



## Welcome to OHHS

We have added some new faces to our staff! Mr. Orlando and Mrs. Smith-Wakefield have retired from their influential position in our students' lives. Our new counselor is Mrs. Buccilli and Ms. Sobah is our new social worker!



Mrs. Buccilli was very enthused to start working with the kids. She has been counselling for 18 years! Mrs. Buccilli tries to help students remember to be themselves throughout their years in high school. She said her advice for all the students is, "Set a goal, figure out the steps to reach that goal, and have fun while you're doing it." She sees that a lot of the struggles the kids go through are very similar to what she struggled with when she was in high school.



Ms. Sobah was ecstatic to be our social worker! She loves working with older kids because she can actually have conversations with them. This will be her second year in social working! For college, she went to SVSU for her undergrad and then graduated with her masters from MSU. Ms. Sobah said, "I want the students to not get caught

up with doing what other people are doing or when things happen to them, because everyone is on their own timeline." She sees that a lot of kids focus on wanting to fit in, when being yourself is the best thing you can do. Trying to force yourself to be like others will hide who you truly are.

By Anna Myers

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# Murder Mystery

On January 23-26, the Ogemaw Heights Theatrical Troupe put on their annual murder mystery dinner theatre, *I'm Getting Murdered in the Morning*, at Sandbaggers. The plot centers around Brenda Montague and Eddie Crock's wedding reception, where in-laws have been fighting and even the bride and groom are running late.



Just as the families think the chaos is over, Harold, Brenda's father, and Sheila, Eddie's mother, receive quite the surprise, as an old "friend" from their past shows up at the reception. Moments later, this "friend" is murdered on the dance floor, and now it's up to Detective Parker and the wedding party to solve the mystery.

Senior, Ivy Ingleson played newspaper columnist, Mary Berger, and has been a part of the murder mystery productions since her sophomore year. She said that she has been reflecting a lot on her experience in the productions. "Doing this for the last time has made me very bittersweet," Ivy explained. "It has made me realize how much I'm going to miss it when I graduate." Describing challenges she faced, Ivy said that, "Doing improvisation has always been a challenge, not just on my end, but for many other actors as well." She added, "You never know what audience members are going to say to you while you're in character, so you have to be prepared for anything."

On the other hand, for senior Sam Baird, this was her first time doing one of the murder mystery productions. In this show, she played the role of Bunny Kelly, the Maid of Honor. She said that being in her first murder mystery production has been vastly different from what she has been used to. "One of the weirdest things about the murder mysteries, for me, has been performing at a restaurant instead of an auditorium," Sam explained. "The atmosphere and setting were definitely something we all had to get used to when we started practicing at Sandbaggers." Sam also commented on how different this show was from the spring and fall shows. "There was a lot more audience interaction."

It was also sophomore Caity Ahearne's first time being in one of the murder mysteries. Caity said that being in her first murder mystery has been an interesting experience. "I like that I get to learn how to do improv from watching all of the other actors who have more stage time than me, and who have done murder mysteries before," she explained, "It makes me really excited for what next year is going to bring."

Audience members were treated with a lovely dinner, along with "wedding cake" for dessert. A silent auction was held at the four performances with many gift baskets being offered, and the grand prize being a different Coach purse every night. The show sold out at all four performances. The money raised from the performances and the auction prizes will be used toward future theatrical productions.

By Grace Johnson



# Bridge Crew

In an effort to increase pride and spirit throughout Ogemaw Heights, the Bridge Crew is holding after school activities before home sporting events. These events are focused towards the freshman class, but some can be attended by others as well. In January, pizza and shirts were handed out to freshmen before the wrestling team's tri-meet against Oscoda and Onaway.

On January 27, during a boys basketball triple header, the Bridge Crew held a Pizza Wars fundraiser for Ogemaw Heights graduate and former teacher Mr. Duquette. Throughout the night, students and fans received a plate of nine different local pizzas for donations of at least one dollar. By the end of the night, over \$200 were raised for Mr. Duquette.

Coming up later this month, Bridge Crew is holding a Pack the Pool event on Feb. 4, and a Jam the Gym event on Feb. 7, where the night will be kicked off with a Staff vs. Freshmen girls basketball game.

