

Dear East Lansing Families,

A busy time of the school year is upon us! We've met with our current junior, sophomore,freshmen and eighth grade classes to introduce them to new classes and a new scheduling process. I hope our students feel a sense of excitement as they look forward to progressing to the next level. It is always a pleasure to address them and spend time with them. During these meetings, students received transcripts and course selection information. Please take a moment to speak with your children about where they are in their studies and what courses they wish to select. Within a week or so, counselors will begin meeting with them to input course requests.

The "testing season" is also nearly upon us. Included in this newsletter is information on ACT/Workkeys, M-Step (formerly MME), and AP testing. This year's testing will be different from years past as the state transitions to different tests and new timelines, but I believe our students will be just fine. We've been able to shorten the amount of time juniors will spend testing, so I hope this works to their advantage as they look to AP testing and finishing out the year. I know this has been a concern.

I often tell students that even though we're in the winter doldrums and things seem to be moving slowly, the reality is that the year will be over before we know it. Right now, we're busy with winter sports, scheduling and testing, but we'll soon be preparing for spring sports, prom, numerous concerts and performances, graduation, finals, etc. It really is amazing how fast time flies! Nevertheless, we encourage students to stay focused on their goals and finish strong.

As always, I thank you for the trust you place in us. We seek to honor that trust each and every minute we spend with your children.

Sincerely, Coby Fletcher

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### **News from Student Services**

#### Scheduling

Student registration for the 2015-2016 school year will take place from Tuesday, February 17 through Monday, March 9 during periods 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

Class of 2016- February 17 & 18 Class of 2017- February 23-25 Class of 2018 - March 5-9

Make-up appointments will take place as follows:

Juniors – February 19 – hours 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 Sophomores – February 25 – hours 2, 3, 5, 6 Freshmen – March 9 – hours 2, 3, 5, 6

Students have been assigned randomized appointments by class in random order. Appointment times are posted on the bulletin board outside of Student Services.

This year, scheduling will be completed by the time students leave for the school year. It is very important for students to make their scheduling time and keep the process moving forward in a timely manner.

#### The Early College

The Early College at LCC is accepting applications for next year's Class. If you are a sophomore and wish to learn more about The Early College please stop in the Student Services office and ask to speak to Mr. Bedolla. The deadline for turning in your application is March 27, 2015.

#### **Senior Parents**

The end of the school year is coming up fast so please do not let your student get complacent. Keep encouraging them to work hard in their classes. Colleges do take into account your students 8th and final semester grades. They are almost there!

#### Seventh Semester Transcripts

Seventh semester transcripts were available for students in the graduating class of 2015 at the end of January. Many colleges will request 7th semester transcripts from our students. The 7th Semester Router Form is now available in Student Services.

- Direct to College Stu-• dents 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.

### 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
- Priority deadline March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Request your PIN to fill out FAFSA – <u>www.pin.ed.gov</u>
- FAFSA information/questions/answers – <u>www.</u> <u>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

## **School News**

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services receives are posted and updated on a weekly basis. Community scholarships included on this page are excellent scholarships for which students should apply as they are often competing with only their peers or other area schools!

• Scholarship Search Engines

www.fastweb.com

www.studentscholarships. org

www.collegexpress.com

www.mycollegedollars.com

www.scholarships.com

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

## LIDSville

As a reminder, students should not wear hats or head wear during the school day except for religious reasons, or on special occasions.



### Dates to Remember February

16 NO SCHOOL
19 Pre-Festival Orchestra and Band
Concert - 7pm
17 & 18 Class of 2016 Scheduling
23, 24 & 25 Class of 2017 Scheduling



March 5, 6 & 9 Class of 2018 Scheduling 10 & 12 -Parent Teacher Conferences -School Dismisses at 11:00 am

### Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate will be held at **St. Thomas Aquinas** on Sunday May 17th 2015 at 4:00pm.

We are need of parents who want to help plan this special event. We need parents of many faiths to make this event memorable. Please contact Chuck and Patty Roboski (chair couple) at roboski@law.msu.edu. Thank you!

### Parent Council News

Please join us at the next Parent Council meeting on Tuesday, February 24 at 6:30pm in the HUB. We will have a regular business meeting followed by a presentation from Christian Palasty who will give us an update on the Technology Bond. We look forward to seeing you!

