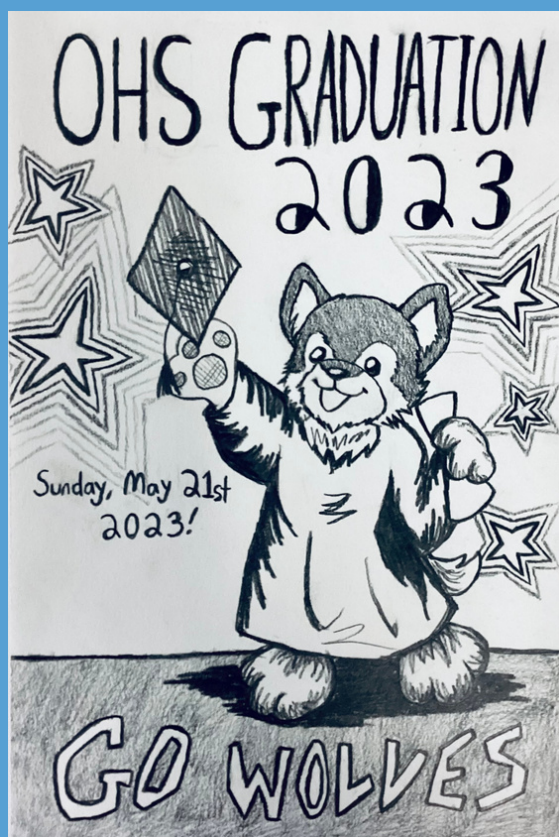




OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

Bi-Monthly Newsletter for the Okemos High School Community

IMPORTANT DATES



**GRADUATION MAY 21ST AT THE
BRESLIN CENTER! DOORS OPEN
AT 12PM.**

ARTIST: DANNY ACKERMAN

IMPORTANT LINKS

click these:

[DISTRICT CALENDAR](#)

[PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK](#)

[PARENT GROUP](#)



every.single.year.
i'm surprised. leaves!
they're here!

it's funny how we are
surprised by things we know
are coming

humans have a knack for
pretending

but the time comes, right?
congratulations, seniors

DEAR SENIORS, THIS IS IT! YOUR LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL. AND THEN ON TO BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS. WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW YOU. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ARE REALLY PROUD OF YOU AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU WILL DO IN THE FUTURE! BE SUPER NICE TO YOUR PARENTS; AS YOUR WORLD IS CHANGING, THEIRS IS, TOO! AS ALWAYS, I LOVE YOU!

-DR. KEMSLEY

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES AND INFORMATION

The OHS Community Calendar is on our website and also linked [here](#). We are looking forward to celebrating our amazing senior class! "One stop shopping" doc linked below!

[LINK TO ALL SENIOR DATES CLICK HERE](#) 

May 16 - Senior Project Day
May 16, 7 pm- Senior Award Night / Athletic Awards
May 17- Senior Project Rain Day
May 18 - Seniors' Last Day;
ALL WORK DUE
May 21 - Graduation at the Breslin Center

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...

SPANISH SUMMER FIELD TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Hola! Are you a Spanish student interested in traveling to Ecuador and The Galapagos in June 2024? If so, please join Señorita Funk for an informational meeting on **TUESDAY, May 16th** @ 6 pm in B116. Information about the trip, including the cost, will be available at the meeting! Gracias!!

NHS REMINDER

June 5th - Mandatory Active Member Meeting in OHS Auditorium @7:15am - 36 hours due for those who have been active members all school year. Those inducted on April 19th must also attend.

QUESTIONS SHOULD BE EMAILED TO NHS.OKEMOS@OKEMOSK12.NET

FROM THE OFFICE OF DR. SLEE

From [National Geographic Kids](#): "So what does Cinco de Mayo celebrate? On the morning of May 5, 1862, 6,000 French troops stormed the Mexican city of Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza to bring it under French rule. The Mexican soldiers were outnumbered, but they fiercely fought back. By early evening, the French had retreated. Now the people of Puebla, Mexico, observe the holiday Cinco de Mayo to celebrate this victory. The holiday is also widely celebrated in the United States. Americans use the celebration to honor the battle as well as Mexican culture."

