Trojan Parentline

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Greetings East Lansing Families. Our great start to the school year continues! We had a fabulous Homecoming week, and students are now settled back into the routine of taking care of business. I've enjoyed the many opportunities I've had to interact with them, including getting a bucket of ice dumped on my head at a pep rally.

High school is a special place. It should be enjoyable and memorable, but it's also full of hard work. That effort work is worth it, though. It sets the foundation for a successful future, and everyone at ELHS works to ensure that students are well placed to follow their dreams. As a staff, we want to be dedicated and responsive to student needs, and we also want to be good partners with families.

I encourage kids to set their goals high and adjust their level of work so that it aligns to those goals. I believe we should be constantly pushing ourselves to achieve more. This is a great habit to develop, since it will carry through into adult life, too. Of course, part of achieving more is getting the help necessary to reach our goals. This means we want students to take full advantage of Excel periods to get help. We want to see them in the library after school getting tutoring from our MSU volunteers. We want to see them making arrangements with teachers to get individualized help whenever necessary. We often tell students that we don't want to see them fall behind, but the truth is, we also want to see them push as far ahead as they possibly can.

While we encourage students to stay in good communication with their teachers, I also want to emphasize that the same lines of communication are open to parents. We want our staff communicating with students' families, and we want to be as helpful as we can when the same families initiate communication with us. Don't hesitate to let us know what your needs are! As I often say, my goal is to be able to look the parents of our students in the eye and guarantee them that their children are getting the best education available anywhere right here in East Lansing.

Along these lines, I look forward to greeting many of you at conferences as you visit with us about your student's progress. This is a great opportunity for a quick discussion with teachers. I'd also be remiss if I didn't take a moment to thank the parent volunteers who gave of their time to help organize conferences. This wouldn't happen without their help!

Finally, I look forward to a great month of October as we continue on into the school year. It's shaping up to be a great one!

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News from Student Services

Twitter
ELHS Student Services now is using twitter to communicate to our students and parents. Follow us @ELHStudentServi.

Counselor Appointments
Getting in to see your counselor is very easy here at East Lansing High School. Students just need to stop into student services to make an appointment.

Student Services Website
Be sure to visit the Student Services website for information about colleges/programs visiting East Lansing High School, college open houses, testing dates and scholarship information. To access the site, go to elps.us and choose East Lansing High School under the schools menu. From the high school site, you can access Student Services information from the main page.

Tutoring and Academic Support
Tutoring and Academic Support is now available in the ELHS media center. The after school program runs M, W, and Th from 2:50 pm to 4:00 pm. This program is staffed with volunteers from Michigan State University, ELHS students, parent volunteers, and the ELHS counselors.

Because every student needs to succeed in completing graduation requirements, academic support is offered to any student who may be struggling in a particular class or who may need a quiet supervised setting for homework. Computers with Internet access and printers are available in the library media center for student use. Students are required to sign in and a quiet atmosphere is expected. More information about tutoring and a calendar of available tutoring dates can be found at the ELHS Student Services web page, under the curriculum tab.

PSAT
ELHS students that registered and paid for the PSAT will be testing in the Aux Gym on Wednesday, October 15th beginning at 7:45a.m. Testing will end before lunch begins.

ACT Prep
The East Lansing Education Foundation (ELEF) is teaming up with Sylvan to offer ACT prep and testing. When: Saturday, November 15th in the Student Union from 8:30 to 1:30. Cost: $25 (scholarships available)…. Sign up in the main office.

Available Resources
Students Services has resources available for students who feel overwhelmed, stressed out, pressured and/or depressed. Thee information is available in the office and students can come in and take the resources right from our brochure rack without having to ask

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.

School News

Picture Retake
Thursday, October 23rd

Senior cap, gown and announcement orders
Orders will be taken on November 14th during both lunches in the Student Union Foyer.
Packets will be available on Monday, Oct. 27th.

Staff Luncheon - October 22nd
It's time once again to plan for the ELHS Teacher & Staff luncheon!

The teachers and staff really do appreciate this wonderful treat.

We will be serving approximately 115 people, so the food item that you make should serve 12 – 15 people minimum. There are NO ovens at the high school to reheat entrees, so please bring them in hot! Dishes need to be dropped off between 10:30 – 11am.

Please send your dish in a disposable container.

If you need to bring your dish in a crockpot, please plan to pick it after 1:30pm. Let me know that you will be bringing food in a crockpot so that we can arrange for enough electrical outlets or power strips.

Below is a list of what will be needed. Please email the Luncheon Coordinator with what you would like to bring so that we can make sure we have the proper variety of foods.

3 - 4 – casserole dishes (chicken, beef, turkey, veggie)

3 - 4 – chili dishes (traditional or white chicken)

3 - 4– stew type dishes

3 - 4 – pasta dishes (lasagna, manicotti, veggie lasagna, spaghetti, etc.)

