vs Everett 5:30/7PM

Thursday 9/19
Varsity Tennis vs East Lansing 430PM
Girls Swim & Dive vs Grand Ledge 6PM

Friday 9/20 Varsity Football vs Everett 7PM

Hall of Fame Banquet- Thursday 9/19 at the Kellogg Center. Tickets at

Soccer Compete for a Cause at Mason- Saturday 9/21 JV @ 5PM, Varsity @ 7PM

The Okemos Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet is Thursday, September 19th at the Kellogg Center. Tickets are available at

Online Payments link for season passes and participation fees:
https://www.okemos12.net/Page/9024
EVERETT VIKINGS vs OKEMOS CHIEFS
OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL :: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th :: KICK-OFF 7:00 pm

HOMECOMING PARADE
Starts at 5:30 pm
The parade staging area will be in the S/42 Church parking lot (on Bennett Road just east of the Bennett/Halet traffic circle). From the parking lot, the parade will proceed west on Bennett, around the Bennett/Halet traffic circle, south on Halet, and end at the OHS stadium parking lot.

CELEBRATE THE CHIEFS...
PLACE: Kellogg Center on the Campus of Michigan State University
219 S. Harrison Rd, East Lansing, Michigan 48824
DATE: Thursday, September 19th
TIME: Social - 5:00 pm :: Dinner - 6:00 pm :: Program - 7:00 pm
COST: $35.00
Registration online at: https://tinyurl.com/y2a6hi2ck

FOOD :: FRIENDS :: FAMILY :: FUN
PLACE: Okemos High School Stadium :: South of Home Bleachers
DATE: Friday, September 20th
TIME: Following Homecoming Parade until Kick-Off
COST: $5.00 :: Includes: Hamburger or Hot Dog, chips, beverage
DONATE WHILE You Dine!

Visit Culver’s of Okemos Road on Tuesday, September 17th 5-10 pm and we will donate a percentage of sales to the Okemos High School Girls Swim and Dive Team.

Give LOCAL
FOOD. FAMILY. FUTURE.

Culver’s

Come on in to your local Culver’s restaurant:

Culver’s of Okemos Road
3440 Okemos Rd. Okemos, MI 48864
(517) 993-6960