# **Trojan Parentline**

Friday, January 15, 2016

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School Hours: 7:45 AM - 2:46 PM Office Hours: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### **Daily Schedule**

**Upcoming Events** 

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### **General Information**

Attendance - 517.333.7567 or elhsattendance.elhsa@elps.us Please leave your students name, grade and reason for absence.

**EXCEL** is a required academic period on Tuesday and Thursday. All students must be with a teacher, counselor or the media specialist during EXCEL. All Administrator, Faculty and Staff contact information is available at elps.us by clicking on the <u>staff directory</u> link.

East Lansing High School is a **closed campus during lunch** for Freshmen and Sophomore students.

**Visitors** must report to the main office and receive a visitor's pass in order to access the building during school hours.

# Trojan T.U.R.F. - Trust, Unity, Respect and Fairness

Trojan T.U.R.F. is a philosophy utilized in all areas of interaction at East Lansing High School. Research indicates that when a school environment is positive and predictable, students feel safe, have better academic performance, higher test results and make better behavior choices. Schools also show a gain in instructional time and a reduction in discipline referrals and out of school suspensions.

## Principal's Letter

Friday, January 15, 2016 8:00 AM

#### Dear East Lansing Families,

It's hard to believe we're almost halfway through the school year! It seems only a few weeks ago that we welcomed our students back into the building to start the year off. Now, with the move into second semester fast approaching, students will soon be completing final exams and preparing to start fresh on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>.

I encourage students to make the decision now to finish strong. This is especially true for seniors. It seems the senioritis virus always makes a strong appearance this time of year. A healthy dose of "keeping your eye on the goal" makes for good immunization. Use it liberally.

With the second semester on the horizon, the school has begun to prepare to schedule the 2016-2017 school year, so expect more detailed information on this soon. I hope that students will continue to aim high and challenge themselves in their coursework as they explore their interests and develop their talents. It's wonderful to be in a high school that has so much to offer, and I encourage them to take full advantage of the excellent course offerings and great staff we have here.

As always, we appreciate the trust you place in us. Day in and day out, we are committed to honoring that trust.

Sincerely,

Coby Fletcher

## **Student Services**

Friday, January 15, 2016 9:40 AM

#### Drops and Adds - Spring Semester

There will not be an official drop/add period for  $2^{nd}$  semester changes. If a student wishes to make any changes to their schedule, they will need to either send an email to their counselor or make an appointment with their counselor to inquire about the change. Many  $2^{nd}$  semester classes are full, so the counselors may not be able to accommodate a student's request due to the class numbers.

#### **PSAT Information**

The PSAT scores for the test date that some of our student's elected to take in October are now available. Students will need to make an account at <u>www.studentscores.collegeboard.org</u> and click the add scores button. ELHS did not receive hard copies of student score reports for the October test. ELHS also does not have the ability to troubleshoot College Board account issues. Students will need to contact College Board if they need help setting up their account or accessing their scores.

#### **MSTEP Parent Reports**

Reports are now available in the Student Services office for students in the classes of 2016 and 2019.

#### Scheduling Information for 2016-2017 School Year

Details for scheduling for the 2016-2017 school year are still being finalized. Look for communication coming home towards the end of the month that will detail how the scheduling process will work for students in the upcoming months.

#### Seventh Semester Transcripts

Seventh semester transcripts will be available for students in the graduating class of 2016 at the end of January. Many colle ges will request 7th semester transcripts from our students. The 7th Semester Router Form is now available in Student Services.

- Direct to College Students may request their 7th semester transcripts through parchment.com at any time, but in order to process this request, Student Services staff must receive a completed router form from the student. If the student would like a hard-copy transcript sent to a college/university, the office will need a stamped, addressed envelope to process this request.
- Common App If the original application was submitted through common app, a router form needs to be filled out and submitted to student services. This lets your counselor know to attach your 7<sup>th</sup> semester transcript to your common app.