7 - 9 – cold salads (assortment)

Cheese/cracker trays

Veggie trays

Fruit trays

Assorted rolls

12 – Desserts

Donations of tableware, cutlery, cups, H2o, ice and tablecloths would be very much appreciated.

*Checks may be made out to East Lansing Parent Council: Fall Teacher/Staff Luncheon, if more convenient.

If you are available between between 10:15 am – 11:00 am, or 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm to help with set-up or cleanup- your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the luncheon coordinator!

Fatimah Ahmad
Luncheon Coordinator
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Home: 333-1871

Please contact the Fatimah as soon as possible, so she will have ample time to ensure that the luncheon is a success.

Thank in advance for your consideration!

Dates to Remember

October
15
PSAT – 7:45am

21 & 23
P/T Conferences

23
Picture Retake – Both Lunches

31 -
End of Marking Period

November
5
Distinguished Scholar – 7:00 pm

26-28
Thanksgiving Break

Parent Council

Please join the Parent Council as we host a School Board Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 21, from 5 - 6:30pm in the ELHS cafeteria. The candidates will each have a few minutes to introduce themselves, followed by a question-and-answer session. All are invited!
We apologize for the inconvenience of the timing of this event. This event was scheduled prior to the release of the school calendar for October so we did not know we would be conflicting with parent-teacher conferences. We adjusted the time in the hopes that as many parents as possible would be able to meet the candidates prior to their teacher conferences. We do hope to see you all next Tuesday the 21st of October at 5 pm.

Relentless Tour

The Students for Social Justice Club has invited Anthony Ianni and his Relentless Tour to our high school on October 29th. This is an autism awareness/anti-bullying presentation supported through donations. You can check out a clip of his presentation at:
http://youtu.be/UmxqeNMV7S4
If you wish to learn more about this program or make a contribution, you may contact Nancy Artman or Coby Fletcher in main office. The SSJ club has also organized follow up conversations and an activity around bullying. We hope to promote a safer school climate for all ELHS students.

Introducing the ACT Practice Test !

The ACT exam is coming - are you ready?

The East Lansing Educational Foundation and Sylvan Learning Center have teamed up to get you ready.

The ACT Practice Test:

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

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

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

ACT Practice Exam: Saturday, November 15, 2014

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 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: ACT Workshop; 501 Burcham Dr, EL 48823. Registrations may also be dropped off in the MMS or ELHS main office.

Deadline is November 7, 2014

Registration (Detach and Save Top Part for Your Information)

Student name _____ grade _____

Parent name _____ phone _____

Parent's email address_____

Street address _____ City_____ Zip _____

[ ] Check (*Please make check payable to the East Lansing Educational Foundation*)

[ ] MasterCard [ ] Visa Card Number_____Expiration____/_____

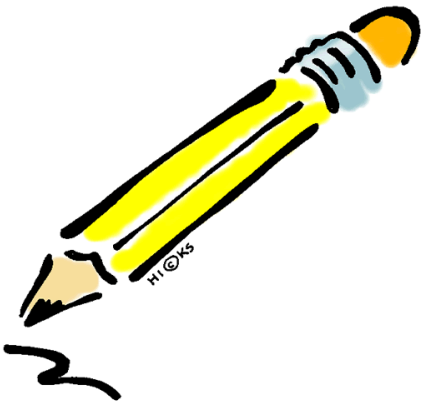
Name in Card_____Signature_____

*Scholarships available to those students who qualify

ELHS Testing Schedule

EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL 2014/2015 TENTATIVE TEST DATES

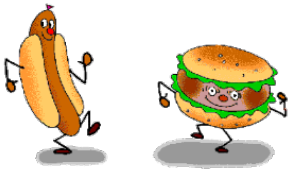
GRADE	WHERE	TEST	DATE
OCTOBER			
~~All~~	~~ELHS~~	~~MMP Competition, Part I~~	~~Tuesday, October, 7 2014~~
11th	ELHS	PSAT/NMSQT	Wednesday, October 15, 2014
DECEMBER			
All	ELHS	MMP Competition, Part II (Only eligible students from Part I)	Wednesday, December 10, 2014
JANUARY			
ALL AP	ELHS	AP EXAM REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES pay in main office	Month of January, 2015
All	ELHS	HS 1st Semester Exams	January14, 15, 16, 2015
FEBRUARY			
All	ELHS	AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS	Tuesday, February January 10-23, 2015
11th	ELHS	REQUIRED MME PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	Tuesday, February 10, 2015
11th	ELHS	REQUIRED MME PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - MENTOR EXCEL	Wednesday February 12, 2015
11th	ELHS	REQUIRED MME PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	Thursday, February 19, 2015
MARCH			
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	ACT PLUS WRITING	Tuesday, March 3, 2015
	ELHS	WORKKEYS AND MICHIGAN MATHMATICS	Wednesday, March 4, 2015
9th & 10th	ELHS	PLAN (Same day as MME Day 2)	Wednesday, March 4, 2015
APRIL			
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	MICHIGAN SCIENCE , MATH AND MICHIGAN SOCIAL STUDIES	TBD April - June
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			
All	ELHS	HS 2nd Semester Exams	June 4, 5, 6, 2015



Join the Fun! Jr/Sr Activities sign up is here!

