

# Trojan Parentline

December 15, 2016

## **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 - 2:34pm

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 Tuesday and Thurs-  
day. 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 stu-  
dents.

## **High School Administration**

### ***Coby Fletcher - Principal***

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[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.

# Principal's Letter

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Greetings East Lansing families. It feels like we've gone straight from one holiday season right into another! As much as I know students will regret not seeing their classrooms for a couple of weeks, I'm sure they will make good use of the time off to share happy moments with family and friends.

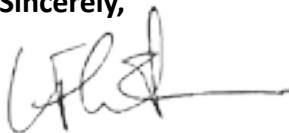
For most of us, the holiday season is an opportunity to reflect on and appreciate the relationships that bind us to other people. Some of those relationships are familial, others are professional or collegial, and still others are based on friendship. Hopefully we enjoy them all.

I have always considered the school environment unique in regards to the relationships that are created and exist here. While not necessarily parental in nature, school employees teach, nurture, and guide students, who are often in a position that requires them to accept and meet (or exceed!) the expectations adults on campus have for them. Underpinning all of this is a desire to see young people acquire the understanding, knowledge, and skills needed for them to achieve their potential and, I believe, happiness, in life. Educating children is society's most noble venture, an endeavor in which we are all honored to participate.

Speaking of relationships, I want each of our families to know how much I and every other staff member appreciate the trust you place in us. I want you to know that we value your children and work hard every day to ensure that they receive the best education possible anywhere. East Lansing High School is a unique and wonderful place to be.

I wish you all a safe, happy holiday season and look forward to seeing our students in 2017!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Coby Fletcher', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Coby Fletcher

# Student Services

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## ***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.

## ***FAFSA –NEW THIS YEAR***

The FAFSA is now open for the graduating class of 2017 to fill out. The FAFSA determines the amount of financial aid (loans, grants, scholarships, etc) that your student may be eligible for. Starting this year.... aid for the 2017 – 2018 school year will be determined based on a families 2015 earnings. The deadline for Michigan students to receive optimal consideration is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017..... but don't wait until then. ELHS will be hosting a financial aid night on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the student union.

## ***Seventh Semester Transcripts***

Seventh semester transcripts will be available for students in the graduating class of 2017 at the end of January. Many colleges will request 7th semester transcripts from our students. After winter break, students may request their 7th semester transcripts through [parchment.com](http://parchment.com) for non-common app schools.

## ***Scheduling for 2017-2018 School Year***

Conversations and plans for the 2017-2018 scheduling process are underway. Specifics will be detailed in the January Parentline, as well as sent home via e-blast. However, the Junior Parent Meeting is scheduled and will be taking place on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the Student Union.

## ***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://elps.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.

# Student Services

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## **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!

## **College Visits**

Please visit the student services website and click on the student services calendar. We list all of the colleges and universities that are coming to 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 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.

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# School News

## **2016 PSAT/NMSQT Score Release**

- Dec. 5: Online scores available to educators.
- Dec. 12: Online scores available to students.

Understanding Scores: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores/understanding-scores>

<https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home?affiliateId=aru%7Canypage&bannerId=ue2%7Ck12r-pn-scores-avail>

## **Parents of Seniors**

Parents of Seniors and parents/guardians of senior students: Every year the issue of what name is printed on the diploma comes up. For your information, diplomas will be printed in your student's legal name as shown on the birth certificate.

## **Shakespeare Grant**

Jenifer Hmadi and Emily Holmes were awarded a grant to have the Michigan Shakespeare Touring Actors Troupe visit our school and perform Romeo and Juliet. All English I students will attend-for free! This will take place in May, which is the the time we will be reading the play.

# Junior/Senior Activities

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Join Us – Junior/Senior Activities Committee

There are a variety of special activities happening this spring and lots of ways for parents to become involved. We're planning Post Prom, Baccalaureate and the other special events that occur, mostly for our graduates, in the spring. If you're interested in becoming involved, contact Karen Henry - karenhenry66@gmail.com or 517-285-7594.

