

# Trojan Parentline

November 15, 2018

## **East Lansing High School**

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School Hours: 7:45am - 2:35pm

Office Hours: 7:00am - 4:00pm

## **General Information:**

Attendance: 517-333-7567

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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.

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

East Lansing High School is a closed campus during lunch for freshmen and sophomore students.

[Contact information](#) for high school employees is available on our website.

## **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.

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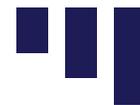
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# Principal's Letter



It's hard to believe we've completed the first marking period and Thanksgiving is almost here! Our students' academic, social, and emotional growth continue to be our collective focus as they journey through these formidable years in their maturation process.

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for the support we continue to receive from our parents and community. Student success is a byproduct of your support; your ongoing efforts serve as a cornerstone as we continue our mission to Nurture Each Child, Educate All Students, and Build World Citizens.

The staff at East Lansing High School remain committed to providing instruction that embraces our students' imagination, critical thinking, and passion for learning. These exceptional experiences provide a platform for students to engage in meaningful discussion and encourage all of us to think deeply about content matter and the world around us. Thank you ELHS staff for your commitment and supporting the values that represent a strong, vibrant learning community.

On October 25, the ELHS and MacDonald Middle School orchestras combined for an outstanding performance. Our students impressed the audience with a variety of musical pieces. Thanks to our students and Mr. Rosin for the gift of music you shared with the East Lansing community!

Recently, 374 East Lansing High School Dedicated and Distinguished Scholars received certificates for their work in the academic realm. The awardees were recognized for achieving a grade point average of 3.7 or above in the first or second semester during the 2017-18 school year or for improving their grade point by at least .5 during the 2016-17 or the 2017-18 school. Congratulations to the recipients! What a tremendous accomplishment!

Trojan TURF (Trust, Unity, Respect, and Fairness) is the high school's positive behavior support program. Through positive referrals presented to the office, staff members continue to identify students who exhibit these qualities. So far this school year more than 100 students have been positively referred to the office. Also, we recognized more than 200 students with perfect attendance thus far in the school year. Those students were randomly selected to receive various prizes such as gift cards, a pancake breakfast prepared by administration, principal for the day, t-shirts, and treats.

Lastly, I recognize our students who participated in fall sports. They have achieved numerous awards including, conference, district and regional championships.

We look forward to a dazzling performance from our student cast members in the fall play, The Crucible. The play runs from Thursday, November 15-18. For more information please visit our website at <https://elps.us/>.

Sincerely,

# Student Services

## Admissions Decisions

Many universities will be releasing admissions decisions to students over the holiday break. In many cases, students will receive an offer of admission which should be a cause for celebration. In other cases, students may receive notification that the decision has been deferred and that the University would like to see grades from the 7<sup>th</sup> semester. If your student gets this notification.... **it is not a cause for panic.** The University is simply interested in taking into consideration the student's 1<sup>st</sup> semester senior grades as part of their admissions decision process. This is a very common practice as Universities are making sure that they accept students that are a good fit for their incoming student body. Students may also receive a letter from the University of their dreams that does not offer up admission. Often times this news does not settle well with our teens, especially when all of their envisioned future plans have them strolling through that campus this fall. We would like to encourage families that have this happen in their home to remind their students that a denial from this particular University does not mean they have less of a chance of living a happy life. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to build a great life at another school. Plan B (or C, or D, or E) can bring just as many great opportunities as what they hoped Plan A would bring.

## Seventh Semester Transcripts

Seventh semester transcripts will be available for students in the graduating class of 2019 at the end of January. Many colleges will request 7<sup>th</sup> semester transcripts from our students. After winter break, students may request their 7<sup>th</sup> semester transcripts through [parchment.com](http://parchment.com) for non-common app schools.

## Dual Enrolled Students – 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

Once you have completed your dual enrolled course, you are responsible for turning in a copy of your final grade to Mrs. Bledsoe, ELHS registrar.

## Dual Enrolled Students – 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

It is your responsibility to make sure that we have the correct course on your paperwork that you end up taking. If you change your mind and don't let us know, your family will receive a bill for the full amount of tuition for the course.

## FAFSA

The FAFSA is now open for the graduating class of 2019 to fill out. The FAFSA determines the amount of financial aid (loans, grants, scholarships, etc) that your student may be eligible for. The deadline for Michigan students to receive optimal consideration is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019..... but don't wait until then.

## Counseling Appointments

Making an appointment with a counselor just got a little bit easier! We are so excited to offer online appointment scheduling..... simply visit <https://elhs.us/our-schools/east-lansing-high-school/student-services/elhs-student-services-request-an-appointment/>. Appointments can also be made

by emailing your counselor or by stopping in and making an appointment in student services.

