

# Trojan Parentline

February 15, 2022

## **East Lansing High School**

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East Lansing, MI 48823  
Phone: 517-333-7500  
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Attendance Line: 517-333-7567

School Hours: 7:45am - 2:35pm  
Office Hours: 7:00am - 4:00pm

### **General Information:**

Attendance: 517-333-7567  
elhsattendance.elhsa@elps.us  
Please leave your students name, grade and reason for absence.

EXCEL is a required academic period on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All students must be with their EXCEL teacher.

Due to COVID, visitation to the school is limited. If you must visit, please 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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**East Lansing**

Public Schools 509 Burcham, East Lansing, MI 48823

**Andrew Wells**

**East Lansing High School Principal**

**(517)333-7504**

[andrew.wells@elps.us](mailto:andrew.wells@elps.us)

Greetings East Lansing Families:

After more than 33 years in East Lansing Public Schools, I am retiring from the high school principalship in June. My journey has been a tremendous blessing and has had an incredible impact on my life. I will forever cherish my relationships with students, teachers and faculty, parents, and the EL community. Our bond and professional kinship make us *EL Family Strong!*

Throughout my career at ELPS, my greatest desire has been to see young people thrive and be successful during their time as a student and beyond. I have experienced great joy watching them grow socially and emotionally and gain the knowledge, skills, and understanding necessary for them to discover their potential. I am proud to have been a part of their life's journey.

Educating children is the most noble endeavor and something I believe requires a grace and specific calling to undertake. But none of us can do it alone. I want to thank each of our families for your support throughout my journey in this fine district. It is difficult to find the words to articulate how much I appreciated my time in East Lansing Public Schools for over 30 years. The strong relationships and the trust you've placed in me as a leader in this wonderful school have impacted me profoundly. I value your children and have worked hard --along with the outstanding team of educators-- every day to ensure they receive the best educational experiences possible.

East Lansing High School is a wonderful, unique educational institution. It is with great pride and optimism for our future that I step away from the principalship knowing our students are in GREAT hands with the ELHS staff.

Sincerely,

**Andrew Wells**

**East Lansing High School Principal**



# Student Services - February 2022



**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.

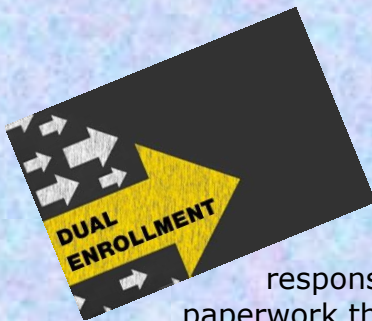


## **FAFSA -**

The FAFSA is now open for the graduating class of 2020 to fill out. The FAFSA determines the amount of financial aid (loans, grants, scholarships, etc) that your student may be eligible for. The priority deadline for Michigan students to receive optimal consideration is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022..... but don't wait until then.



**Seventh Semester Transcripts** - If you need to have your transcript sent to a college or university because they want to see your grades from last semester, you need to request it through parchment.



**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 Ms. McGraw, 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.





**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> semestersenior 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 fitfor 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.



**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 theirtest results, have access to test

prep, and have access to career and college exploration. The college/career exploration features are topnotch... 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/practicefor 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!



**College Visits** - Please visit the student services websiteat the following link: <https://elps.us/our-schools/east-lansing-high-school/student-services/college-informaiton/college-and-vocational-visits/> We list all of the colleges and universities that are comingto East Lansing High School to visit with our students. This visits typically are held during excels.... unless otherwise listed.



