

# OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**MSTEP (Juniors Only)**  
April 17

**NO SCHOOL**  
April 29

**NHS INDUCTION**  
May 8; 6:30 PM

**SENIOR AWARDS**  
May 13; 7PM

**PROM**  
May 18; 8PM-11PM

## IMPORTANT LINKS

click these:

[DISTRICT CALENDAR](#)

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[MINUTES](#)

**NEXT MEETING:**

**APRIL 19, 2024**

## OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

I know I've sent this out before, but wanted to keep this information visible until the end of the month:

[Test Out Registration Link](#) Registration deadline is MAY 1st.

[Test Out Policy](#)

Remember, tomorrow is a half day for 9th, 10th, and 12th graders. 11th grade will take the MSTEP. And then, we are done with state testing, except for make-ups! I appreciate your flexibility as we work through this. We are always looking for ways to improve, and will tweak things for next year.

Parents of SENIORS, I know I sent this document, but wanted to also keep it handy for you. This is the document that contains "all things senior." I know there is a lot to keep track of and I hope you find this helpful: [SENIOR EVENTS 2024](#)

Other than the start of the school year, spring is my favorite time in schools. It's nice when the weather changes, when kids get outside during lunch and for sports, and everyone's mood improves a little. The end of the year will be here before we know it! I am confident the next couple of months will be fantastic. The kids are doing an excellent job--you would be proud of them!

Take care and thanks for partnering with us! We all appreciate you!

Dr. Kemsley

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## COUNSELING INFORMATION

### Monthly Counselor Newsletter

Please access the [April Counseling Newsletter](#) here.

### Cap & Gown Donation

Counselors are accepting cap & gown donations from the Class of 2021 to 2023 to be used by economically disadvantaged students. Please drop them off in the main office if you would like to donate them.

## Senior Decision Form

Seniors-do you want to share your post-high school plans? Would you like those plans featured on the Class of 2024 Decisions Instagram page? Then fill out [this form](#) to be featured!

## From the office of DEI Director Dr. Lara Slee

April is National Arab American Heritage Month. More than 3.5 Americans have Arab roots, with ancestries traced to 22 countries in the Middle East and North Africa, including Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Palestine, Morocco, Iraq, Jordan, Yemen, Bahrain, Tunisia, Algeria, Sudan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and others (Source: [2020 U.S. Census](#)).

The Arab American National Museum is located in Dearborn, Michigan. You can access their [core galleries](#) online, including [Contributions from the Arab World](#), [Coming to America](#), [Living in America](#), and [Making an Impact](#).

## IMPORTANT Senior Information

- April 19, Friday: Senior Tribute ads due. Please visit <https://yearbookokemos.weebly.com/> for information on how to order. Everything must be designed, personalized, and completed by the 19th. Direct Link: <https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/yearbook-ads>
- April 19, Friday: Senior Video Submissions due to [SENIOR VIDEO SUBMISSIONS](#) (parents and students can submit photos to be in the senior video)
- The parent chaperone Google form will be sent to senior parents next week; please keep your eye out for that if you are interested.

## Important NHS Dates

- NHS Decision Emails will go out April 15th at 2:35pm
- Current NHS Seniors and Juniors MUST RSVP for the Induction Ceremony on May 8th by filling out the form in Google Classroom by April 15th. If you do not attend, there will be dates and times posted to pick up your Senior Medals or Junior Certificates.
- The Induction Ceremony is May 8th at 6:30pm in the OHS Auditorium - all new inductees and officers must attend
- If you are interested in applying to be a NHS officer next year, you must apply using the form in Google Classroom by April 22nd
- There is a mandatory NHS Chapter meeting on May 29th at 7:15am in the Auditorium. You must email Mrs. Fletcher 24 hours in advance if you are unable to attend. Graduated members do not attend, new Inductees do.
- All members must sign the Bylaws and pay the \$10 dues yearly. See Google Classroom for more information. Speak to Mrs. Fletcher if you face financial difficulties.

OKEMOSBPA PRESENTS

Scavenger Hunt! Free Goodies!

**LOCAL BUSINESS FAIR**

Fun for Kids! Support Small Businesses!

Highlighting local businesses with job opportunities, demonstrations, connection with community, and more!

