From Principal Sermak:

Important Dates in September and October:

- October 2: Count Day
- October 7: Understanding the College Admissions Process, 6:00 p.m.
- October 8: StraightTALK presentation for students
- October 11: Picture retakes (during the lunch hour)
- October 15: StraightTALK presentation for parents, 6:00 p.m. (see flyer)
- October 16: Early Release
- October 22 and 24: Flex Schedule
- October 25: End of 1st Quarter
- November 4: Senior Pictures due for Yearbook

School News:

The Okemos Public School District is monitoring the situation regarding the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus that is impacting counties (Barry, Berrien, Cass, Genesee, Kalamazoo, Lapeer, St. Joseph, and Van Buren) in Michigan. Ingham county and our contiguous counties are not in the geographic areas with positively identified human cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services recommends the following precautionary measures to reduce risk, especially at and after dusk when mosquitoes are most prevalent:

- Apply insect repellent prior to spending time outdoors. If you choose to apply insect repellent to your student, please do so prior to the start of the school day.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants when possible.
- Be aware of the signs of EEE and contact your doctor immediately, should your student experience any symptoms.

We will continue to watch the developments surrounding EEE with the assistance of Ingham County Health Department and related agencies. If needed, we will communicate additional steps necessary to protect the health of all of our students, families and staff.

For more information about EEE, please visit the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services website or the Center for Disease Control website.

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists: I want to extend my congratulations to the six OHS students who have been named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program:
Virginia Canestraight, Ainsley Coty, Nigel Gray, Dora Ivkovich, Lucy Meng, and Jainil Shah.

**Spring M-Step Scores:** M-Step reports will be mailed home with 1st quarter report cards. If you would like your child's report earlier, you may pick it up in the main office.

**Yearbook Sales!** Order before November 1st to SAVE!
All orders are online only. Please see our website for step by step instructions on how to order.
Website: [yearbookokemos.weebly.com](http://yearbookokemos.weebly.com)

**Senior Pictures:** DUE NOVEMBER 4th.
Please see our website for all requirements before you send.
Send all pictures to [seniorpictures@okemosk12.net](mailto:seniorpictures@okemosk12.net)

**Your Voice is Important: District Strategic Planning**

**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 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!

**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.

**Counseling News:**

**College Visits:**
**Adrian College** - Monday, September 23 - in front of the cafeteria during both lunches
**Kuyper College** - Wednesday, September 25 - in front of the cafeteria during both lunches
**Michigan State University** - Thursday, September 26 - during FLEX in the KIVA
PSAT/NMSQT Saturday, October 19:
To register for the PSAT/NMSQT students should visit www.TotalRegistration.net/PSAT/232850
To complete registration, students must answer all of the required questions. Registration is not complete until students have printed the pdf of the confirmation page that is provided at the end. Late registration began September 19 and is charged a $10 late fee ($35 including the late fee)

Here are the important dates for registration:

- Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7:00 AM - Registration Began
- Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 11:59 PM - Regular Registration Ended
- Thursday, September 19, 2019 - Monday, October 14 - Late Registration Period
  - Because tests must be ordered in advance, test administration is only guaranteed to those students who submit their registration form and payment by 9-18-19. After September 18, registration will only be open until space is full.
- Thursday, October 17, 2019 - Students who signed up during Late Registration must attend FLEX in the counseling office.
- Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 2:35 PM - Registrations that have not been paid for will be canceled.
- Saturday, October 19, 2019 - Testing begins promptly at 7:45

Please contact Carrie Inglis at carrie.inglis@okemosk12.net or 517-706-4923, if you have questions or require financial assistance.

For Your Consideration:
While our access to electronics and technology has many benefits, we are only now starting to understand some of the effects it has on how our brains function. Check out this article on why boredom often beats screen time:
https://www.edutopia.org/article/why-boredom-often-beats-screen-time

Understanding the College Admission Process presentation:
On Monday, October 7, we will be providing a presentation for students and parents to better understand how the junior year can be used to prepare for the college admissions process. While this is aimed at juniors and their parents, families of any grade level are welcome. Please join us in the OHS Kiva from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on October 7. For families unable to attend, the presentation will be available on the counseling website after the event. Please contact Cori Akers at cori.akers@okemosk12.net with any questions.