**Scholarships** - Please visit the student services website and clickon scholarships. All scholarships that we receive are listed for students to check out. <https://elps.us/our-schools/east-lansing-high-school/student-services/scholarships/>



# WTC Career Development Activities 2021-2022

## ~~College Application and FAFSA Workshops (Seniors)~~

~~November 17 Wed. CapCAN room  
(AM and PM sessions—drop-in)~~

## Scholarship Workshops

Dec 16 Thur. 505  
(AM and PM sessions—drop-in)

## ~~FAFSA Workshops (Seniors)~~

~~Feb 9 Wed. 505  
(AM and PM sessions—drop-in)~~

## ~~FAFSA Presentation and Q & A (Seniors)~~

~~Feb 9 Wed. 6-7pm  
This is a virtual event~~

## Decision Day (Seniors)

May 6 Fri. 505/506  
(AM and PM sessions)

# EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL 2021-2022 TENTATIVE TEST DATES

GRADE	WHERE	TEST	DATE
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
All	ELHS	AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS (AMC) Registration and pay by October 7th	10-Nov-21
All AP	ELHS	<del>AP EXAM REGISTRATION FORMS, JOIN CLASS, AND FEES pay in main office or online at gofund</del>	Registration, Join and pay by September 24, 2021
12	ELHS	<del>SAT - Free to any 12th grade student - Register by Sept. 10th</del>	13-Oct-21
9	ELHS	<del>PSAT 8/9 Free to 9th grade students - Register by Sept 10th</del>	12-Oct-21
10,11	ELHS	<del>PSAT/NMSQT - Free Register by Sept. 10th</del>	26-Oct-21
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
<b>JANUARY</b>			
All	ELHS	HS 1st Semester Exams	January 12,13,14
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
<b>APRIL</b>			
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	SAT	13-Apr-22
	ELHS	ACT WORKKEYS	14-Apr-22
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	M-STEP (MICHIGAN SCIENCE, MICHIGAN SOCIAL STUDIES)	15-Apr-22
9th & 10th	ELHS	PSAT	12-Apr-21
All AP	ELHS AND MSU	<b>ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS</b>	May 2 - May 13, 2022
<b>June</b>			
All	ELHS	HS 2nd Semester Exams	June 1,2,3



## What Not to Bring

- Any devices, including smartwatches, that can be used to record, transmit, receive or play back audio, photographic, text, or video content
- Protractors, compasses, rulers
- Highlighters, colored pens, colored pencils
- Pamphlets or papers of any kind
- Dictionaries or other books—there are no exceptions, even if English is not your first language
- Food and drinks—including bottled water—unless approved by the College Board’s Services for Students with Disabilities. [Learn more about testing with accommodations.](#)

Your school counselor can share a complete list of prohibited devices—just ask to see the *Official Student Guide*.

## During the Test

You will be allowed to have only these items on your desk:

- A test book
- An answer sheet
- No. 2 pencils with erasers
- [An approved calculator](#)—during one of the math sections only
- *Turn Off All Electronic Devices*
- You’ll need to turn off all electronic devices during the test and even during breaks. This includes cellphones. Be sure to turn off your watch alarm, if you have one.
- Why? Test centers are serious about security and quiet, so prohibited devices—which include cellphones, tablets, and MP3 players—must be turned off and put under your desk. Better yet: Leave them at home.
- Important:
- **Really, Really Important**
- You will be dismissed immediately and your scores will be canceled if you use your phone or if it makes a noise—even during breaks. Your phone may also be confiscated and inspected.
- *Share Your Email Address*
- If you share your email address and opt in, it’s easier for colleges, scholarship programs, and the College Board to get in touch. Find out more about connecting to colleges through the free [Student Search Service®](#).



## 2021-22 Half Days, Exam Days, and Late Start, No School

~~September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> — No School~~

~~September 22<sup>th</sup> — Late Start~~

~~October 14 — Half Day periods 1,2,3~~

~~October 19 — Half Day periods 4,5,6~~

~~October 20<sup>th</sup> — Late Start~~

~~November 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> — No School~~

~~December 20<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> — No School~~

