



OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

Bi-Monthly Newsletter for the Okemos High School Community

IMPORTANT DATES

EXAM MAKEUPS

JANUARY 17-20

LIBRARY CLOSED AFTER SCHOOL

JANUARY 25TH

EARLY RELEASE

JANUARY 25TH



IMPORTANT LINKS

click these:

[DISTRICT CALENDAR](#)

[PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK](#)

[PARENT GROUP](#)

NEXT MEETING: JAN. 20, 2023



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear OHS community,

Second semester has begun! Like some of you, we are already planning for next year. Please see a calendar update on page 3. I want to congratulate everyone on the calendar committee for getting the calendar into our families' hands ASAP.

Hopefully, your student has a great start to their new semester. If we can be of assistance in any way, please reach out to us. We're here to help!

As always, I am proud of our kids and school. Thank you for partnering with us. - Dr. Kemsley

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



IMPORTANT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Applications for all 2023-24 application-based classes, including Advanced Placement, Science Research, Journalism and Yearbook will be available in Google Classroom beginning **January 17**. All applications will be due by 3:00 p.m. on **Friday, February 3**.

Seniors: [click here](#) to check out some resources for paying for college.

[Click here](#) to check out a list of available scholarships.

AFTER SCHOOL LIBRARY CLOSING DATES

As a reminder, our Academic Learning Center is available to students to have a safe, quiet place to go after school. However, there are a few dates when we will be unable to open the ALC for various reasons. Please see below for a list of those dates. Thank you!

1/10/2023 Teacher Staff Meeting	3/23/2023 Half Day
1/11/2023 Half Day	4/4/2023 Teacher Staff Meeting
1/12/2023 Half Day	4/26/2023 Early Release Day
1/25/2023 Early Release Day	5/2/2023 Teacher Staff Meeting
2/7/2023 Teacher Staff Meeting	5/17/2023 Early Release Day
2/22/2023 Early Release Day	6/6/2023 Teacher Staff Meeting
3/7/2023 Teacher Staff Meeting	6/7/2023 Half Day
3/8/2023 Early Release Day	6/8/2023 Half Day

GOOGLE FORM FOR REPORTING FULL DAY ABSENCES

If you have a **GOOGLE ACCOUNT** and would like to report a **FULL DAY** absence for your student, please click the link below. We are going to see if this works for you and for us. We'll consider this a test run to see how things go! We hope this is convenient for you. This link will also be on the OHS webpage under the "Report an Absence" tab as well. Again this form is only for **FULL DAY** absences. If you have a partial day absence, please continue to call 517-706-4916. Thanks!

[Full Day Reporting Form](#)

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

23-24 CALENDAR UPDATE

Okemos Public Schools is pleased to share a [tentative calendar for the 2023-2024](#) school year to assist our families and staff in planning. We expect official ratification later this winter. Thank you to the collaborative efforts between the administration and OEA in providing this to our community well in advance!

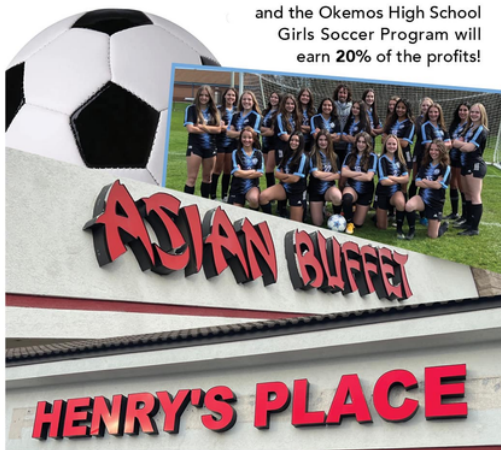
SOCCER FUNDRAISER

Help Support the OKEMOS GIRLS SOCCER PROGRAM

Visit **Henry's Place** or **Asian Buffet**
Dine-in, Take-out, and Gift Cards

Wednesday January 18th • 4-8 PM

and the Okemos High School
Girls Soccer Program will
earn 20% of the profits!



OHS TALENT SHOW: SEASON 3

AUDITIONS - JANUARY 26 & 27 (3:00-5:00 PM)
PERFORMANCE - FEBRUARY 24 (7:00 PM)

OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL IS FULL OF TALENTED STUDENTS, FROM ACTORS TO FILMMAKERS, ATHLETES TO ARTISTS, DANCERS TO SCRIPTWRITERS, AND MORE. THE OHS TALENT SHOW, OKEMOS HAS GOT TALENT: SEASON 3, IS THE PLACE WHERE THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY CAN LEARN HOW TO PUT UP A PRODUCTION, SHOWCASE THEIR ABILITIES, AND WORK WITH A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE OHS COMMUNITY. TICKETS ARE GENERAL SEATING AND CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$5.00 AT THE DOOR.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO AUDITION MAKE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR AN AUDITION TIME AND USE THE QR CODE BELOW TO ACCESS THE AUDITION FORM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A HARD COPY OR HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL MR. DEKATCH (CHAD.DEKATCH@OKEMOSK12.NET) OR SEE HIM IN ROOM A209.



FROM THE OFFICE OF DR. SLEE

The seventh annual National Day of Racial Healing will be celebrated on January 17, bringing people together to build relationships and take collective action to create a more just and equitable world. Racial healing is a process that repairs the harm caused by racism, celebrates our common humanity, and acknowledges truths from our shared history. [One Love Global](#) in Lansing is hosting local events - visit their website for more information. Also, here is a [conversation guide](#) that has helpful tips if you want to talk about racism, racial equity, and racial healing with your family, friends, and/or colleagues.

While some of us celebrate the start of the new year at the beginning of January, many other cultures and countries celebrate at other times during the year. For example, January 22 marks the Lunar New Year, which is widely celebrated in East Asian countries. The Hindu lunar celebration, Diwali, usually falls between mid-October and mid-November. The Jewish New Year - Rosh Hashanah - is also celebrated in the fall. For more information about these and other new year traditions throughout the world, check out [this article](#) on the National Geographic website.

OEF APPLE AWARDS

February and Valentine's Day, a perfect time to say 'thank you' to those who have impacted our lives in a meaningful way. A perfect time to say 'thank you' to the teacher, paraprofessional, administrator, administrative assistant, custodian, librarian, food service worker, bus driver, specialist, etc. who has impacted your child and/or family in a meaningful way.

The Okemos Education Foundation is offering APPLE Awards to honor all staff. For a \$20 donation to the OEF, families can purchase a 5x7 color, personalized, certificate for their honoree. An APPLE award recognizes those who show an Amazing Performance in Promoting Learning and Education (APPLE) This can be any of the Okemos Public School staff who has touched the life of your student and/or your family. Proceeds help the Okemos Education Foundation give financial support to all seven of our schools. To order an APPLE Award, visit www.oefsite.org/apple.

Orders must be received by Wednesday, February 8, in order to be delivered by the 14th.