



# OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Cap and Gown Orders Due**  
November 8th; A and B Lunch

**Thanksgiving Break:**  
November 22-24

**Toddler Day**  
(one of Kemsley's favorite days!)  
Friday, December 8

**Winter Break**  
December 23-January 7

## IMPORTANT LINKS

click these:

[DISTRICT CALENDAR](#)

[BOND UPDATES](#)

[PARENT GROUP NEWSLETTER](#)

[PARENT GROUP MEETING](#)

[MINUTES](#)

**NEXT MEETING:**

**JANUARY 12, 2024**

## OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

I hope students had a good first quarter. The school year has settled in, and we are out of the "honeymoon" phase; however, I want to tell you that I am very proud of our students. They really do continue to amaze us with their talent, humor, perseverance, and kindness.

One thing that I want to remind every family about is the amazing clubs we have here at OHS. If students want to be involved in something but don't know where to start, use this link to check out all of the clubs we offer here! [Clubs link](#)

I'd also like to take a minute to thank all of our fall athletes who represent (and continue to represent) us so well. Being a student athlete is a significant commitment, and I want to recognize that commitment and thank all of the athletes, families, and boosters that contribute to our wonderful programs. We are proud of you!

We are also very grateful to our musician and artists here at OHS. Marching band had a fantastic season; our orchestras put on an amazing concert; and please don't forget that OHS Theatre is putting on what is sure to be an amazing play--CLUE! We hope to see you there.

As always, if you need anything, please feel free to reach out to us. I hope you are doing well and look forward to a tremendous 2nd quarter of the year!

Take care,

Dr. Kemsley

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## COUNSELING INFORMATION

### Class of 2026

All OHS sophomores are asked to schedule their sophomore meeting with their counselor. This is a brief introductory meeting in which counselors will go over students' graduation progress and post-secondary plans. We will also discuss ways that we will be able to provide support to you over the next few years. Meetings can be scheduled for any time in November and December.

Appointments with Mrs. Inglis can be scheduled at <https://calendly.com/carrie-inglis>

Appointments with Miss Thompson can be scheduled at <https://calendly.com/joi-thompson>

Appointments with Mr. Walton can be scheduled at <https://calendly.com/hedlun-walton>

### Class of 2027

Mrs. Akers is continuing to meet with freshmen for their Freshmen meeting. If they have not done so already, students are encouraged to schedule their appointment at [www.calendly.com/cori-akers](http://www.calendly.com/cori-akers)

### College Visits

Eastern Michigan - Thursday, Nov. 2 in front of the cafeteria

Oakland University - Monday, Nov 13 in front of the cafeteria

Grand Valley State Univ - Thursday, Nov 16 A lunch only in front of the cafeteria

## NHS UPDATE:

The NHS Bottle and Can Drive raised \$ 3,414.13 for The Greater Lansing Food Bank. That's over 10,000 meals! We would like to thank the Okemos community for their generous contributions. We'd also like to send a big thanks to Nancy Wright for her help!

## IMPORTANT SENIOR INFORMATION:

Cap and Gown packets are now available in the main office. Herff Jones will be at OHS on November 8th, in the Kiva, for seniors to place their orders during their assigned lunch period.

Yard signs for seniors that include your student's yearbook will be sold again this spring—expect an order form link in the OHS newsletter in March 2024. A senior parent volunteer will work with a local printer to place a bulk order that can be picked up at school. With an order of 120+ signs, each sign will cost \$15 (with fewer than 120, the cost will be \$20). If you have any questions please contact senior parent volunteer, Valerie Long, at [valong11@gmail.com](mailto:valong11@gmail.com)

Please see more information linked [here](#).

## FROM DR. LARA SLEE, DIRECTOR of DEI

National Native American Heritage Month is celebrated each year in November. It is also referred to as American Indian and Native Alaskan Heritage Month. There's a new online exhibition at the [National Archives Museum](#) called "All American: The Power of Sports" that includes stories and artifacts related to sports at Indian boarding schools. There's also a special display about athlete Jim Thorpe featuring the Olympic gold medals restored to his family in 1982 and a handwritten letter he sent in 1935. [Click here to visit the online exhibition.](#)

To better understand the cultural heritage of Okemos and to learn about the Anishinaabe people of the Great Lakes, visit the [Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center's website.](#)

## OHS PRESS SUBSCRIPTION INFO

The OHS Press is a student-led school newspaper. We released our first issue yesterday, and we are excited to share more stellar stories over the course of the school year.