## Testing

In April, all 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the PSAT, and all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the SAT. While these are state mandated tests.... they do allow our 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> to experience a standardized testing situation before taking the SAT. The 11<sup>th</sup> grade SAT state mandated test allows all students to have a college reportable score, which can open up the college door for our students.

## College Board Account

Students should make themselves a student account at the [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (SAT/PSAT). This is where they will manage their test results, have access to test prep, and have access to career and college exploration. The college/career exploration features are top notch... and can be very helpful for students trying to figure out where their next journey will take them.

## Free SAT Test Prep

Khan Academy offers free SAT test prep/practice for all students. Visit [satpractice.org/k12](http://satpractice.org/k12) to get your students started. The great thing about Khan is that you can link your Khan account with your College Board account. This helps with test prep!

## Scholarships

Please visit the student services website and click on scholarships. All scholarships that we receive are listed for students to check out.

## Forms

Is your student looking for a work permit, a free-reduced lunch form, etc? These forms are available in student services. Students are welcome to take them right from the rack near our front door.

## A Special Thank You...

Student Services sends a very special thank you to Helping Women Period, which is an organization that donates feminine hygiene products to local schools. We received a very generous donation of product from them, and are working to make it available to all of our students in a private, but easily accessible manner. We would also like to say a very special thank you to a school board member (who wishes to remain anonymous) for the routine support of the student needs closet. The snacks that randomly show up on our desks are widely used, appreciated, and are making a difference in the lives of our students. We also say yet another special thank you to the Parent Council for their support of the Teen Needs Closet. Our students are so very lucky to have so many people that care about them.

# 2018-19 Test Dates



DECEMBER			
All	ELHS	MMP Competition, Part II (Only eligible students from Part I)	Wednesday, December 5th
JANUARY			
ALL AP	ELHS	<a href="#">AP EXAM REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES pay in main office</a>	Month of December and January
All	ELHS	<a href="#">AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS (AMC) Registration</a>	January 8-12, 2018
All	ELHS	HS 1st Semester Exams	January 16,17,18
FEBRUARY			
All	ELHS	AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS (AMC)	Wednesday, Feb. 13
11th	ELHS	<a href="#">REQUIRED SAT PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL</a>	Tuesday, March 26
11th	ELHS	<a href="#">REQUIRED SAT PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL</a>	Thursday, March 28
APRIL			
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	SAT	Tuesday, April 9
	ELHS	ACT WORKKEYS	Wednesday, April 10
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	M-STEP (MICHIGAN SCIENCE , MICHIGAN SOCIAL STUDIES)	Thursday, April 11
9th & 10th	ELHS	PSAT	Tuesday, April 9
All AP	ELHS	<a href="#">REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL A - K</a>	Tuesday, April 16
All AP	ELHS	<a href="#">REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL L - Z</a>	Thursday, April 18
MAY			
All AP	ELHS AND MSU	ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS	Monday, May 6-17
JUNE			
All	ELHS	HS 2nd Semester Exams	June 5,6,7



# School News

## Daily Announcements

Want to keep up on the daily happenings at the high school? Check out the [daily announcements](#) on the website!



Have a wonderful break!  
November 21-23, 2018



Be sure to have the latest information on event dates and times by visiting our [Important Dates](#) section on the high school website.

### Attendance Policy



Important Attendance Information: Absences are only excused if they are within 48 hours of the absence. Please do not call the office to excuse absences that go back farther than that. They will not be excused.