~~January 12<sup>th</sup> — Exam Day periods 1,2~~

~~January 13<sup>th</sup> — Exam Day periods 3,4~~

~~January 14<sup>th</sup> — Exam Day periods 5,6~~

~~January 17<sup>th</sup> — No School~~

~~February 21 — No School~~

~~February 23<sup>rd</sup> — Late Start~~

~~March 10 - Half Day periods 1,2,3~~

~~March 15 — Half Day periods 4,5,6~~

~~March 16<sup>th</sup> — Late Start~~

~~March 25<sup>th</sup> — April 1<sup>st</sup> — No School~~

~~May 30<sup>th</sup> — No School~~

~~June 1<sup>st</sup> — Exam Day periods 1,2~~

~~June 2<sup>nd</sup> — Exam Day periods 3,4~~

~~June 3<sup>rd</sup> — Exam day periods 5,6~~

**Half Day**

**7:45 – 8:45**

**8:52 - 9:52**

**9:59 – 11:00**

**Exam Day**

**7:45 – 9:27**

**9:37 – 11:20**

**Late Start Day**

**Begins at 9:45**



## Student Attendance Information

### Reporting an Excused Absence:

#### Attendance Phone Line, 517-333-7567:

Leave a message indicating an excused absence for your student. Please make sure that you do not talk too fast and make sure to speak clearly, leaving your students first and last name and grade. If you have a middle school student attending classes at the high school, please leave the name of the teacher also. Your student can sign out in the main office and meet you outside or drive to their appointment. The absence will be corrected in PowerSchool at the end of the day when messages are retrieved. There is no need to call the main office unless your student still shows unexcused the next day. Absences must be called in within 48 hours.

Or:

#### Email Mary Fata @ [mary.fata@elps.us](mailto:mary.fata@elps.us):

Email Mary your students name, grade and days or times of excused absence. Your student can report to the main office, sign out and leave.

Or:

#### Old Fashion Note:

Write a note and send it with your student to show their teacher. Your student can report to the main office, sign out, put the note in the basket by the sign out, and leave.

Or:

#### Write A Note in Your Student Planner:

You can write a note on the day of the absence, excusing them for a certain time period or all day. They can show their teacher or one of the secretaries in the main office.

Students are not allowed to receive food deliveries from any outside vendor at this time. Parents are allowed to drop off lunches/items in the main office if needed.

# Attendance







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

Dear Parent/Guardian:

East Lansing High School Spring 2022 Conferences will be held virtually **on Thursday, March 10th and Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.** The scheduling window will open to parents on Monday, February 28th at 8:00am and will close Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**To schedule your preferred time for a parent-teacher conference:**

1. Go to <https://www.myconferencetime.com/demo/searchschool/>
2. Click on the name of your child's teacher.
3. Select the desired date/time for your conference by clicking on "Sign Up."
4. Submit the requested information. Make sure you leave at least 5 minutes in between conference times.

If you have several children attending our school, click on "Register for Multiple Conferences" and follow the prompts to schedule your children for several conferences.

After you schedule a conference online, the date and time are reserved for you. ***If you entered your email address correctly, you will receive email confirmation of your conference. Your Zoom and passcode information will be on your confirmation.***

If you need to review your conferences, go to <https://www.myconferencetime.com/demo/searchgroup/?school=east+lansing&searchbutton=Find+a+School+or+Group>. On the bottom of the page you will notice a gray task bar. Click on "Help me find conferences that I already scheduled." It will prompt you to enter your email address. Then you will notice in your inbox, a note from the company. If you open that email there will be a link. Click on the link and your schedule will appear in order of time and teacher.

If you are unable to sign up for a time and date online, you are welcome to come into the main office at the ELHS and use a computer to schedule your conferences or send a note with three preferred times and dates to your child's teacher. Once the teacher receives your note, he/she will attempt to schedule a conference for your desired date and time but cannot guarantee your top choices as time slots fill up quickly.

Thank you for your support of your child's education.

Sincerely,

Andrew Wells  
Principal  
(517)333-7504



## Scholarships

Colleges will tell the student about some of the [need or merit based](#) scholarships they are eligible for at the institution. However, colleges don't always list all of the scholarships that students receive. Especially if the student receives a scholarship from outside of the school (for example, the [Lansing Promise Scholarship](#)). It's important that students continue looking for scholarships throughout their college years, even after they have received their financial aid award letter. Students can look at the college website for more scholarships, or use websites like [FastWeb](#), [Cappex](#), or community/school based scholarships. CapCAN even has our own list of [scholarships](#) that combine local, state and national resources. Remember, scholarships are free money that the student will not have to pay back.