CLUB AND COMMUNITY NEWS

HOSTED BY
FRIENDS OF PARK LAKE &
TCBA YOUTH CYCLING CLUB

PARK LAKE FAMILY BIKE RIDE

WISWASSER PARK
SATURDAY, JUNE 10
10:00 AM

\$5/rider suggested donation


Sponsored by:
Tri-County Bicycle Association

Cash or checks payable to Friends of Park Lake will accepted on the day of ride. All proceeds will go to Friends of Park Lake

Explore Bath Fun and Safe 3 Routes Fundraiser FREE

Registration Link:
<https://tinyurl.com/5cvytf5c>

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OKEMOS ROBOTICS

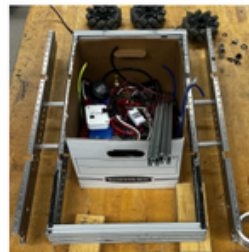
DESPERATE PENGUINS NEWSLETTER
MAY 1, 2023

KINAWA SCIENCE NIGHT

After a successful night at Hiawatha, the team once again brought out Chuck and Kowalski to Kinawa, putting on a frisbee-flinging, penguin-inspired display! Students were given the opportunity to drive Chuck around and "chuck" around frisbees at their fellow (willingly participating) classmates! The team had a great time talking to students and parents and we are looking forward to coming back next year!



Also, stay on the lookout for a FIRST Lego League Team at Kinawa next year!



NEW FRAMEBOT?

With the end of our competition season and the beginning of our offseason, the team has begun working on new projects, such as this brand new robot! Using scrapped parts from previous years, the underclassmen are now putting together a new chassis for future use in teaching new members and demonstrations. Additionally, it will serve as good preparation for the 2024 competition season. Currently, only the metal frame has been assembled, but in the coming weeks, we plan to add the motors, wheels, and wiring, which would allow the robot to drive!

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Any questions? Feel free to reach out to us at 1504robotics@gmail.com

CMS MONTESSORI ANNUAL PLANT AND FLOWER SALE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
MAY 13, 14, 20, 21

10 A.M. - 3 P.M.



CMS GREENHOUSE

BOARD POLICY INFORMATION

The Board of Education conducts ongoing reviews of existing and proposed new policies as they relate to current educational practice. It is the practice of the board to give all policies, new or changed, a first reading at a public meeting, with final action taken no sooner than one month from the date of first reading.

New or changed policies are posted to [this page](#) on the OPS website following first reading.

Comments or concerns may be emailed to the Board of Education (board@okemosk12.net) prior to the "Date to be Adopted."

BOND UPDATES



Our mission: *Together... educating with excellence, inspiring each learner for life.*

BOND UPDATE

Planning and design is underway for Okemos bond projects

March 31, 2023

With the passing of the 2022 bond, the Okemos Public Schools district, along with The Veridus Group, TowerPinkster, and The Christman Company, have been working diligently to implement promises made to the community. Since the bond passed, this core team has conducted benchmarking tours, hosted regular meetings to review design concepts, evaluated and reconciled budgets, identified potential logistical challenges, and established each project's safety and security priorities.

An update was recently provided to the Board of Education outlining the first projects to be addressed with an initial draw of \$10 million in bond funds. The design team reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Board and District Leadership while highlighting the significant and ongoing professional and student engagement. Lastly, a timeline tool was shared which guides the community through the design process.

The timeline shown below will be customized for each project to share the design status, communicate project milestones, and prepare the community for anticipated construction activity.

The first projects addressing secure vestibules, pressing needs, and high school athletics are underway and currently in the construction document phase. Progress will be shared at the Board's meeting in April before going to bid and, ultimately, construction.

Engagement Matters

Throughout the design and construction process. The core team has formed several stakeholder committees to address topics ranging from a more secure front entry to food service, athletics, and performing arts. In addition, students at Kinawa and Chippewa were recently invited to participate in a survey to share their unique perspectives. The team seeks to engage as many staff and student voices as possible to ensure the design and construction of each building/phase addresses Okemos' diverse, critical needs.

We continue to monitor how the bond projects will impact our Okemos community. Given the renovation and construction at school building throughout summer 2023, visitors should expect the following impacts:

Okemos Public Montessori at Central

Temporary Location for Admin Offices through fall 2023

Edgewood Child Care Center

Temporary Drop off location starting 6/3

High School Athletics

Temporary Construction Access through Fall 2023

Chippewa Middle School Recreation Fields

No impact for 2023, however, impacts are expected for 2024

Proposed Design Phase Schedule