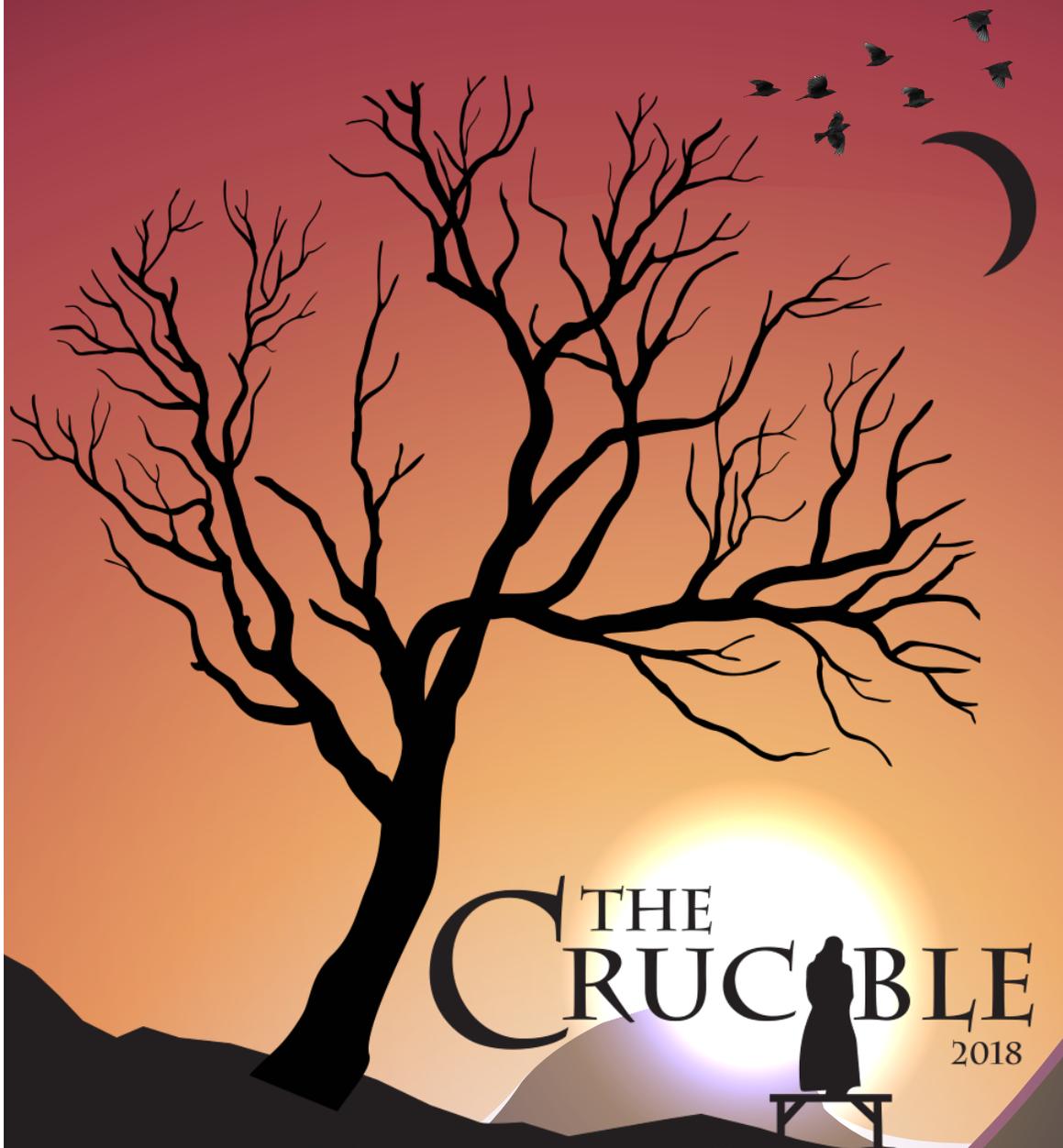
The ELHS [Parent Council](#) website is a valuable resource for meeting dates and times as well as topics. Additionally, it provides other valuable information for East Lansing High School families.

This year, we are receiving many calls about tutoring for students. ELHS does not have a tutoring program, nor preferred tutors with which we work. There are many private tutors out there with different rates and areas of expertise which you can find through local listings or internet searches who can assist your student(s).



Fall Play

East Lansing High School Presents



Written by Arthur Miller

NOVEMBER 15 @ 7:00 PM • NOVEMBER 16-17 @ 7:30 PM •  
NOVEMBER 18 @ 2:00 PM

Tickets \$5 • Purchased at the Box Office • General Admission

East Lansing High School Center for Performing Arts 509 Burcham Dr, East Lansing, MI 48825

# Recycling with S.E.A.



Hello Parents!

Changes in our environment have been a growing concern for all. To enhance awareness of this issue in our community, East Lansing High School has restored its Students for Environmental Awareness (S.E.A.) club. Our club has recently obtained a Paper Gator; a bin solely dedicated to recycling paper products such as those listed below. In addition to inspiring our community to continue its recycling efforts, our organization also receives \$0.01 per pound of recycled paper that is contributed to the Paper Gator.

Parents, this is where we need your help! This fundraiser can allow us to continue implementing positive changes in our school district that benefit our environment. If you have any paper products at home or from other sources accepted by Paper Gator, we encourage you to contribute and help us achieve our goal of becoming a certified Michigan Green School this year! Thank you for your time and consideration.