#### **Financial Aide Night**

ELHS Student Services is proud to offer a **Financial Aide Night** on **January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the Student Union. Representatives from Davenport University will be giving a very informative presentation about the FAFSA, different types of aide available, and much, much more. This presentation is mostly geared towards families with high school seniors, but families with underclassman are encouraged and welcome to attend and will get good information from it.

#### FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)...

- The FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) is the first step in the financial aid process. Use it to apply for federal student financial aid, such as Pell grant, student loans, and college work-study.
- In addition, most states and schools use FAFSA information to award their financial aid.
- To start filling out your FAFSA <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u>
- Begin application January of the graduating year... it is now open for the Class of 2016!
- Priority deadline March 1<sup>st</sup>
- College Goal Sunday Feb 13, 2016 (10am 12pm) Lansing Community College Main Campus <u>www.micollegegoal.org</u> get help with filling out your FAFSA visit website to sign up.
- Request your PIN to fill out FAFSA <u>www.pin.ed.gov</u>
- FAFSA information/questions/answers <u>www.studentaid.ed.gov</u>

Scholarship Opportunities... (students should start looking and applying as early as 9<sup>th</sup> grade)

- College/Universities Scholarship/Financial Aid website... check out the different offering that your intended school offers by visiting their website.
- Student Services website... all scholarships that student services receives are posted and updated on a weekly basis.

 Scholarship Search Engines <u>www.fastweb.com</u> <u>www.studentscholarships.org</u> <u>www.collegexpress.com</u> <u>www.mycollegedollars.com</u> <u>www.scholarships.com</u>

NOTE – The above are just a few of the many scholarship search sites that are out there... there are many others. You should **NEVER** have to pay money to search or apply for a scholarship.

### School News

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#### Costa Rican Dinner and Salsa Dancing Night

Mark your calendars for an evening of family fun on Saturday, January 30. Come join us from 5-8:pm and enjoy food, dancing and a silent auction to help support 30 ELHS students traveling to Costa Rica this summer. These students will be spending half of their trip building a home for a family in need. The building materials cost \$7500, so please come and support these students and their fundraising efforts! Dinner prices are \$8/adult and kids over 10 \$5/child 10 years and under \$25/family of 4 \$30/family of 5 or more Hope to see you Saturday, January 30!

#### PSAT

ELHS will receive the scores electronically sometime this month, and The College Board will email students an access code.

Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/officialstudent-guide-psat-nmsqt.pdf Score report information https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqtpsat-10/scores/student-score-reports

#### **Khan Academy SAT Practice**

If your student is looking for additional help before taking the SAT, Khan Academy offers an online practice at no cost. https://www.khanacademy.org/

#### **Parent Council Meeting**

Join us on Tuesday, January 19, for a regular Business Meeting at 6:30pm in the HUB. As usual, we will host an open discussion period from 6:00 to 6:30 as well. All our welcome and encouraged to attend!

#### Parent Council Leadership Opportunities

A number of parent council board members are "graduating" this year. Leadership roles including President, Treasurer, Communications VP and Staff luncheon coordinator will be opening up in June. We have many experienced officers who would love to co-chair with new board members to ensure a smooth transition for next year. If you have ever considered serving on parent council, this is a great time to start! Join us at the parent council meeting January 19, or contact Nancy Schertzing at <u>schertzing@comcast.net</u> to learn more and/or sign-up!

#### **EXAM Days Schedule**

#### Half Day Class Bells

7:45 - 8:44 8:52 - 9:51 9:59 - 11:00 **Exam Day Class Bells** 7:45 - 9:27 9:37 - 11:20

#### **Yearbook News**

SENIOR PHOTOS and SENIOR INFO SHEETS - DEADLINE IS JANUARY 16, 2015 Visit the <u>Ceniad Page</u> for more information