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 | 5-7 PM  
OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Junior and Senior  
**Great Gatsby**  
2024 Prom

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024  
8-11 pm, You must enter before 9pm, no re-entry

EAGLE EYE GOLF CLUB  
15500 Chandler Rd, Bath, MI 48808

APPETIZERS/DESSERTS ONLY  
No dinner provided

NO BAGS | NO SOPHOMORE/FRESHMAN | JUNIOR/SENIOR GUESTS ALLOWED  
Guest forms due May 6th, School ID to enter

**Post Prom**

TICKETS \$45  
SOLD APRIL 26 - MAY 10TH  
ONLINE ONLY  
NO REFUNDS

- 11pm - 2am
- Tickets \$25
- Enter by 12am
- Casual
- Games, food, inflatables, and

# COMMUNITY NEWS

OHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT presents

## Once Upon A Mattress

April 19-20 & 26-27 @ 7:00 pm | April 28 @ 2:00 pm

In this musical version of The Princess and the Pea. Our story begins in a faraway kingdom long ago. Due to an unhappy curse, the King Sextimus is unable to speak. Meanwhile, his terror-of-a-wife, Queen Aggravain, has taken over control of the kingdom. Most importantly, in an attempt to keep Prince Dauntless single, she has decreed that only the princess that can pass her test may marry her son. Further, no one else in the kingdom may marry until Prince Dauntless does.

Lady Larken and Sir Harry are extremely disturbed by this fact since Lady Larken is now pregnant with Sir Harry's baby. Luckily, Sir Harry is able to find an amazing princess, Winnifred the Woebegone. She instantly catches the attention of Prince Dauntless, and hijinks ensues. Mary

Rodger's classic Once Upon A Mattress is a delightful musical that has become a fan favorite in theaters everywhere. You're not going to want to miss this Okemos community event that is fun for the whole family. Purchase tickets at [okemostheatre.com](http://okemostheatre.com) or scan the QR code.



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## WANT EXPOSURE FOR YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS?

PARTICIPATE IN THE OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL LOCAL BUSINESS FAIR!

Share job opportunities, business tips, demonstrations, connect with the local community and more!



Advertise, engage in community outreach, and hire workers!

Questions? Contact [bpa@okemosk12.net](mailto:bpa@okemosk12.net)

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 | 5-7 PM  
OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA



Saturday  
April 27, 2024  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm



[meridian.mi.us/GreenMeridian](http://meridian.mi.us/GreenMeridian)

## SPRING RECYCLING DAY!

Chippewa Middle School  
4000 Okemos Road

### Accepted Items

**Metals/Appliances/Bikes** - washers, dryers, stoves, water heaters, mowers, snow blowers, bikes and bike parts (working or not). Air conditioners, small fridges/ freezers, and dehumidifiers\*

\*\$10 suggested donation unless you are a Consumers Energy customer. Bring a copy of your utility bill and you may be eligible for a rebate.

**Document Shredding** - staples, paperclips and small spiral binders accepted, confidential locked storage until shredded

**Paint** - latex only. \$1/qt. can, \$3/gal. can, \$15/bucket. Please keep in original can, don't mix colors. Can be liquid or dry.

### Non-Accepted Items

No gasoline or oil (please drain\*). No x-rays, large 3-ring binders or large binder clips. No oil-based paint or stain.\* Please don't mix paints.

\* See <http://tinyurl.com/Recyclopedia24> for disposal tips  
Household hazardous waste drop-off May-Sep. 517.887.4312

### Event Sponsors



## okemos girls varsity swim & dive fundraiser

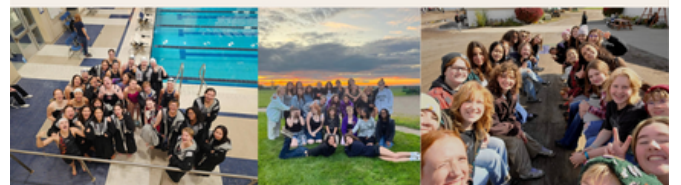
Help support the OHS girls' swim & dive team by dining with us! We'd love to have you!