## Grants

Grants can come from the federal government, like the [Pell Grant](#). They can come from the state government, like the [Michigan Tuition Grant](#). Or they can also come from the college itself. Grants are a form of free money that students will not have to pay back, and they are typically need based.

## Work Study

[Work Study](#) is another way for students to help cover costs while at college. Work Study is not applied to the tuition and housing amounts, but is instead meant to help students cover the day to day costs, such as buying essentials, books, transportation, etc. Students typically can apply for campus jobs in the Work Study program. If students are eligible and accept work study on the financial aid award letter, they will still need to apply to different jobs on campus. The

checking both of these at least once a week. If after a few months, a student has not received their financial aid award letter, reach out to the school to see if there are any missing documents in their FAFSA or institution profile.

After receiving the financial aid award letter, students will need to go through and manually accept their aid package. Often scholarships and grants will automatically be accepted (but it's still good to check), but students and parents will have to manually accept or deny loans. It's important to know that students and parents **SHOULD NOT** take out the full amount of the loans if they don't need all of them. If the student is unsure of this process, please have them reach out to the financial aid office to help clarify any confusion.

Reviewing and comparing the financial aid award letters are an important step in the college-going process. If a student can't make a decision on what college to attend, they can use this to decide which college will be the most affordable. It is still important to be critical of this document though. In order to attract more first year students, colleges will often offer grants and scholarships that they can only receive during their first year. It's important when making decisions about college, that the student understands that they may not receive the same amount of free money every year. Students must apply for scholarships and FAFSA every year they are enrolled in college.

If a student feels like they are not receiving enough financial help from the college, they benefit to work study is that students won't have to work too many hours and their employer will work around their school schedule. It also gives students a way to meet new people on campus and build their resume.

## Loans

Most financial aid award letters will come through the college's student portal (like the [Banner system](#) at LCC) or in their college email. It's important that students are

When looking at loans on the financial aid award letter, it's important to understand the different types of loans. If a student is offered a subsidized and/or unsubsidized federal



loan, it means students will not have to start repayment until 6 months after the student graduates or leaves school. The **difference** in these loans is that subsidized loans do not accrue interest while the student is in college (but will begin accruing interest after the student leaves the school), while unsubsidized does accrue interest while the student is in college. Both of these loans are meant for the student to take out. Another common loan to be listed on the financial aid award letter is a **parent plus loan**. These are loans specifically meant for parents to take out. If parents qualify for the loan and take it out, they will have to make payments on the loan while the student is in college.

can submit an appeal at their intended college's financial aid office. There are many times that financial hardships are not

captured on the FAFSA particularly this year due to the pandemic. If a parent has experienced a lost job, change in income, high medical bills, etc., the financial aid office might be able to help out if students disclose these problems.

If students are feeling overwhelmed by this process, encourage them to reach out to their School Counselor, or call the financial aid office. Misunderstanding financial aid packages should not be a barrier for students to attend college. CapCAN is committed to making sure our students and families understand all of the financial resources available to them.





## Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Resources

There are 104 Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the United States according to the US Department of Education. They were created prior to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to provide higher educational opportunities for black male and female students who were historically and legally excluded from attending all-white and predominantly male institutions. HBCU's include both private and public institutions with a rich history of providing high quality postsecondary credentials to black Americans and others committed to equity.

Lansing also has a rich history of helping students explore their options at HBCU's with an annual HBCU College Fair, scholarships, and tours of HBCUs. If you or a student you know is interested in attending an HBCU, these resources are helpful to start the process.

Click the Image Below to Access the resources!



# Historically Black Colleges and Universities Resources

Learn more and apply

**HBCU Connect:**

<https://hbcuconnect.com/>

**Common Black College App:**

<https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>

## Scholarships

**HBCU Lifestyle:** <https://hbculifestyle.com/101-minority-scholarships/>

**HBCU Connect Scholarship:** <https://hbcuconnect.com/scholarships/>

**UNCF Scholarships:** <https://uncf.org/scholarships>

## HBCU Tours

**HBCU Lifestyles College Tours:** <https://hbculifestyle.com/hbcu-college-tours/>

**Y-Achievers HBCU College Tour:** Students can contact [ehardy@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:ehardy@cityofeastlansing.com) or visit <https://www.lansingymca.org/academic-enrichment>

**An Overview of HBCUs presented by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.**



**Tell Them We Are Rising: The History of HBCUs in America**  
Tell Them We are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities - Documentary. I do not own the copyright to this documentary. Photos: Youtube. R. C.