## Jr/Sr Activities

Jeannie Cleary and Susan Wilcox have begun to buy some wonderful post prom raffle prizes, however, we need your help. Please consider donating a raffle prize. We are in need of gift cards to Target, Starbucks, Best Buy, Bed Bath and beyond, Meijer, Biggby, Qdoba, Chipoltle, Buffalo Wild Wings, subway or any place your student likes to eat. This will help them greatly and they would really appreciate it. If you have any suggestions on prizes, please let them know. They are trying really hard to make sure that all the Jr and Sr students who attend post prom get a prize...Please help them accomplish that.

Any questions or suggestions, please contact Susan at <u>wil-</u> <u>cox1718@sbcglobal.net</u> or Jeannie





#### 2015 Advanced Placement Examination Schedule East Lansing High School May 4 - May 15, 2015

Coordinator: Tim Volovsek/Nikie Tabor .....#333-7504(W)

Morning Bus Departs 7:15 am - Returns 12:00 Afternoon Bus Departs 11:15 am - Returns 4:00 pm

Week 1	Morning 8:00 am	Afternoon 12:00 pm	
Monday, May 4	Chemistry @MSU	Psychology @ELHS	
	Environmental Science @ELHS		
	Studio Art Prep and Portfolio Pick-Up @ Library		
	Computer Lab		
Tuesday, May 5	Calculus AB @MSU	Chinese Language and Culture @MSU Language Lab	
	Calculus BC @MSU WH	Lawrence	
Wednesday, May 6	English literature and Composition	Physics 1: Algebra-Based	
Thursday, May 7	Spanish Language @MSU Language Lab - Lawrence	Physics 2: Algebra-Based	
Friday, May 8	German Language and Culture	European History	
	United States History	Studio Art Digital Library Computer Lab-Curtis	
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Week 2	Morning 8:00 am	Afternoon 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm
Monday, May 11	Biology @MSU	Physics C: Mechanics @ELHS
	Music Theory@ELHS	(2:00 pm) Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Tuesday, May 12	United States Government and Politics @ ELHS	French Language and Culture @MSU Language Lab -
		Lawrence
Wednesday, May 13	English Language and Composition	Statistics
Thursday, May 14	Comparative Government and Politics World History	Macroeconomics @ ELHS
Friday, May 15	Microeconomics	NO P.M. EXAM
MSU	WH - Wells Hall MSU EB - Engineering Building	ELHS - East Lansing High School

Transportation provided to students testing off site. Student must meet bus at designated time and place. If a student is taking 2 tests in one day, a.m. and p.m., please bring a lunch to eat between tests and notify Mrs. Tabor if a

ride is needed from MSU to ELHS or vice-versa.

#### All students taking 1 or more AP Exams MUST PRE-BUBBLE!! Prebubble sessions will be held as follows:

Last Names A-K Tuesday, April 21, 2015 and Last Names L-Z Thursday April 23, 2015 During Excel



### **ELHS** Testing Schedule

EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL 2014/2015 TENTATIVE TEST DATES						
GRADE	WHERE	TEST	DATE			
11th	ELHS	REQUIRED MME PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	Thursday, February 19, 2015			
MARCH	MARCH					
11th &	ELHS	ACT PLUS WRITING	Tuesday, March 3, 2015			
eligible 12th	ELHS	WORKKEYS AND MICHIGAN MATHMATICS	Wednesday, March 4, 2015			
APRIL						
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	MICHIGAN SCIENCE , MATH AND MICHIGAN SOCIAL STUDIES	April 14, 16, 21 and 23			
All AP	ELHS	REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL A - K	Tuesday, April 22, 2015			
All AP	ELHS	REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL L - Z	Thursday, April 29, 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 4 - Friday, May 15, 2015			
June	June					
All	ELHS	HS 2nd Semester Exams	June 4, 5, 6, 2015			



### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**





East Lansing Public Schools East Lansing High School, 509 Burcham, East Lansing, MI 48823

February 10, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The East Lansing High School faculty, administration and parent council invite you to participate in spring parent conferences.

You will be scheduled for 5 minutes with each teacher. **We ask that everyone honor this five minute conference limitation**. If you are unable to address all items of concern, please arrange for a follow-up appointment. Students are welcome to attend with their parents. Additionally, parents are invited to meet the counselling staff, librarian, and administrators while you are visiting the high school.

Conference times are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 10th 6:00-9:00 pm
- Thursday, March 12th 2:00-4:00 pm
- Thursday, March 12th- 6:00-9:00 pm

Correspondence regarding the scheduling of parent teacher conferences for this spring will be coming in an e-blast in the next few days.

