

## From Principal Sermak:

### Important Dates:

October 7	Student Forum on District Strategic Planning (during lunches)
October 7	Understanding the College Admissions Process, 6:00 p.m.
October 8	StraightTALK presentation for students (a.m.)
October 10	Community Forum on District Strategic Planning, 7pm, Sr. Center
October 11	Picture retakes (during the lunch hour)
October 12	Taste of Okemos, 2-4 p.m.
October 12	SAT Practice (see flyer)
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 Yearbook Pictures due at <a href="mailto:seniorpictures@okemosk12.net">seniorpictures@okemosk12.net</a>

**Testing Out Dates** will be August 3-7, 2020.

## School News:

**Ecuador 2020:** Any high school student who is interested in the June 2020 Ecuador trip should see Señora Sanders soon. The deadline to register is October 15.

**Okemos High School Choirs Taste of Okemos:** The 20th Annual Taste of Okemos will be held on Saturday, October 12th from 2:00-4:00pm in the Okemos High School Cafeteria. This event has 17 local food vendors providing selections from their menus for your tasting pleasure. There will be live entertainment to enjoy while you are sampling the food. Tickets will be sold at the door. \$15.00 for general admission; \$10.00 for senior citizens and children ages 6-10; \$5.00 for children 5 and under. All proceeds benefit the Okemos High School Choirs.

Thank you, Melinda Schultz 517-525-1436 [mrsjas305@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrsjas305@sbcglobal.net)

## Counseling News:

### **College Visits:**

**Alma College** - Monday, October 7 - in front of the cafeteria during both lunches

**Case Western University** - Tuesday, October 8 11:30 - 12:30 only - in front of the cafeteria

**Hope College** - Thursday, October 10 - in front of the cafeteria during both lunches

**Lawrence Technological University** - Friday, October 11- in front of cafeteria during lunches

**Northern Michigan University** - Thursday, October 17- in front of cafeteria during both lunches

**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](mailto:cori.akers@okemosk12.net) with any questions.

**Financial Aid & Paying for College College:** Financial Aid Advisors will present to any interested students and parents as to the financial aid process, FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and paying for college on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the KIVA. If you have any questions please contact Carrie Inglis at [carrie.inglis@okemosk12.net](mailto:carrie.inglis@okemosk12.net).

## Athletic News:

### Home Athletic Contests- Week of October 7th

#### **Thursday 10/10**

Freshman Football vs North Farmington- 6:00PM

Soccer Districts vs Everett- 7:00PM

#### **Athletic Boosters Meeting:**

Boosters are meeting at 7:30 on Tuesday, October 8th at the Center for Social Dance, 2807 Jolly Rd.

#### **Ski Team Meeting:**

Preseason information meeting for the OHS Ski Team on 10/9 @ 6:30pm in the KIVA. This is an informational meeting for returning skiers/parents and anyone interesting in knowing more about OHS Ski Team. Discussed, are season schedules, practice/competition schedule, costs and equipment.

#### **Online Payments link for season passes and participation fees:**

<https://www.okemosk12.net/Page/9024>

## DISTRICT NEWS:



Okemos Public Schools

Strategic Planning

Community Forum

*You are invited to attend this forum of the Okemos Public Schools to share input about important matters pertinent to our district's future.*

*Participants will have the opportunity to speak and listen to one another and those responsible for the strategic planning process.*

Thursday, October 10, 2019

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Meridian Senior Center

4000 Okemos Rd, Okemos, MI 48864



Please join us for a discussion:

**“How to Prepare Effectively for Parent-Teacher Conferences”**

Monday, October 29, 2019

Okemos Public Library (4321 Okemos Road)

7:00 p.m.



**SOAR** is an organization of parents, educators and others in the community who support high-ability students. We strive to address the unique academic, emotional, and social needs of high-ability children.

SOAR needs new faces and fresh ideas! Consider making a difference for your high-ability child by joining SOAR. It is a wonderful opportunity to network, share information, and advocate for your child.



FREE to Attend!!!



"I loved the StraightTALK session.  
The story was very moving."  
-StraightTALK Attendee



## 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.rclansing.org](http://www.rclansing.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](http://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](http://www.sylvanprep.com). Email address will be used as username