By Alex Kennedy



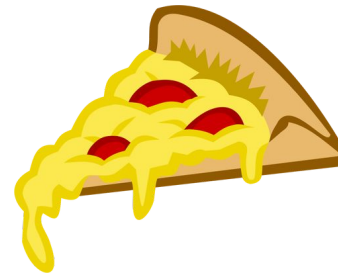
Posters were made for every wrestler.



Bridge Crew Leaders Crystal Erwin (left) and Cori Bertossi (right) handing out t-shirts for freshmen to wear in the student section

## Pizza Wars Results

<b>FAULL INN.....</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>OGEMAW HEIGHTS.....</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>LITTLE CAESARS.....</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>G'S PIZZERIA.....</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>DEANO'S.....</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>PIT STOP.....</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>BUCCILLI'S.....</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>JACKSONVILLE.....</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>NO LIMITS.....</b>	<b>2%</b>



In the beginning of February, Skills USA will host a hat day at OHHS to raise further donations for Mr. Duquette. \$1 to wear a hat.



# College Sports Signing

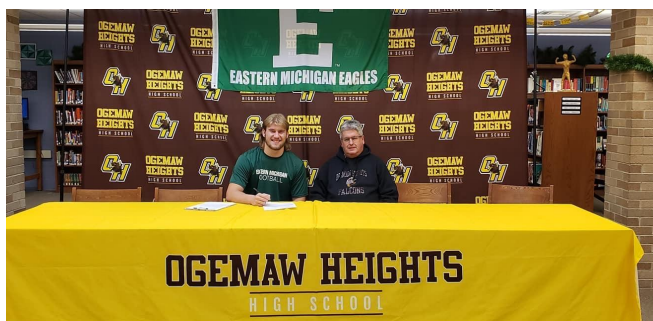
Two seniors of the Ogemaw Heights Class of 2020 have made the decision to continue their education in college by showing their athleticism and staying committed to their school work until graduation. Jere Getzinger Jr. and Tyler Eedy have made the step from a small town school to NCAA Division 1.

Jere started to play football in 4th Grade as part of the Ogemaw Browns. In high school, he made the varsity team his sophomore. After a 8-3 year in 2019 and giving Ogemaw a playoff berth in the MHSAA Division 5 Playoffs. Getzinger signed with other prospects on National Early Signing Day Dec.18 2019. Jere signed and will be continuing his education and football career at Eastern Michigan University to play for the Eagles at the NCAA D1 FBS Mid American Conference (MAC).

Tyler Eedy had been on college radars ever since his freshman year. After a golf tournament his freshman year, coaches from Michigan State University gave him a tour of the MSU Golf facilities. After winning 11 Meijer Junior Tour Competitions, and ranked #2 in Michigan by the National Junior Golf Scoreboard, Eedy made a verbal commitment to Michigan State in 2017 with the influence of wanting to stay in Michigan. Tyler will be continuing his golfing career and education at NCAA Big 10 (B1G) Michigan State Spartans starting in the fall of 2020.

More senior athletes will be signing to a Division 1, 2 or 3 from Ogemaw Heights in the coming months. Their hard efforts deserve a congratulations.

By Michael Pyszora



Jere Getzinger Jr. (left) with Varsity Football Head Coach



Tyler Eedy (center) surrounded by friends and teammates



# Student Spotlight

## Senior- Makayla White



Favorite Color: Mauve

Future Plans: SVSU or Kirtland to become a teacher.

Age: 18

Birthday: August 8, 2001

Role Model: Her dad, because he's hard working.

Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Goldberg

*By: Charlie Clark*

## Junior- Madison Kaiser

Favorite Color: Purple

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Sisco

Future Plans: Go to Delta

Age: 17

Birthday: October 20th, 2002

Role Model: Her grandpa because he works really hard



*By: Fletcher Thompson*

## Sophomore- Bryce Zettel



**Favorite Color:** Orange

**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Powley

**Future Plans:** MSU to become an electrician.

**Age:** 15

**Birthday:** April 27, 2004

**Role Model:** His mom, because she does a lot for the community and does a lot for him and his brother.

*By: Delaney Quigley*

## Freshman- Brendan Rea

**Favorite Color:** Blue

**Favorite Teacher:** Mr. Goulette

**Future Plans:** Play baseball in the MLB.

**Age:** 15

**Birthday:** May 12th, 2004

**Role Model:** Uncle Patrick, because they are always there for each other.



*By: Paige Liddell*



# Athlete of the Month- Courtney Tolfree

Courtney is a senior at OHHS and has been swimming for most of her life; starting when she was around six years old. "I kind of just jumped in and I was like 'hey, I like this, so I kept doing it.'" This past season, Courtney had around 10 PR's with the best being in the backstroke and fly. Her favorite moment of swim is practicing at Standish due to the pool not open yet. Ben Walby ran into the pool wall because the water was hot and it was a "muggy" day. Courtney does other extracurriculars like being Vice President of HOSA, Links, NHS, and being a Bridge Crew Leader.