**Tell Them We Are Rising: The History of HBCUs in America**

Want to learn more about the history of HBCUs in America? Check out this documentary!



CAPITAL AREA COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK  
AND THE FLEDGE FOUNDATION PRESENT:

# FREE COLLEGE PREPARATION SESSION

Open to all high school seniors in Lansing and  
surrounding areas!

Use the QR code to sign up today!



or find the form here: <https://forms.gle/SFtAb8AL6n9uZj438>

**FEBRUARY 26, 2022 | 2PM-4PM**  
**THE FLEDGE, 1300 EUREKA ST, LANSING**

The Capital Area College Access Network will provide an  
overview of the financial aid process for high school students.

CapCAN advisers will support seniors and a parent or  
guardian in completing the FAFSA application. Please bring  
both parent and student social security numbers.

**CONTACT THE FLEDGE FOUNDATION WITH QUESTIONS:**  
**517-930-2907 FLEDGEFOUNDATION@GMAIL.COM**





## Upcoming Dates 2022

<b>February 21 -</b>	No School *Presidents Day
<b>February 23 -</b>	Late Start (9:45a.m.)
<b>February 28 -</b>	ELPS Board of Education Mtg., 7:00 ELHS Board Room
<b>March 5 -</b>	ELHS Winter Formal 7p-9p, ELHS
<b>March 8 -</b>	ELHS Parent Council Meeting, 6:30, HUB
<b>March 10 -</b>	Parent/ Teacher Conferences 2-4p & 5-7p
<b>March 10 -</b>	Half Day 7:45a - 11:00a (hr 1,2,3)
<b>March 14 -</b>	ELPS Board of Education Mtg., 7:00 ELHS Board Room
<b>March 15 -</b>	Parent/ Teacher Conferences 2-4p & 5-7p
<b>March 15 -</b>	Half Day 7:45a - 11:00a (hr 4,5,6)
<b>March 16 -</b>	Late Start (9:45a.m.)
<b>March 25 - April 1 -</b>	Spring Break.
<b>March 28 -</b>	ELPS Board of Education Mtg., 7:00 ELHS Board Room
<b>April 11 -</b>	ELPS Board of Education Mtg., 7:00 ELHS Board Room
<b>April 12 -</b>	ELHS Parent Council Meeting, 6:30, HUB
<b>April 12 -</b>	PSAT - 9th/10th grd - 7:45a
<b>April 13 -</b>	SAT - 11th & eligible 12th grd
<b>April 14 -</b>	ACT Workkeys - 11th & eligible 12th grd
<b>April 15 -</b>	M-STEP (Mich. Science, Mich. Social Studies) - 11th & eligible 12th grd
<b>April 25 -</b>	ELPS Board of Education Mtg., 7:00 ELHS Board Room
<b>May 5 - 13</b>	AP Exams, @ aux gym
<b>May 9 -</b>	ELPS Board of Education Mtg., 7:00 ELHS Board Room

<b>May 10 -</b>	ELHS Parent Council Meeting, 6:30, HUB
<b>May 20 -</b>	Seniors Last Day
<b>May 23 -</b>	ELPS Board of Education Mtg., 7:00 ELHS Board Room
<b>May 27 -</b>	ELHS Graduation, 7pm, MSU Auditorium
<b>May 30 -</b>	No School *Memorial Day
<b>June 1 -</b>	Final Exams - hr 1,2   7:45am-11:20am
<b>June 2 -</b>	Final Exams - hr 3,4   7:45am-11:20am
<b>June 3 -</b>	Final Exams - hr 5,6   7:45am-11:20am
<b>June 3 -</b>	Last Day of School