Athletic News:

Home Athletic Contests for the Week of September 23rd:

Tuesday 9/24: Volleyball vs Everett- FR/JV 5PM, Varsity 6:30PM

Thursday 9/26: Freshman Football vs Grand Ledge 6PM
Online Payments link for season passes and participation fees:
https://www.okemosk12.net/Page/9024

The Athletic Booster Club is in desperate need of additional help at the concession stands for Friday, September 20, 2019 for Homecoming. We understand that many of you may have students playing in the game but any and all help will be most appreciated. Here is the sign-up link to work tomorrow and throughout the season to volunteer: https://signup.com/go/vffongu.

There are also additional opportunities to sign up for volleyball and soccer games as well. Here is the volleyball link: https://signup.com/go/pePLCRk and soccer link: https://signup.com/go/XMiEmUv

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly at (517) 803-8406.

For the love of the Chiefs!

Jayme A. King
WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM StraightTALK?
Parents, Students and Community Members

This experienced duo offers WAI-IAM in StraightTALK, a presentation that takes the viewer into the world of a recovering heroin addict and alcoholic and exposes them to the gut-wrenching misery of the co-dependency and agony his family faced during the years of addiction.
Attendees will hear the dramatic and captivating story, told from the viewpoint of both the addict and their family while learning what tools they used to find health and peace.
Driven by a decade of gut-wrenching misery, become captivated by the HOPE this mother-son duo brings to the world today.

WAI-IAM in StraightTALK will:
✓ Captivate and engage the audience with live music and videos
✓ Teach viewers about choices and consequences of life decisions
✓ Educate your community on addiction and recovery
✓ Provide a new viewpoint and prevention tools for our youth, parents and loved ones of someone in active addiction
✓ Enlighten those dabbling with substances
✓ Break the stigma of addiction
✓ Support the battle against the opioid crisis

Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2019
Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm (Doors open at 5:30pm)
Location: Okemos High School Auditorium
2800 Jolly Road, Okemos, MI 48864

Registration suggested but not required.
WAI-IAM in StraightTALK-Okemos
For questions or additional information contact:

See our Website for a complete schedule of events around the Tri-Cities

To learn more about WAI-IAM in StraightTALK, visit our website at www.rrclansing.org
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, October 12
8:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Okemos High School Commons

only $20

To register, fill out the form below and return it, along with your payment, to Mrs. Williams. (Checks to Okemos High School 2800 Jolly Rd. Okemos, MI 48864) You must register by Oct. 10th. 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
OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL
NONDISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

According to the
Family Education Rights and Privacy Act,
Okemos High School may disclose DIRECTORY INFORMATION
relating to a student. The Okemos Public Schools has defined the following as DIRECTORY INFORMATION: name of student, name of student’s parents, address, telephone number, date of birth, extra-curricular participation, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, achievement awards or honors (not specific course grades), e-mail address, class designation, photograph, school or school district previously attended. If a parent or student (18 years or over) refuses to permit the disclosure of any or all of the categories of DIRECTORY INFORMATION, Okemos High School Principal, Mrs. Christine Semak must be notified in writing by September 29, 2019 or by completing the form below and mailing it by September 29, 2019.

Indicate below the information you wish to have withheld (not disclosed) by checking all applicable categories:

- name of student
- date of birth
- extra-curricular participation
- name of parents
- phone number
- weight and height (athletic stats.)
- address
- dates of attendance
- awards, achievement, honors
- photograph
- class designation
- school or district previously attended
- e-mail address
- All items listed above

Name of Student: ___________________________ Year of Graduation: ___________________________

Parent Signature (student, if over 18) Date

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OHS Student Directory 2019-2020
Nondisclosure of Information

Again this school year, the Okemos High School Spirit Shop is preparing for publication the OHS Student Directory as we have for the past several years. The Directory contains the student name, address(es), phone number(s), and name(s) of parent(s). The Spirit Shop markets the OHS Student Directory to OHS students and parents.

Complete the numbered items below ONLY if there is information you wish to have withheld from the 2019 – 2020 OHS Student Directory:

1. Student Name: ___________________________ (Please print student’s official name)
   Student’s 2019-2020 grade: 9 10 11 12 (circle one)

2. “Please do NOT print the following category(ies) for my child in the OHS Student Directory.”

   CIRCLE the specific information below that you wish to have OMITTED from the OHS Directory for your child: (or describe on the back of this sheet)

   Student Name __________ Phone(s) __________ Address(es) __________ Parent(s) Name(s) __________

3. Parent Signature (or student, if over 18) Date

To alter incorrect information or to process a change of status from last year’s OHS Student Directory, please complete and send the accompanying Change of Information sheet by September 29, 2019.