



OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

Bi-Monthly Newsletter for the Okemos High School Community

IMPORTANT DATES

VIRTUAL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

MARCH 15TH: 4-7 PM

MARCH 16TH: 4-7PM

TOUCH OF CLASS

MARCH 16

FIRE DRILL

MARCH 22: 1:42 PM

HALF DAY

MARCH 23

SPRING BREAK

MARCH 24-APRIL 2

IMPORTANT LINKS

click these:

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NEXT MEETING: APR. 14, 2023



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Okemos High School Community,

Spring is here, well almost here! This time of year things seem to get exponentially faster; events seem to fly in out of nowhere; what was that date? That link? What do I do? When is this? That? The other?

A few things to remember: Don't forget about our school calendars here: [Calendars](#). If you have a question and need an email, remember the directory here: [Directory](#).

And remember, you can ALWAYS reach out to one of us, no matter what. Take care, and as ever, I am really proud of our kids and our school. -Dr. Kemsley

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT TESTING INFO

The week of April 10, 2023, will be devoted to state testing. Below you will find the schedule for that week. Mrs. Stadt (MTSS Coordinator/Instructional Coach) will be sending out an email with further information, including details regarding transportation. Please be on the lookout for that email!

Testing Days Overview

Tuesday 4/11		Wednesday 4/12		Thursday 4/13	
Grade	Test Name	Grade	Test Name	Grade	Test name
11th	M-Step	9th	PSAT 8/9	11th	WorkKeys
		10th	PSAT 10		
		11th	SAT with Essay		
All grades Hours 1, 2, 3 in PM		Seniors: FIELD TRIP		All grades Hours 4, 5, 6 in PM	

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

WHEN	WHAT	WHO
7:45 - 10:45	M-Step Testing	11th grade
10:45 - 11:25	LUNCH	11th grade
11:30-12:26	1st Hour	All High School Students
12:33 - 1:30	2nd Hour	All High School Students
1:37 - 2:35	3rd Hour	All High School Students

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

WHEN	WHAT	WHO
7:45 - 11:00	PSAT 9	9th Grade
7:45 - 11:30	PSAT 10	10th Grade
7:45 - 1:30	SAT with Essay	11th Grade
All Day	Senior Field Trip	12th Grade
11 - 12	Lunch	9th & 10th
12-2:30	Afternoon SEL Opportunities	9th & 10th

Thursday, April 13, 2023

WHEN	WHAT	WHO
7:45 - 10:45	WorkKeys	11th grade
10:45 - 11:25	LUNCH	11th grade
11:30-12:26	4th Hour	All High School Students
12:33 - 1:30	5th Hour	All High School Students
1:37 - 2:35	6th Hour	All High School Students

ATTENTION SENIORS!

Seniors, please check your emails! There is time-sensitive senior field trip info included.

If you are a parent of a senior, you will receive an email later this week regarding your interest in chaperoning the senior field trip.

Also, please see yearbookokemos.weebly.com to order your 2023 yearbook!

SENIORS! IF YOU WANT TO ORDER A YARD SIGN CLICK HERE:

[YARD SIGN ORDER FORM](#)

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OHS HAPPENINGS

On Tuesday, March 14, a group of O.H.S. Spanish scholars and several of their World Language teachers ventured to the DIA for a morning of art appreciation. Following our morning at the museum, the group enjoyed an authentic feast at a nearby restaurant in Mexican Town. Students were able to practice their Spanish skills and experience some amazing Mexican cuisine. We look forward to another exciting trip in 2024. Stay tuned if you would like to join us! ¡Olé!



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

NHS INFORMATION

On March 1st, NHS held its first annual Blood Drive since 2020. The Red Cross was able to collect 51 units of blood. One single donation can help save more than one life. NHS students also supplied a multitude of snacks and drinks for those who donated blood, so much so that they were able to hand out numerous snacks, treats, bottles of water, and more at Spartan Sunday on February 19th. The purpose of Spartan Sunday was to show community support in welcoming back MSU students to campus following the events of February 13th. The March 1st Blood Drive was rescheduled from February 17th, which was canceled because of a Snow Day.

Reminders:

- **April 12th** - Senior Recognition Ceremony - Mandatory Event - Medals for Graduation Received - 6 pm, OHS Auditorium, Light Refreshments served after in Commons
- **April 19th** - New Member Induction / Junior Recognition Ceremony - Mandatory Event - 6 pm, OHS Auditorium, Light Refreshments served after in Commons
- **June 7th** - Mandatory Active Member Meeting in OHS Auditorium @7:15am - 36 hours due for those who have been an active member all school year. Those inducted on April 26th must also attend.
- Questions should be emailed to nhs.okemos@okemosk12.net

BOARD POLICY INFORMATION

The Board of Education conducts ongoing reviews of existing and proposed new policies as they relate to current educational practice. It is the practice of the board to give all policies, new or changed, a first reading at a public meeting, with final action taken no sooner than one month from the date of first reading.

New or changed policies are posted to [this page](#) on the OPS website following first reading.

Comments or concerns may be emailed to the Board of Education (board@okemosk12.net) prior to the "Date to be Adopted."

IMPORTANT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Scheduling for the 2023-2024 School Year will begin in late February. [Detailed information](#) is listed under the Counseling Tab of the OHS website under Academic Resources.

The U of M Society of Women Engineers GREAT Day 2023 will be held on March 19, 2023. More information can be found [here](#). If registering, please fill out [this form](#).

[Click here](#) to check out a list of available scholarships. Many of these scholarships are due by April 14, 2023 by 3:00 pm

FROM THE OFFICE OF DR. SLEE

SBSK is a platform that allows disabled and neurodiverse people of all backgrounds to share their stories. It's an organization that "seeks to normalize the diversity of the human condition under the pillars of honesty, respect, mindfulness, positivity, and collaboration." Check out the [SBSK website](#) to meet new friends whose life experiences may be very different from your own.

Excerpt from an interview with Dr. Kevin Nadal, a professor of psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (NPR, June 9, 2020):

"Microaggressions are defined as the everyday, subtle, intentional – and oftentimes unintentional – interactions or behaviors that communicate some sort of bias toward historically marginalized groups.

The difference between microaggressions and overt discrimination or macroaggressions, is that people who commit microaggressions might not even be aware of them.

Someone commenting on how well an Asian American speaks English, which presumes the Asian American was not born here, is one example of a microaggression. Presuming that a Black person is dangerous or violent is another example. A common experience that Black men talk about is being followed around in stores or getting on an elevator and having people move away and grab their purses or their wallets.

Oftentimes, people don't even realize that they're doing those sorts of things. And in fact, if you were to stop them and say, 'Why did you just move?' They would deny it because they don't recognize that their behaviors communicate their racial biases."

To see how microaggressions are like mosquito bites, watch this 2-minute video from Fusion Comedy.