"Students should join swim; it's so much fun. As a team, we are great friends. Coach Hofer is amazing too." In the spring, Courtney will be playing soccer. After she graduates, Courtney is planning to attend Western Michigan University.



Courtney (center left) with swim other swim teammates

By: Michael Pyszora

## This Month in History

February was added to the Roman calendar in 713 BC. The length of the month changed over time and, at one time, it had as few as 23 days. When Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar, the month was assigned 28 days during normal years and 29 days during leap years which occurred every four years.

### Holidays & Events To Look Forward To:

- Chinese New Year
- National Freedom Day
- Groundhog Day
- Valentine's Day
- President's Day
- Mardi Gras
- Ash Wednesday
- Black History Month
- American Heart Month
- Chocolate Lover's Month

### Fun Facts

- It is the shortest month of the year.
- The Welsh call February "y mis bach" which means "little month".
- In the Southern Hemisphere February is a summer month the equivalent of August.
- The month is named for the Latin word februum which means purification.
- Together with January, it was the last of the months added to the Roman calendar.
- The largest American sporting event of the year, the Super Bowl, is held in February.
- The Saxon term for the month, Sol-monath, means "cake month". This is because they offered cakes to the gods during this month

By Lillian White

# Recipe

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and if you have a special someone, it is time you gift them with a delicious treat. Valentine's Day is not about getting expensive gifts to show how much you care, it is the thought that counts and the love you put into



your gift. A sweet treat is the best way to do it, as you can easily whip up something with love. Here is a quick and easy dessert that can be prepared in very little time. This is a fresh and light treat that can be paired with any Valentine's Day dinner.

**YIELDS:**  
6

**PREP TIME:**  
20 MINS

**TOTAL TIME:**  
20 MINS

## DIRECTIONS

- In a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat cream cheese, 2 to 3 minutes.
- Add heavy cream and powdered sugar and beat until fluffy.
- Transfer mixture to a piping bag and pipe into strawberries.
- Garnish with crushed graham crackers and serve

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 c. cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 c. heavy cream
- 1/4 c. powdered sugar
- 1 pt. strawberries, bottoms and tops sliced off and hollowed out
- Crushed graham crackers, for garnish

# Scholarships

The following scholarships range from \$500 - \$1000

**West Branch High School Alumni Association:** "First preference will be given to applicants who have or had a relative who attended West Branch High School between the years of 1890-1969." This scholarship requires you to briefly explain why you should qualify for this scholarship.

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF WEST BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:** The Optimist Club of West Branch scholarships requires a small essay with a 100 words or less, and a list of community service activities.

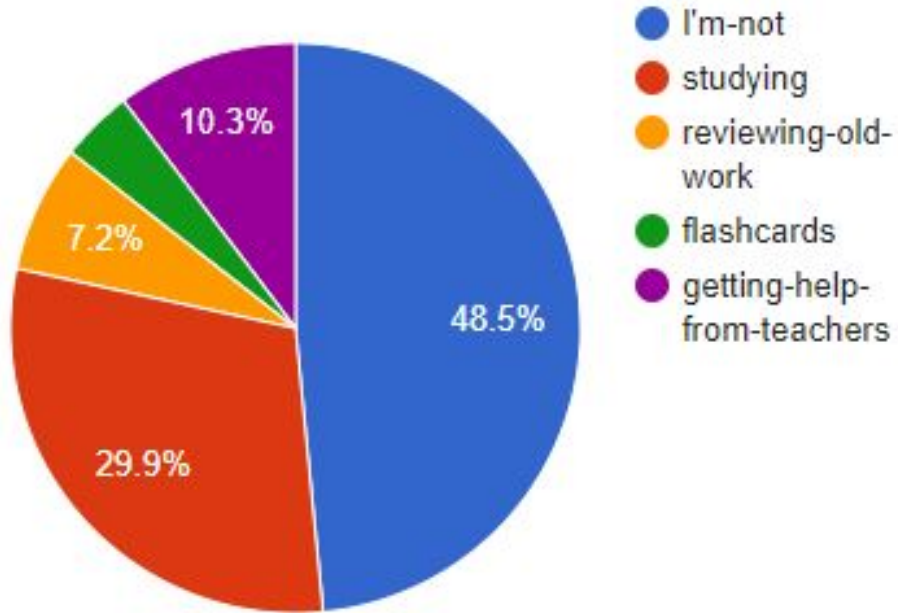
To access these scholarships go to the school website and find the E.S.P. - Educational Support Partnership section to access these scholarships. All scholarships should be due back by March to your counselor.