If you are unable to attend these conference dates, you have the option to call or meet with teachers at a different time.

Sincerely,

**Coby Fletcher** 

### **ELH\$ Model U.N.**

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After school Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and continuing through Sunday afternoon, February2, members of the ELHS Model United Nations Club participated in Michigan State University's Model UN Conference (MSUMUN 2015). This intense, rewarding, exhausting, and all around amazing 3-day experience was hosted by MSU's Model UN organization and held at the Kellogg Center. It was attended by more than 600 high school students from across Michigan, Illinois, and Ohio.

East Lansing High School's ŪN students Model participating in this year's MSUMUN Conference included Hannah Albee, Cedar Drews, Sarah Hansen, Herschel-Burns, Nicky Danny Kaplowitz, Sam Hannah Robinson, Liao, Berkley Sorrells, Jesse Wade, and Brianna Wells. All of our students truly did represent ELHS well and made their advisors (high school Social Studies teacher Susan Palmiter and MSU student intern Robbie Coon) exceptionally PROUD! Additionally, at the Closing Ceremony, Cedar Drews and Danny Kaplowitz were

singled out for recognition and honors for their outstanding contributions to the committees on which they served. Quite an achievement for these students and for our ELMUN team!

In preparation for the MSUMUN Conference, our students worked together to develop their public speaking, debate, and parliamentary procedure skills. Based on the role they chose to play in the Conference, many devoted untold hours to researching the agenda topics and challenging global issues they would later tackle within a UN committee or nongovernmental organization on which they would serve. They researched the political, economic, and social features of the nation that they would represent. Some prepared position papers outlining "their" nation's viewpoint on a number of global issues. At the Conference, our students served on the UN Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC), the UN Environment Programme



(UNEP), the UN Human Rights and Trafficking Committee, and the World Health Organization as delegates for the countries of Bhutan, Ecuador, Nicaragua, or Turkey. Wow! And did we mention they had a little fun doing all this?!

Rather than attend this Conference as UN delegates addressing current global topics, two of our students chose to participate in historical simulations. These students researched their given historical event and were asked to consider and respond to several "alternate-history" possibilities

presented at key turning points in US and World history. This year's MSUMUN historical conferences included a Post-American Civil War conference in which the Confederacy won and seceded from the Union. Needless to say there were quite a few complicated issues to be worked out within that historical scenario! The other historical simulation placed students in the role of a participant at the Potsdam Conference as WWII was

> coming to a close. The soon-tobe-victorious Allies discussed issues relating to the conclusion of the War and their visions for Post-WWII Germany, Europe, Japan, and the World.

> Finally, one of our students participated in an alternative future-focused Crisis Committee on the 2018 FIFA World Cup to be hosted by Russia. Much controversy revolved around accusations of corruption and there were the inevitable conflicts between participating nations and the 2018 FIFA host nation of Russia. We have a serious soccer fan in the ELMUN Club this year, and the FIFA Crisis Committee was a perfect fit. (That would be Nicky Herschel-Burns if you're wondering!)

To all members of the East Lansing High School Model United Nations Club – those who were able to attend the MSU Conference and those who were part of the Club's learning and growing process but only able to be at the Conference in spirit – Mrs. Palmiter and Mr. Coon thank you for the good times and look forward to more ELMUN adventures as our team grows in experience, wisdom, and friendship! Thank you all!

## ACT, WorkKeys and M-STEP



#### ACT, WorkKeys, and M-Step Student Information

#### Who:

All 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and any 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who are missing an MME score (NA) in one or more subjects or did not previously test.

#### Mandatory Pre-bubble session:

All 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and any 12<sup>th</sup> grade students taking the MME must complete demographic information your answer documents prior to the exam day. All 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend two sessions.

- 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, last names beginning with A-K and any 12<sup>th</sup> grade students that need to test will report to the student union during excel on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, last names beginning with L-Z will report to the student union during excel on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Morning career center students please see Mrs. Tabor or Mrs. Fata to set up a time to pre-bubble.

#### Test Schedules:

ACT Portion

- **ACT Plus Writing** March 3, 2015, ELHS Aux Gym. You will report to the Auxiliary Gym at 8:00 a.m.
- **WorkKeys** March 4, 2015, ELHS Aux Gym. You will report to the Auxiliary Gym at 8:00 a.m.