### **ELHS Testing Schedule**

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ALL AP	ELHS	AP EXAM REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES pay in main office	Month of January, 2016
All	ELHS	HS 1st Semester Exams	January 20,21,22
FEBRUA			
All	ELHS	AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS (AMC)	Tues., Feb 2 or Wed., Feb 17
11th	ELHS	REQUIRED SAT PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	TBD
11th	ELHS	REQUIRED SAT PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	TBD
11th	ELHS	REQUIRED SAT PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	TBD
APRIL			
11th &	ELHS	SAT	Tuesday, April 12, 2016
eligible 12th	ELHS	ACT WORKKEYS	Wednesday, April 13, 2016
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	M-STEP (MICHIGAN SCIENCE , MICHIGAN SOCIAL STUDIES)	Thursday, April 14, 2016
th & 10t	ELHS	PSAT	Tuesday, April 12, 2016
All AP	ELHS	REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL A - K	Tuesday, April 19, 2015
All AP	ELHS	REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL L - Z	Thursday, April 21, 2015
All AP	ELHS	REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	Tuesday, April TBD
All AP	ELHS	REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	Thursday, April TBD
MAY			
All AP	ELHS AND MSU	ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS	Monday, May 2 - Friday, May 13, 2016
June			·
All	ELHS	HS 2nd Semester Exams	June 8.9.10

## Jr./Sr. Activities

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## Senior Activities/Post Prom

Post Prom is a safe, drug and alcohol free event for our Junior and Senior students. Lots of time and effort goes into planning a fun and memorable evening.

Past events have included awesome games including laser tag, gladiator joust, triple shot basketball and a Velcro wall. The hallways and student union are decorated according to the theme (a secret to the kids) and filled with plenty of food as well as a coffee shop. Caricaturists, palm readers and a temporary tattoo artists are on hand to entertain the students. The evening ends in the auditorium with raffle prizes. Our goal is make sure every junior and senior student who stays until the end leaves with a prize.

All of the above activities could not run without the generous contributions of parents and local companies. Before the holiday break you should have received a post card kicking off our parent fundraising campaign. Please make all donations payable to ELPS with "Senior Activities" in the memo line and mail to:

ELHS Attn: Bonnie McGraw; Jr/Sr Activities 509 Burcham Drive East Lansing, MI 48823

Donations of raffle prizes are also needed and welcomed.

If you have any general questions about the event please contact Amy Uecker @ <u>amyuecker@att.net</u> Raffle Donations: contact Jeannie Cleary at <u>Imcleart1@att.net</u>. Parent Donations: contact Bonnie McGraw at <u>bonnie.mcgraw@elps.us</u> Corporate Donations: Mary Taylor at <u>cramton@rhs.msu.edu</u>

#### **Important Dates to Note:**

Prom/Post Prom: May 14, 2016 Baccalaureate: TBA Graduation Rehearsal: June 2. 2016; 8AM @ Wharton Center Senior Brunch: June 2, 2016; immediately following Graduation Rehearsal @ Eagle Eye Ceniad Signing Party: June 2, 2016; immediately following Senior Brunch Graduation: June 5, 2016; 1PM @ Wharton Center Post Commencement Party: June 5, 2016; evening

# **Spring Musical**

Friday, January 15, 2016 8:00 AM

East Lansing High School Send to: East Lansing High School Attention: Theater Department 509 Burcham Drive East Lansing, MI 48823

# Place Your Ad <u>With</u> Us!



## **AP Exam Registration**

Friday, January 15, 2016 8:37 AM

#### 2016 AP Exam Registration Registration Forms Due by January 30, 2016

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Student Legal Name	2:		
	Last	First	м.і.
Grade: Celi	l Phone Number:		
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	Studio Art s	ns and date of exams that students: indicate Drawing	g, 2-D, or 3-D.
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	2.	5.	
	3.	6.	
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Regular Exam: \$	95 per exam		
Fee-Reduced* E	xam: \$55 per exam * Stude	ent has qualified for free or redu	ced-price lunch program.
Total # of Exams Orde	red:Total Amou	nt Paid: Check (paya	able to ELPS)/Cash Received by:
		REFUND POLICY	
<ul> <li>If a student register</li> </ul>	ers for an exam and cance	ls before February 05, 2016,	a refund of \$90.00 will be issued.
<ul> <li>If a student register</li> </ul>	ers for an exam and cance	ls after February 05, 2016, a	refund of \$60.00 will be issued.
<ul> <li>Once a student be</li> </ul>	gins an exam, no portion (	of the fee is refundable.	
	PRE	ADMINISTRATION SE	SSION