By: Charlie Clark and Robert Griffin

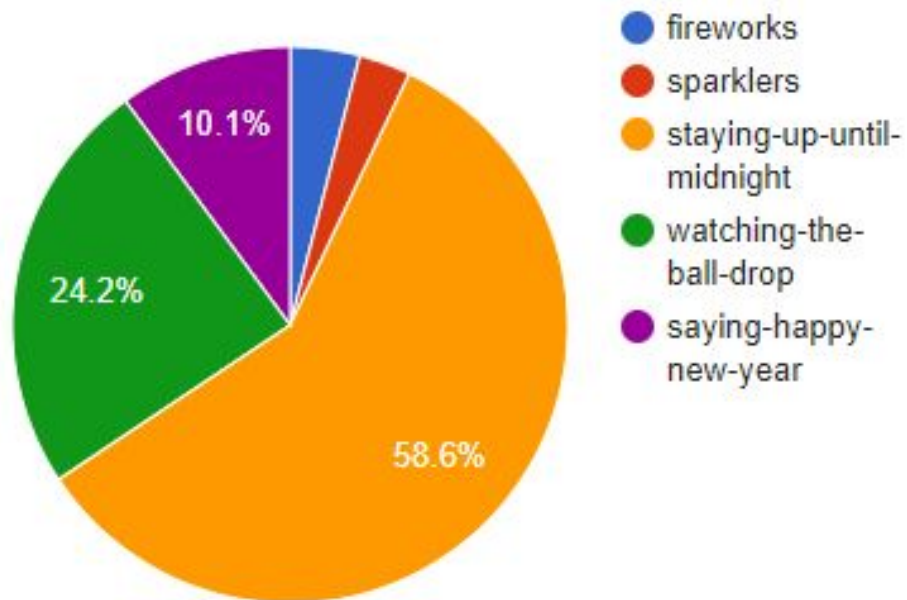


# Student Response

How do you prepare for exams?



How did you celebrate the New Year?



By: Brandon Wright



# Upcoming Events

Friday, February 7th  
Freshmen Girls vs Staff Basketball Game  
@ 4:00pm

Thursday, February 20th  
Senior Composite Pictures

Friday, February 21st  
No School

Friday, February 28th  
Glow Dance at OHHS 9-11PM

March 11th-14th  
Spring Musical- "Crazy For You"

March 20th-29th  
Spring Break

## February Sports Schedule

### Girls Varsity Basketball

- 2/7 vs. Mt. Pleasant 7:30pm
- 2/10 @ Gladwin 7:30pm
- 2/14 @ Alpena 7:00pm
- 2/18 @ Manistee 7:00pm
- 2/20 @ Tawas 7:30pm
- 2/25 @ Freeland 7:30pm

### Boys Varsity Basketball

- 2/4 vs. Freeland 7:30pm
- 2/11 vs. Meridian 7:30pm
- 2/17 vs. Alpena 7:30pm
- 2/21 @ Tawas 7:30pm
- 2/24 @ Alcona 7:30pm
- 2/26 @ Gaylord 7:00pm
- 2/28 vs. Oscoda 7:30pm

### Bowling

- 2/1 @ Alcona 11:00am
- 2/8 Hi Skore Lanes 11:00am
- 2/15 @ Oscoda 11:00am
- 2/22 Hi Skore Lanes 11:00am

### Boys Wrestling

- 2/1 @ Gaylord 9:00am
- 2/8 League Invite Time TBA

### Boys Swimming

- 2/4 vs. Garber 6:00pm
- 2/6 vs. Oscoda 6:00pm
- 2/11 @ Caro 5:00pm
- 2/18 @ Chesaning 5:00pm
- 2/28 ISC Prelims @ SVSU 6:00pm
- 2/29 ISC Finals @SVSU 6:00pm