If you are wondering how to secure a copy for yourself and support our newsroom, we are offering our subscription service again this year.

How does it work?

- Fill out our [OHS Press Subscription Form \(2023-24\)](#).
- We can accept cash, check, and digital payments. Details are in the form.
- The [Revtrak link](#) is for digital payments for subscribing. We also accept donations.

You receive 6-8 copies. These will be sent directly to your mailing address (unless you would like it hand-delivered to your school mailbox).

You will also be directly supporting our news program so that we can keep offering printed news for the student body. This service is only made possible by subscribers and patrons like yourself. Feel free to share with loved ones and community members.

## ATHLETICS UPDATE:

### National Signing Day:

Senior Athletes,

If you plan on participating in athletics at the next level, sign up for Okemos Athletics National Signing Day. We will host this event in the High School Auditorium, starting at 3:15 p.m.

Fill out this form if interested - The form closes on Feb 1st, late submissions will not be accepted.

Please purchase your tickets for home events in advance on [GoFan](#).

## HIGH SCHOOL WINTER TRYOUTS

### Basketball (Boys)

November 13th & 14th - Okemos High School Gym  
9th - 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
JV - 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Varsity - 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
**Coach Jeff Wonch:** jeff.wonch@okemosk12.net

### Basketball (Girls)

November 20th & 21st - Okemos High School Gym  
9th - 12th Grade - 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
**Coach Aaron Schafer:** aaron.schafer@okemosk12.net

### Cheer (Sideline)

October 30th - November 1st - Wrestling Room  
9th - 12th Grade - 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
**Coach Lakeka Pruitt:** lakeka.pruitt@okemosk12.net

### Dance

November 2nd - Chippewa Auditorium  
9th - 12th Grade - 4:15 - 6:00 pm  
**Coach Vanessa Nahat:** vanessa.nahat@okemosk12.net

### Ice Hockey

October 30th & 31st - EL Ice Cube (formerly Suburban)  
9th - 12th Grade - 3:30 - 4:20 pm  
**Coach Jason Monaghan:** jmonaghan72@me.com

### Skating (Boys & Girls)

November 13th - Okemos High School Weight Room  
9th - 12th Grade - 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
**Coach Jeff David:** djdavid2@comcast.net

### Swim & Dive (Boys)

November 20th @ Okemos High School Pool  
9th - 12th Grade - 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
**Coach Patrick Saucedo:** patrick.saucedo@okemosk12.net

### Wrestling (Boys & Girls)

November 13th - Okemos High School  
9th - 12th Grade - 3:30 Start  
**Coach CJ Guess:** clguess@yahoo.com



**GO WOLVES!**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS/INFO

## Fall Play Ticket Information

OHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT presents

# Clue

November 3, 4 @ 7:00 pm | November 5 @ 2:00 pm

The classic board game is brought to life in Clue, a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests are invited to a dinner party thrown by an anonymous host, where murder and blackmail are on the menu. Given aliases – Colonel Mustard, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock, Professor Plum, and Miss Scarlet – it is soon discovered that all of them have fallen victim to the same blackmailer, their very host of the evening. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth, the butler, they must race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. CLUE is the comedy whodunit that will leave both movie cult fans and newcomers in stitches as they try to figure out...WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT! Purchase tickets at [okemostheatre.com](#) or scan the QR code.



## CRUNCH THE HUNGER



### OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE

**WHEN: NOVEMBER 1-21**

**DONATED TO: GREATER LANSING FOOD BANK**

**WHAT: NON-PERISHABLE FOODS. NO GLASS BOTTLES OR EXPIRED FOODS.**

**WHERE: BOXES NEAR THE MAIN OFFICE**

**QUESTIONS?: LAHARI RAJA  
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