## ***Coding and Cookies Summary***

On December 4th, the East Lansing High School club Students for Females in STEM hosted an introductory computer programming event called Coding and Cookies. Aimed to give students a taste of computer science logic and highlight the desire for computer science within the great Lansing area, Coding and Cookies had over 100 students and parents participate in this event. In addition to the amazing turn out, State Representative Sam Singh attended Coding and Cookies along with ELHS principal Coby Fletcher and members of the East Lansing School Board.

Students ranging from ages 3-18 completed the hour of code on Sunday. Many enjoyed coding so much that they finished several tutorials. Parents were equally successful in completing the hour of code and were given a Biggby gift card for their work.

Beyond the Hour of Code tutorials, students had the opportunity to see their code in action with Ozobots, small programming robots.

In sum, the second annual Coding and Cookies was a extremely successful. Students for Females in STEM would like to thank everyone who participated in this event, and we hope to see even more of you next year.

# Parent Council

Please join us for a business meeting on Tuesday, December 13, at 6:30pm in the HUB.

If you are looking for any last minute tax deductions, please consider donating to ELHS Parent Council. Your donations are used to benefit the students in many ways. Donations assist to fund educational enhancements outside the school budget for teachers, such as technology, equipment and traditional learning materials. This support ranges from purchasing graphing calculators and projector document cameras to providing art supplies and travel expenses for class field trips.

Please join us in January for the annual "State of the School" Report.

# American Mathematics Prize

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## American Mathematics Competition

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

(Please circle one)

*Participating Students  
Turn in your registration form  
and \$10.00  
to the Main Office With Mrs. Tabor  
(Make checks payable to ELPS)  
by  
January 6th*

**The test will be given  
in the Hub at 8:00 a.m.**

Please visit <http://www.maa.org/math-competitions/faqs> for questions regarding this competition

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American Mathematics Competition

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name

Fee of \$10.00 paid by \_\_\_\_\_ check# \_\_\_\_\_ cash  
(Make checks payable to ELPS)

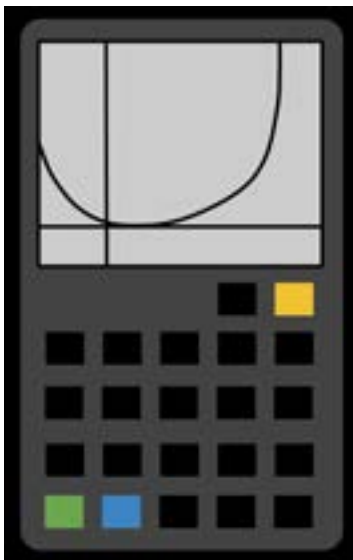
# Testing Schedule

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## EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL 2016-2017 TENTATIVE TEST DATES

GRADE	WHERE	TEST	DATE
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
7th	ELHS	MMF Competition, Part I	Tuesday, October 11, 2016
8, 10, 11	ELHS	PSAT/NMSQT	Wednesday, October 19, 2016
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
7th	ELHS	MMF Competition, Part II (Only eligible students from Part I)	Wednesday, December 7, 2016
<b>JANUARY</b>			
ALL AP	ELHS	AP EXAM REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES pay in main office	Month of January, 2017
All	ELHS	AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS (AMC) Registration	January 4-15, 2016
All	ELHS	HS 1st Semester Exams	January 18, 19, 20
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
All	ELHS	AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS (AMC)	Tues., Feb 7 or Wed., Feb 15, 2017
11th	ELHS	REQUIRED SAT PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	TBD, March 2017
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<b>APRIL</b>			
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	SAT	Tuesday, April 11, 2017
	ELHS	ACT WORKKEYS	Wednesday, April 12, 2017
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	M-STEP (MICHIGAN SCIENCE , MICHIGAN SOCIAL STUDIES)	Thursday, April 13, 2017
9th & 10th	ELHS	PSAT	Tuesday, April 11, 2017
All AP	ELHS	REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL A - K	TBD, April 2017
All AP	ELHS	REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL L - Z	TBD, April 2017
All AP	ELHS	REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	TBD, April 2017
All AP	ELHS	REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	TBD, April 2017
<b>MAY</b>			
All AP	ELHS AND MSU	ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS	Monday, May 1 - Friday, May 12, 2016
<b>June</b>			
All	ELHS	HS 2nd Semester Exams	June 14, 15, 16