APR 22ND, 2024  
5-9pm



Culver's

3440 Okemos Rd. Okemos, MI 48864



# OHS Parent Group 04.15.24 Newsletter Updates:

- At our next meeting, Friday, April 19th, we are taking nominations for the 2024-2025 Board positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer). If you are interested in being on the Board and would like more information, please email us at [ohsparentgroupinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ohsparentgroupinfo@gmail.com). Please join us next Friday at 9 am in the Counseling office classroom, located on the 2nd floor at OHS. Please sign in at the main office before joining us.
- The Post Prom Planning Committee plans and organizes the Post Prom event, Parent Group's biggest event of the year. **We need a couple more parents/guardians** to join our meetings to help assemble tickets and other supplies for the event. Our meetings take place in the events room at CADL-Okemos library from 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm on the following Mondays: 4/15, and 5/6. Hope to see you there!
- **Post Prom General Information:**
  - Post Prom takes place at Okemos High School immediately following Prom on Sat., May 18th, 11pm-2am.
  - Tickets will be available for purchase April 26 – May 10, **online pre-sale only**. All sales are final – no refunds. The following link to purchase Prom and Post Prom tickets will be live on April 26th: <https://okemosk12.revtrak.net/hs/hs-prom/#/list>
  - Post Prom tickets cost \$25/person.
  - Must check in at the Student Lot entryway by 12 pm with school ID/pictured ID. No re-entry.
  - Only 11th and 12th graders are allowed to attend, same for guests. (Same for Prom)
  - 11th and 12th grade non-OHS guests must submit a Guest Form (available in the Main Office) no later than May 6th. (Same for Prom/only one Guest Form needed for both events) Please note: A non-OHS guest must take the Guest Form to their school for verification by their school's administrator. This takes time, so plan accordingly. Do not purchase a guest ticket until the completed form has been submitted to the OHS Main office since **there are no refunds.**
  - Prom attendance is not required to attend Post Prom.
  - No bags allowed. (Same for Prom)
  - This is a casual event. Attire is casual and comfortable. There will be games, inflatables, food, giveaways, and more!
- **CALLING ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS!** Please check out our 2 signups for the Post Prom event:
  - To donate prizes for the Giveaway:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949A8AC22A6FDC25-48832850-post>
  - To volunteer to work at Post Prom and/or donate food:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949A8AC22A6FDC25-48832861-post>

**These are the ways in which you can contribute to Parent Group events and activities:**

- Volunteer to staff an event and/or donate supplies as needed throughout the year.
- Donate directly to OHS Parent Group. Checks payable to OHS Parent Group can be dropped off at the school’s main office. Please label the envelope “Parent Group”.
- Kroger Community Rewards: Our charity name is Okemos H.S. Parent Group (EH042). Parent Group earns at no added cost to you, but you must link us to your card first, online or in person at Kroger.
- RevTrak: [HS Parent Group | Okemos Public Schools \(revtrak.net\)](https://www.revtrak.net). Use this link and donate through the school’s online payment processing system.

You can email us at [OHSParentGroupInfo@gmail.com](mailto:OHSParentGroupInfo@gmail.com) or follow us on Facebook “[Okemos High School Parent Group](https://www.facebook.com/OkemosHighSchoolParentGroup).”

Meetings take place at 9am in the Counseling classroom at OHS on the following Fridays:

April 19, 2024

(Nominations for 2024-2025 Board positions)

May 24, 2024

(Vote for new 2024-2025 Board positions)

Thank you for your support!



## Welcome Week 2024-2025

<p><b><u>Bennett Woods Elementary Open House</u></b> August 14, 2024 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Cornell Elementary Open House</u></b> August 14, 2024 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Hiawatha Elementary Open House</u></b> August 15, 2024 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Okemos Public Montessori Open House</u></b> August 15, 2024 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm</p>
<p><b><u>Kinawa 5-6 School Kick Start</u></b> August 15, 2024 10:00 am - 3:00 pm</p>		<p><b><u>Chippewa Middle School Kick Start</u></b> August 15, 2024 9:00 am - 2:00 pm</p>	
<p><b><u>Okemos High School</u></b></p> <p><b>Kick Start</b> August 14, 2024 9:00 am - 2:00 pm</p> <p><b>Open House</b> August 22, 2024 Parent Meeting: 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Open House: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm</p>		<p>The following OPS resources will be on-site to answer any questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Health Team- all buildings</li> <li>• Food Service- all buildings</li> <li>• Transportation- K-6 buildings (not OPM)</li> </ul>	