Students for Environmental Action

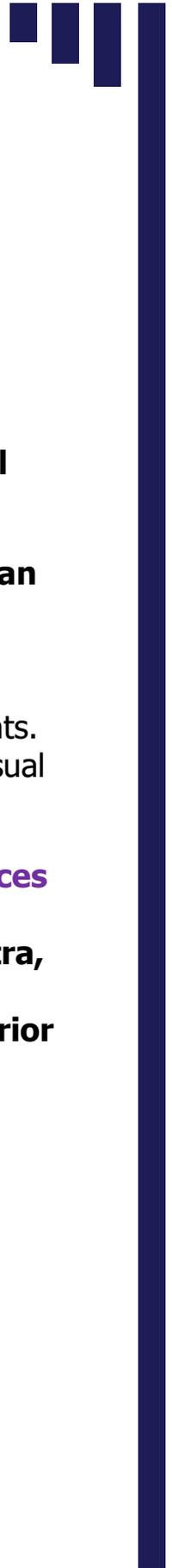
For more information, please contact us at [trojanssea@gmail.com](mailto:trojanssea@gmail.com)

**Accepted Paper Gator Items: newspapers, catalogs/magazines, junk mail, phone books, office/school paper, and hard and soft cover books**



**Located off Old Hickory Lane  
near the Northeast corner of  
East Lansing High School!**

**Drop offs can be made at anytime!**



**East Lansing High School Fine Arts Present  
Collage XXXVI  
December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

**The East Lansing High School  
Fine Arts Department cordially invites you to the 36th Annual  
Collage Show**

**The Collage Show opens Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm with an  
Art Reception and Coffeehouse Performances  
in the East Lansing High School Student Union.**

Please come and enjoy the art exhibit created by our visual art students. This unique evening will be a blend of student talents from both the visual and performing arts. Refreshments will be served.

**Saturday night's Collage Show is a night of amazing performances  
and is held in the Center for Performing Arts at 7:30.**

**It will include performances by the ELHS bands, choirs, orchestra,  
and theater students.**

**The Art Exhibit, located in the Student Union and will be open prior  
to the show at 6:30 and will re-open following the concert  
for 30 minutes.**

*Admission is free. Donations are accepted.*

# AP Exam Registration

**2019 AP Exam Registration**  
Registration Forms Due from December 10, 2018 – February 1, 2019

## STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

M.I.

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ School Code if not EL: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have approved accommodations, please complete and sign the accommodations section below.**

**List the Exams and date of exams that you are taking. You only need one form.**

**Studio Art students: indicate Drawing, 2-D, or 3-D.**

**(See list of exams on reverse side or next page):**

1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.

### Check One:

\_\_\_ Regular Exam: **\$99 per exam** – **Non ELHS Student \$145 (due to administration costs)**

\_\_\_ Fee-Reduced\* Exam: **\$58 per exam** \* Student has qualified for free or reduced-price lunch program.

**Total # of Exams Ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to ELPS)/Cash Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

## REFUND POLICY

- If a student registers for an exam and cancels before March 1, 2018, a refund of \$60.00 will be issued.
- Once a student begins an exam, no portion of the fee is refundable.

## PREADMINISTRATION SESSION

**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 – You must contact us immediately-Deadline For applying is February 22, 2018**

Please provide your SSD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ (which can be found on the letter you received from the College Board when your accommodations were approved).

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

**All exams will be given at ELHS**

# AP Exam Info



Week 1	7:45 A.m. Most Exams in Aux Gym	12:00 Noon P.M. Most Exams in Aux Gym
<b>Monday, May 7, 2018</b>	US Government & Politics Studio Art (19)– Library Lab- receive portfolios	Chinese Language & Culture  Environmental Science
<b>Tuesday, May 8, 2018</b>	Spanish Language and Culture– <b>MSU Lang. Lab</b>	Physics 1: Algebra-Based
<b>Wednesday, May 9, 2018</b>	English Literature and Composition	European History  French Language & Culture
<b>Thursday, May 10, 2018</b>	Chemistry	German Language & Culture  Psychology
<b>Friday, May 11, 2018</b>	United States History	Computer Science Principles  Physics 2: Algebra Based
	Studio Art — last day for coordinators to submit digital portfolios – Library Lab	

Week 2	7:45 A.m. Most Exams in Aux Gym	12:00 Noon P.M. Most Exams in Aux Gym
<b>Monday, May 14, 2018</b>	Biology (17) - AG	Physics C: Mechanics <b>Afternoon 2 p.m.</b>  Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
<b>Tuesday, May 15, 2018</b>	Calculus AB  Calculus BC	
<b>Wednesday, May 16, 2018</b>	English Language and Composition	Macroeconomics
<b>Thursday, May 17, 2018</b>	Comparative Government and Politics  World History	Statistics (11) - AG
<b>Friday, May 18, 2018</b>	Microeconomics	Computer Science A