



# OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**No School**  
February 2

**Winter Dance: NEW DATE!**  
FEBRUARY 3rd!

**Athletic Signing Day**  
February 7, 3pm  
OHS Auditorium

**No School-Winter Break**  
February 16-19

## IMPORTANT LINKS

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**NEXT MEETING:**

**MARCH 15, 2024**

## OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

We are off and rolling in Semester Two and have so much to look forward to in the upcoming months. We kick off an exciting stretch of activities starting with our Winter Dance this weekend. All important information regarding the dance was emailed to students and parents/guardians, so please make sure to take a glance at that!

Coming up next week is our first annual senior signing day. Organized by OHS Athletic Director, Mr. Hintze, this event will take place in the OHS Auditorium on Wednesday, February 7th, and will showcase our athletes who are signing their letters of intent to play at their respective colleges. Please feel free to join us to support our seniors. All are welcome.

Also on the horizon is a short break in mid-February as well as our Diversity Assembly and Touch of Class senior fundraiser in March. Be on the lookout for more information regarding each of those events as the dates approach.

We know that the end of the year will be here before we know it and many parents/guardians are looking to plan for all of the fun senior events and activities that are planned. Please use this document for "[All Things Senior](#)." We will continually update with more information as details are finalized.

We are so proud of our students and look forward to celebrating them in the months to come.

Take care,

Mrs. Cironi and Dr. Schmidt

ps. Dr. Kemsley says, "Hi!"

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## COUNSELING INFORMATION

### Monthly Counselor Newsletter

Please access the [February 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!

## Important NHS Dates

**February 1-2:** Applications to those eligible will be emailed to students and their parents/guardians. The application is a Google Form this year. Emails will also include a presentation that explains the process. All sophomores with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and all juniors who aren't already members who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher will be invited to apply.

**March 1:** Applications must be submitted by 2:35 pm

**April 15:** Applicants will be notified of acceptance or rejection

**May 8:** NHS Induction Ceremony, 6:30 pm in OHS Auditorium

**May 29:** Mandatory Chapter Meeting, 7:15 am in OHS Auditorium

## OEF APPLE Awards

Looking for a way to tell your child's teacher you care about them for Valentine's Day? Once again the Okemos Education Foundation is offering the APPLE (Amazing Performance in Promoting Learning and Education) Award, a simple way to recognize a teacher, paraprofessional, admin assistant, principal, custodian, food service worker, bus driver, etc. For a \$20 donation, this person will receive a 5x7 color certificate with their name, your (child's) name, and the reason for the award. Proceeds from this help the Okemos Education Foundation financially support all seven of our schools. To order an APPLE award visit [www.oefsite.org/apple](http://www.oefsite.org/apple).

Thank you in advance for your support of Okemos Public Schools staff and the Okemos Education Foundation!

Sue Hallman  
OEF Chair

## ACADEMIC LEARNING CENTER INFORMATION

The ALC will be unavailable to students on the following dates. Please make sure to mark these in your calendar as students will be expected to exit the building by 3 pm with no ALC available (unless involved in a different extracurricular activity).

Tuesday, February 6

Tuesday, March 5

Tuesday, April 2

Tuesday, May 7

Monday, June 3

Tuesday, June 4

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

Celebrate Black History Month by learning more about [African American heritage](#) in the Lansing area. Lansing has been home to many Black innovators over the years who have positively impacted their communities. For example, Lansing-born Dr. Alexa Canady was the first black female neurosurgeon in the United States. She was the chief of neurosurgery at the Children's Hospital of Michigan from 1987 until her retirement in 2001. Visit the [Greater Lansing website](#) to learn about other influential people, Black-owned establishments, sites of interest, and much more.

## OHS Yearbook Info

Order your 2024 Yearbook [HERE!](#) Prices go up on February 1st! If you aren't sure if you ordered a yearbook or not please email [yearbook@okemosk12.net](mailto:yearbook@okemosk12.net) at any time and we can check for you!