As you know, it takes many parent volunteers to create the Wonderful end of the year activities for our juniors and seniors. The planning has begun and we have some positions to fill.

GENERAL CHAIR PEOPLE (2) for overseeing all the activities. These people will make sure that all the committees are on track as well as hold monthly meetings at the high school. In addition, they will communicate with administration as the events get closer.



FOOD CHAIRPERSON for post prom. This person will have a committee that will be in charge of deciding what food to have at post prom, getting the food to the high school, and setting it up. This job is an easy job, with most of the work done in the spring.

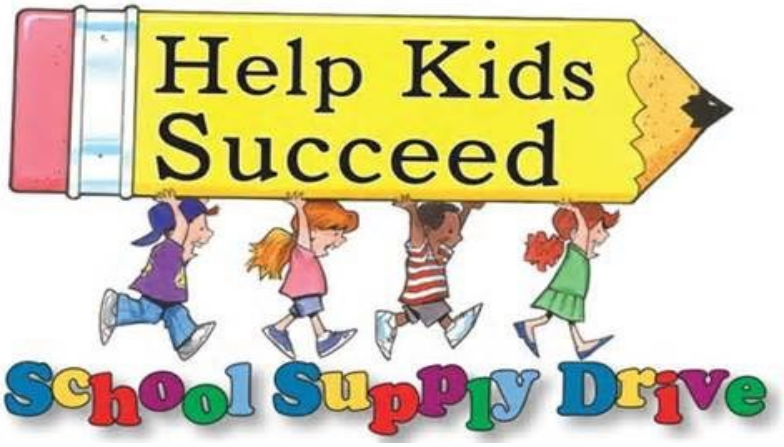
PARENT FUNDRAISERS (2) This position requires obtaining donations from ELHS Jr/Sr parents to help fund the activities. This is done by creating postcards, letters and online posts throughout the school year (past years samples are available). Also, sending thank you notes as donations are made. This can be done while you are watching TV!!!

PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON. This person will create the posts that go into the Parentline and e-blasts. Also, they will create posters to get the information out regarding the Jr/Sr activities. A little creativity is needed.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR. This position can be done alone or with another person. This person will gather volunteers for the activities (a list will be provided to you of parents who have signed up to help) and coordinate the post prom volunteers.

POST COMMENCEMENT. This event is for seniors only and requires a parent of a senior. This person will plan the Post Commencement Celebration. It is usually held at one of our local bowling alleys. It is a very easy position (very little time commitment). This event is held the night of graduation.

If you have any questions regarding any of these positions, or if you would like to join in the **Fun**, please contact Susan Wilcox at Wilcox1718@sbcglobal.net.



LET'S SUPPORT THE STUDENTS IN SYRIA

ELHS students are having a school supplies drive to help the Syrian students in need. Please send in your donations from

October 13 – October 31

Thank you for your generosity!!!

Suggested items to donate

* notebooks
* backpacks
* pencils
* pens
* erasers
* pen cases
* markers
* color pencils
* crayons
* sharpeners
* rulers
* glue/ glue sticks

ELPS Public Library Teen Calendar

East Lansing P

Teen Calendar - October

13 TASC	14 TASC	15 Crafternoon	16 Game Haven	17 Tech Time	18	19
TEEN READ WEEK						
20 TASC	21 TASC	22 Movie Mania	23 Game Haven	24 Tech Time	25	26
27 TASC	28 TASC	29 Crafternoon	30 Game Haven	31 Tech Time		

East Lansing Public Library

Teen Calendar—November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
950 Abbot Road East Lansing, MI 48823 517.351.2420 elpl.org					1	2
3 TASC	4 TASC	5 Movie Mania	6 Game Haven	7 Tech Time	8 Web Video Editing Workshop 2—5pm ***@ ELPL 2.0***	9
10 TASC	11 Library Closed ⊘	12 Crafternoon	13 Game Haven	14 Tech Time	15	16
17 TASC	18 TASC	19 Movie Mania	20 Game Haven	21 Tech Time	22	23
24 TASC	25 TASC	26 Crafternoon	27 Library Closed ⊘	28 Library Closed ⊘	29	30

blockbuster hit on the library big screen!

-Movies shown are PG-13 and under-

*Teen programs are **3 —5:30 W,Th and 3—5 F** in the library Meeting Room unless otherwise noted.*

* Program held in Story Room.

No teen program

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.

950 Abbot Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

517.351.2420

elpl.org

Programs subject to change or get canceled based upon the release of 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***

Web Video Editing Workshop— learn how to remix content from around the web into your own video production.

Crafternoon—Create a variety of crafts to keep or give as gifts.

Game Haven— Play a variety of board games, card games and video games.

Tech Time—Access to a cluster of dedicated teen computers.

Movie Mania—Watch a blockbuster hit on the library big screen!

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