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IMPORTANT DATES

Kickstart / Drops & Adds:

August 10th
Seniors: 9-11:30 am
Juniors: 12:30-3 pm

August 11th
Sophomores: 9-11:30am
Freshman:12:30-3 pm

Freshmen Connect:

Thursday, August 17

1st Day of School (1/2 Day)

Wednesday, August 23rd
7:45 am-10:55 am

Open House:

Parent Meeting: 5:30-6pm Aud
Open House: 6-7pm

IMPORTANT LINKS

click these:

[DISTRICT CALENDAR](#)

[PARENT GROUP](#)



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OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are optimistic that this year is going to be fantastic. We have listed some important dates on the left.

KICKSTART: ALL students WILL get their pictures taken (and receive their new school ids); set up/practice their lockers; sign up for clubs; check out the school; and, finally, make any necessary changes to their schedules with the counselors. If you need a schedule change, sign up for a drop/add appointment through the counselor's Google Classroom.

FRESHMEN CONNECT: This is a time for Freshmen to work with older students that will act as mentors. Think team-building, school tours, etc. Freshmen CONNECT is another way we try to ease some worry about coming to "the big school." Students will meet in the big wood gym at 9 am. CONNECT will end at 11:30. We have recalibrated some things, so you may have seen different times. These times are correct. I apologize for any confusion.

OPEN HOUSE:

This is an informal open house. The parent meeting is MOST important for parents brand new to the high school. All are welcome though. After the parent meeting, this is your opportunity to check out the school and meet the teachers. There are no bells or schedules...more like a meet and greet to get the vibe of the school. There is NO NEED for students to attend (they probably don't want to either, lol).

LAST THING:

I want you to know that I expect a very productive, fun, and safe year for all of our students. My team, our teachers, counselors, and staff will be ready to welcome them with open arms. Parents who are brand new to the high school...don't worry! It's going to be great, I promise!

Feel free to reach out if you need anything. On behalf of the entire OHS staff, thank you for allowing us to work with your kids. We love them! - Dr. Kemsley

COUNSELING INFORMATION

Cap & Gown Donation

Not interested in keeping your cap & gown after commencement? Counselors are accepting cap & gown donations from the Class of 2021 to 2023. Please drop them off in the main office.

Class of 2024

Eager to start working on your college applications over the summer? [Check out this link for helpful information.](#) You will be meeting with your counselor for your Senior Meeting this fall and you can bring your list of questions to this meeting.

National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

This test is open only to OHS students in the Class of 2025. More information is available here: [Digital PSAT/NMSQT October 12, 2023](#)

Drop/Adds

Check your email/Google Classroom on August 1 for important information on Drops & Adds, including links to schedule an appointment or fill out the Google Form if you need to make any schedule change requests. The deadline for requesting changes is August 9 at 12:00 p.m.

EMERGENCY CARD UPDATE

The Returning Student Emergency Update Code (SnapCode) for the 2023-24 school year will NOT be sent at the start of this school year.

We are implementing a new Student Information Update Form that will be introduced at the start of the new school year. Instruction links will be posted on start-up newsletters, and on the OPS website under Families/PowerSchool Portal. Stay tuned...



FROM KEN HINTZE, OHS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Hello Okemos Wolves Family!

My name is Ken Hintze and after spending 7 years at Lansing Catholic I am transitioning to Okemos High School as the Athletic Director. My wife, Lauren, and I live locally and can't wait to fully become members of the Wolfpack. Obviously, I love sports. I grew up in Dearborn, Michigan, and am a big Detroit Sports fan (Yes, I believe this is the Lion's YEAR!). Also, Go Green! When not thinking about sports my wife and I love to travel both locally and abroad. Last summer we went to Ireland for 2 weeks and I can not wait to return. I look forward to meeting everyone soon.

Go Wolves!

END OF DAY ROUTINE

At 3pm every day, students may do the following:

1. Head home
2. Wait outside for a ride
3. Work with a teacher
4. Work with a coach
5. Work in the library from 3pm-4pm M-TH

It seems like we start off well enough, but then the system breaks down. That won't happen this year. Students and families need to plan ahead. We cannot have students unsupervised in the building after 3pm. Unsupervised students will be asked to leave the building at 3pm, which seems counterintuitive, I know. We do not have the human resources to supervise them after school.

THE INFAMOUS CAR LINE

It's going to be tricky as our loop by the stadium is not going to be available. That means that all cars will need to enter the main student entrance.

Here's the thing: if you get here by 7:15, you'll have a stress-free, easy time. If you arrive at 7:30, it's going to be busy. Plan ahead.