



OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Kickstart

Wednesday, August 14th

Freshman Connect

Thursday, August 15th
1 to 3 pm

1st Day of School

Wednesday, August 21st
1/2 Day Schedule: 7:45 -10:55 am

Open House

Thursday, August 22nd
Parent Meeting in the Auditorium:
5:30- 6:00
Classroom Visits:
6:00-7:00

IMPORTANT LINKS

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OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We are optimistic that this year is going to be fantastic. We have listed some important dates on the left.

KICKSTART: This is the first opportunity for students to receive their schedules. PowerSchool will not be live until later that week, so this is early access! All students will get their pictures taken (and receive their new school IDs), have an opportunity to turn in paperwork, register for parking, set up/practice their lockers, sign up for clubs, and check out the school!

FRESHMEN CONNECT: All freshmen are invited to attend a special orientation on Thursday, August 15th, from 1-3 pm. They will meet other freshmen and be assigned two upperclassmen mentors. It's a time to tour the school, try out lockers, learn how to get from class to class, meet new people, and get to know the school. We encourage all freshmen to attend. Please have them bring their phone (or a parent's phone number), as we will set up text message groups for continued communication. They should bring their schedule and locker information. The connected leaders cannot wait to meet the incoming freshman!

OPEN HOUSE: This is an informal open house. The parent meeting is most critical for parents who are 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. It is 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).

Take care,
Dr. Kemsley

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COUNSELING INFORMATION

[Monthly Counselor Newsletter](#)

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

Cap & Gown Donation

Counselors are accepting cap & gown donations from the Class of 2021 to 2024 to be used by economically disadvantaged students. Please drop them off in the main office if you would like to donate them.

Class of 2025

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.

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 2:45 to 3:45 pm M, Tu, W, Th

Students and families need to plan ahead. We cannot have students unsupervised in the building after 3 pm. Unsupervised students will be asked to leave the building at 3 pm, which seems counterintuitive, I know. We do not have the human resources to supervise them after school.

THE INFAMOUS CAR LINE

The student entrance off of Hulett Road is the only space where students who are driving or getting a ride to school should be entering the building. The bus loop is closed to non-staff for safety reasons, and the guest entry off of Jolly Road is currently closed for construction. This was also the case last year, and thankfully, all students and staff were still able to get to school on time when they planned ahead.

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. For after school, you can plan to be at the school early, or pick up your student 15 minutes after school lets out to avoid the first wave. Make a plan that works for your family, and please be courteous to others.

IMPORTANT 24-25 NHS DATES

Please Mark your Calendars for next year's Mandatory NHS Events:

- 9/4/24 - Chapter Meeting, 7:15am in the Auditorium (Dues and Bylaws due)
- 10/5/24 - Bottle Drive for Food Bank, 8am-1pm OHS Staff Lot & Community
- 12/4/24 - Chapter Meeting, 7:15am in the Auditorium
- 2/4/25 - Chapter Meeting, 7:15am in the Auditorium
- 4/9/25 - Blood Drive, 8am-1:30pm, Wrestling Room
- 5/6/25 - Induction, 6:30pm, Auditorium
- 5/28/25 - Chapter Meeting, 7:15am in the Auditorium

OKEMOS WOLF RUN AND WALK

The District Events Council is excited to present our first annual Okemos Wolf Run and Walk: The Mascot trot 5K on August 24. Pre-registration is now open!!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Okemos/okemoswolfmun>

OKEMOS WOLF RUN & WALK
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
T-SHIRTS & MEDALS FOR PARTICIPANTS!

ROLL & STROLL | MILE RUN | MASCOT TROT 5K | KID SPRINT

Artist rendering of new mascot!

FEATURING:
THE OKEMOS WOLF PACK
THE OKEMOS DANCE TEAM
GIVEAWAYS AND MORE!

SIGN UP NOW!
PRE-REGISTER FOR EARLY BIRD PRICING.

QR code for registration

	Kick Start <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour the building • Meet the District Health Team, Food Service Dept., and Transportation Dept. (K-6 only) • Student Schedules (5th-12th only) 	Open House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour the building • Learn about the curriculum • Meet the Teacher (K-4 & OHS)
Bennett Woods Elementary	August 14, 2024 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	August 19, 2024 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Cornell Elementary	August 14, 2024 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	August 19, 2024 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Hiawatha Elementary	August 15, 2024 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	August 19, 2024 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Okemos Public Montessori	August 15, 2024 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	August 19, 2024 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Kinawa 5-6 School	August 15, 2024 10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Virtual presentation
Chippewa Middle School	August 15, 2024 9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Virtual presentation
Okemos High School	August 14, 2024 9:00 am - 2:00 pm	August 22, 2024 Parent Meeting: 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Open House: 6 pm- 7 pm

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