**Detailed information about M-STEP and AP testing will come out closer to those testing dates.**



# AP Exam Registration

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## 2017 AP Exam Registration Registration Forms Due by January 31, 2017

### STUDENT INFORMATION

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

**Last**

**First**

**M.I.**

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please see above signature line if you need accommodations**

**List the Exams and date of exams that you are taking.**

**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: **\$95 per exam**

\_\_\_ Fee-Reduced\* Exam: \$65 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 February, 17 2017, a refund of \$90.00 will be issued.
- If a student registers for an exam and cancels after February 17, 2017, 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

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](mailto: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 Schedule

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

<b>Week One</b>	1-May	8:00	Chemistry
	1-May	8:00	Enviro Science
	1-May	8:00	Studio Art – receive portfolios
	1-May	Noon	Psychology
	2-May	8:00	Computer Science
	2-May	8:00	Spanish Language and Culture
	2-May	Noon	Physics 1: Algebra Based
	2-May	Noon	Art History
	3-May	8:00	English Lit & Composition
	3-May	Noon	Physics 2: Algebra-Based
	3-May	Noon	Japanese Language
	4-May	8:00	US Government and Politics
	4-May	8:00	
	4-May	Noon	Chinese Lang & Culture
	5-May	8:00	US History
	5-May	8:00	German Language & Culture
	5-May	All Day	Studio Art (last day to submit)
<b>Week Two</b>	8-May	8:00	Bio
	8-May	8:00	Music Theory
	8-May	Noon	Physics C: Mechanics
	8-May	2:00 p.m.	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
	9-May	8:00	Calculus AB
	9-May	8:00	Calculus BC
	9-May	Noon	French Lang & Culture
	10-May	8:00	English Language & Composition
	10-May	Noon	Macroeconomics
	11-May	8:00	Comparative Government & Politics
	11-May	8:00	World History
	11-May	Noon	Statistics
	12-May	8:00	Microeconomics
	12-May	Noon	European History



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### ***AVID Promotes Safe Driving***

Health World Education contacted our AVID program to see if the students would be interested in learning about issues that teen drivers face and help to host an activity during lunch. The AVID program eagerly volunteered to participate and help raise awareness of dangers teens face while distracted driving, especially when they text. Health World Education worked in cooperation with *AllState* to invite students to sign a commitment to not text and drive. Statistics on the dangers of texting and other destructive decisions were read during announcements and displayed in the commons area along with a video and the pledge sheet.

ELHS students guessed the answers to statements about destructive decisions, which are displayed along the hub, and they signed a banner hung in the commons to remind students the dangers of destructive decisions while driving.

## **News from Technology & Media Services**

Free Office Download:

Students can now get the full version of Office 2013 for free while they are enrolled at East Lansing Public Schools. Students can follow these simple steps to download Office 2013:

1. Log into your ELPS email at [www.outlook.com/elps.us](http://www.outlook.com/elps.us) (same username@stu.elps.us and password as computer login)
2. Go to the Settings gear in the upper right corner
3. Select Office 365
4. Select Software
5. Select a language and version and click Install

Students can do this on up to 5 computer. If you have any questions, please contact Technology & Media Services.

### **Parent Portal Requests:**

Parents can request to have a PowerSchool Parent Portal created on their behalf through the district website. Please direct parents to the following form:

1. Go to [www.elps.us](http://www.elps.us)
2. Select PARENTS
3. Select PowerSchool: Request a Parent Portal

Once the request has been reviewed and processed the parent will receive account information by email from Technology & Media Services.

# Senior Dates

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**January 25** – Financial Aide Night - Student Union - 7pm

**January 12** – Last chance for Lifetouch Senior Pictures

**February 4** – Winter Formal

**May 13** - Prom

**May 14** – Post Prom

**June 1** – Convocation

**June 2** – Senior last day

**June 8** – Mandatory Graduation practice and Senior Brunch

**June 11** – Graduation @ MSU Auditorium

## More Dates to Come!