All students must participate in a pre-administration session to complete exam-related paperwork during excel on the following days: Last names A - K Tuesday, TBD and Last Names L - Z Thursday, TBD

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

If you have requested and been approved by the College Board for testing accommodations, please provide your SSD Code: \_\_\_\_\_and notify Nicole Moore-Coss at nicole.coss@elps.us IMMEDIATELY. Forms must be submitted to College Board to apply for accommodations. Certain forms must be submitted by ELHS, parents and physician by a dead line.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_

# AP Exam Registration Cont'd.

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	2-May	8:00	Chem
	2-May	8:00	Enviro Sci
	2-May	8:00	Studio Art
	2-May	Noon	Psychology
0	3-May	8:00	Computer Science
Ĕ	3-May	8:00	Spanish Language and Culture
5	3-May	Noon	Physics 1: Algebra Based
	3-May	Noon	Art History
	4-May	8:00	English Lit
	4-May	Noon	Physics 2: Algebra-Based
Ū	4-May	Noon	Japanese Language
0	5-May	8:00	Calc AB
Veek One	5-May	8:00	Calc BC
	5-May	Noon	Chinese Lang & Culture
	6-May	8:00	US Hist
	6-May	8:00	German Language & Culture
	6-May	All Day	Studio Art (last day to submit)
	6-May	Noon	European History
	9-May	8:00	Bio
	9-May	8:00	Music Theory
0	9-May	Noon	Physics C: Mechanics
Š	9-May	2:00 p.m.	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
2	10-May	8:00	US Gov. & Politics
Neek Two	10-May	Noon	French Lang & Culture
	11-May	8:00	English lang and Comp
<b>X</b>	11-May	Noon	Macroeconomics
Š	12-May	8:00	Comarative Government & Politics
	12-May	8:00	World History
	12-May	Noon	Statistics
	13-May	8:00	Microeconomics

#### Buses Leave at 7:15 for 8:00 a.m. exams and at 11:30 for 12:00 p.m. exams

#### 2016 Post Prom Fundraiser

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 11:39 AM



## Attendance Appeal

Friday, January 15, 2016 8:00 AM

	ndance Appeal Form- -2016 First Semester	
Name (Print):	Date:	Grade:
Attendance appeals are for students w including tardies (three tardies equals		
Forms must be signed by both pare by the end of the day on Monday, J		e returned to the main offic
If you don't hear from the office, the is needed you will be notified.	hen you can assume it is approv	ed. If further information
Explain rationale for appeal as it direct student handbook/planner), and why t		
		<u></u>
Parent/Guardian Signature	Student	Signature
Approved Denied		
Explanation:		
		Date
Signature		

## Introducing the **SAT Practice Test !**

The SAT exam is coming - are you ready? The East Lansing Educational Foundation and Sylvan Learning Center have teamed up to get you ready.

### **The SAT Practice Test:**

half-day seminar and practice exam that preps you for the SAT.

All ELHS students are required to take the SAT in April of their junior year. Studies have shown that student scores improve by taking the SAT multiple times.

The cost is just \$25 – all proceeds go to the ELEF to help fund East Lansing School District programs.

SAT Practice Exam: Saturday, February 20, 2016

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the ELHS Student Union Open to all MMS and ELHS Students Please register early to reserve your spot. Attendance will be limited to the first 150 students! Snacks generously provided by Grand Traverse Pie Company.
What to bring - calculator and sharpened pencils - snacks provided

To register, fill out the form below and return along with payment to ELEF, Attn: SAT Workshop; 501 Burcham Dr, EL 48823. Registrations may also be dropped off in the MMS or ELHS main office. **Deadline is Febrary 12, 2016** 

Registration (Detach and Save Top Part for Your Information)

Student name		grade		
Parent name	pho	ne		
Parent's email address				
Street address	City	Zip		
[] Check (Please make check payable to t	the East Lansing Educational Fo	undation)		
[] MasterCard [] Visa Card Number		Expiration/		