#### M – Step Portion

- ELA April 14, 2015 ELHS Aux Gym. You will report to the Auxiliary Gym at 8:00 a.m.
- Science April 16, 2015 ELHS Aux Gym. You will report to the Auxiliary Gym at 8:00 a.m.
- Math April 21, 2015 ELHS Aux Gym. You will report to the Auxiliary Gym at 8:00 a.m.
- **Social Studies** April 23, 2015 ELHS Aux Gym. You will report to the Auxiliary Gym at 8:00 a.m.

## If you received instructions from your advocate to report to a different room on test days, please do so.

If you arrive at the testing location after testing has started, you will **not** be admitted to the testing room.

Use of cell phones and electronic devices is strictly prohibited. Do not bring them with you to the testing environment. Leave your phone in a safe place during testing.



## **MSUFCU Student Art Exhibit**



Please place your vote for the above ELHS AP Art students exhibiting at the MSU Federal Credit Union Art Show from February  $1^{st} - 28^{th}$  at:

www.msufcuart.com

### **Senior Calendar**

## Class of 2015 Important Dates and Information

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May 9th - Prom – 8pm – MSU Stadium Club Post-Prom – Following Prom @ELHS

May 17th - Baccalaureate - St. Thomas Aquinas - 4 pm

May 19th - Graduation Speech/Performance Auditions 3:15 pm

May 21st - Convocation - 9:35am - Center for Performing Arts

May22nd - Senior's Last Day

May 28– Graduation Practice @ MSU Auditorium – 9:00 am, lunch following at Eagle Eye

May 31st – Graduation – MSU Auditorium - 6pm. Graduates should arrive at 4:30pm. Doors open at 5:15pm to the public.

For your information, diplomas will be printed in your student's legal name as shown on their birth certificate. The number of graduation tickets available per student TBD.



**The Wiz** 

# **Place Your Ad With Us!**

\$25.00 **Business Card Ad** <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Page Ad \$50.00 Full Page Ad \$100.00 **Business** Card <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Page Ad **Full Page Ad** 'not to scale'

> Checks should be made payable to: **East Lansing High School Stage Fund** Send to: East Lansing High School Attention: Theater Department 509 Burcham Drive East Lansing, MI 48823

East Lansing High School Theater Presents



### What To Do:

Submit ads no later than March 11, 2015

- Please submit digital files to Laura Scott at laura.scott@elps.us Only JPEG, Bitmap or GIF files please.
- Please, no PDF files.

## **ELPS Public Library Teen** Calendar





the East Lansing Public Schools finalized calendar. TASC (Teen After School Center) -Mon & Tues 3—6pm at All Saints 800 Abbot Road. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio— a place to create, design, innovate and produce. Located on the 2nd floor of the East Lansing Marriott at University Place Suite 212 Movie Mania-Watch a blockbuster hit on the library big screen! -Movies shown are PG-13 and under Game Haven -- Play a variety of board games, card games and video games Crafternoon—Create a variety of crafts to keep or give as gifts. Tech Time—Access to a cluster of dedicated teen computers. Glass Etching -Learn how to personalize glass items using easy etching techniques. Bring your own glass items or use ours. Ages 12+ Watercolor Wonder-use watercolors and whitespace voids to create a unique design. Programs are in the library Meeting Room unless otherwise noted. M-Th 3 —5:30pm and F 3—5pm **N**Library Closed Attendance at library events constitutes consent to be photographed or recorded for use in print and/or electronic publicity for the East Lansing Public Library. Programs subject to change or get canceled based upon the release of the East Lansing Public Schools finalized calendar. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio - a place to create, design, innovate and produce. Located on the 2nd floor of the East Lansing Marriott at University Place Suite 212 Birding Weekend— Create a one of a kind birdfeeder using materials provided .\* There will be nuts and seeds used at this workshop\* Game Haven- Play a variety of board games, card games and video games. Crafternoon-Create a variety of crafts to keep or give as gifts. Tech Time-Access to a cluster of dedicated teen computers. **Teen Tech Week 3D Printing** Party —Celebrate Teen Tech Week with your own 3D printed object. Come prepared with your previously selected item from thingiverse.com or one that you designed yourself. Snacks and giveaways for participants in grades 6 - 12 provided. Programs are in the library Meeting Room unless otherwise noted. Wednesday and Thursday 3 —5:30pm Friday 3—5pm Library Closed Attendance at library events

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