Trojan Parentline

November 15, 2016

East Lansing High School 509 Burcham Drive East Lansing, MI 48823 Phone: 517-333-7500 Fax: 517-333-7559 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 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.

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<u>Contact information</u> 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

November 15, 2016

Greetings East Lansing Families,

At this time of year, I am continually reminded of the privilege educators have to interact with students, families, and with each other. Education is a noble and fulfilling profession, and I believe I can speak for staff in saying that we are grateful to be a part of East Lansing High School.

At East Lansing High School, we are surrounded by youth of great potential and, as educators, we help them explore and develop that potential. We are fortunate to see it manifest itself in so many different ways. The college application season is in full swing, for example, and it is always satisfying to observe seniors applying to numerous institutions of higher learning, career training, or military service as they further their own development on the march toward adulthood. Fall sports have given us the good fortune to watch students exercise their athletic potential. Musical performances showcase the ability of students to master instruments and beautiful compositions, and all around the school any visitor will see evidence of quality student work in art, academics, and a variety of other pursuits.

We're also closing out what has been a contentious election cycle. I want to echo the sentiments in the recent letter from our superintendent, Dr. Robyne Thompson, by stating that our expectation is that East Lansing High School be a place of safety and belonging regardless of ideology, belief, affiliation, identity, or any other characteristic. All students are welcome here.

Finally, I remain ever thankful that you have entrusted the education of your children to us. Please know that we work hard every day to merit that trust.

Sincerly

Coby Fletcher Principal

Student Services

November 15, 2016

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 <u>https://elps.us/our-schools/east-lansing-high-school/student-services/el-</u> <u>hs-student-services-request-an-appointment/</u>. Appointments can also be made by emailing your counselor or by stopping in and making an appointment in student services.

Admissions Decisions

Many universities will be releasing admissions decisions to students over the next few months. 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 7th 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 1st 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 nextfall. 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 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 for non-common app schools.

Information Verification Forms

The second round of 2016-2017 Information Verification sheets were mailed home at the end of October. You are reminded that this information is requested annually from every ELHS family. In addition to providing up-to-date changes in any of your contact information, this form is utilized to track your preferences for your student regarding photos, field trips and your signature provides residency verification. For juniors and seniors –if it is not indicated on your information sheet, your contact information may be shared with military and college recruiters.

Your response to this request for information is very important. If you have not already, please be sure to complete your information and send it in either with your student or by mail. Questions? Contact Sue Bledsoe, Registrar at 333-7508 or at <u>susan.bledsoe@elps.us</u>. Thank you for your cooperation!

College Application Deadline

The deadline for college applications with a December 15th or January 1st deadline must be turned in no later than Friday, December 9th to Student Services. The counseling staff needs time to process the applications before winter break.

Testing

In April, all 9th and 10th grade students will take the PSAT, and all 11th grade students will take the SAT. While these are state mandated tests.... they do allow our 9th/10th to experience a standardized testing situation before taking the SAT. The 11th 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 (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 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!

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 1st, 2017..... but don't wait until then. ELHS will be hosting a financial aid night in January. Stay tuned for details....

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.

School News

Attention Parents of Seniors:

It's that time of year....already! Cap & Gown and graduation announcement orders will take place on November 29, 2016 during both lunches outside of the HUB. Information packets are available in the main office.

PSAT

For students who took the PSAT/NMSQT test, score will be available on December 12, 2016. Students should be able to access their scores on the College Board website.

SAT Practice for Students

Student looking for additional SAT help can visit Khan Academy at <u>www.khanacademy.org</u>. Khan offers free online practice tests.

School Pictures

If you ordered pictures of your student from Lifetouch and have not received them from your student, please have your student pick them up in the main office.

Junior/Senior Activities

November 15, 2016

You're Invited to Check Out the Junior/Senior Activities Committee

There are a variety of special activities happening this spring and many 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.

We're having an informational meeting on <u>Tuesday, December 6th in the Hub at 7:30</u>. It will be short and will help attendees understand how they may become involved. All parents are welcome. Contact Karen Henry (<u>karenhenry66@gmail.com</u> or 517-285-7594) with questions or if you'd like to volunteer for something prior to the meeting.

Hour of Code Event at Local High School- Coding, cookies, prizes, and more!

Dear Parents,

We live in a world surrounded by technology. The ability of your children to succeed as adults, no matter their chosen field, will hinge on an understanding of how technology works. But only a tiny fraction of us are learning computer science, and fewer students are studying it now than a decade ago. That's why the ELHS club Students for Females in STEM is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code! More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code: now it's our turn. The Hour of Code is a simple and fun educational tool to teach introductory computer science and computer programming.

Students for Females in STEM is hosting an introductory coding event called Coding and Cookies on Sunday, December 4th from 1:00-4:00 PM in the East Lansing High School (509 Burcham Dr., East Lansing) Library Media Center. To reach the Library Media Center, enter through the main entrance--club members will guide you from there. This is a free event for students of any gender in first through twelfth grade. Walk ins are welcome. There will be cookies, prizes, and a chance to win a giveaway for ALL who code! Parents will also have a chance to learn more about coding and STEM in general. For more information, please contact Samantha White at samantha.white2642@gmail.com or check out our website femalesinstem.org.

Sincerely, Students for Females in STEM

Parent Council

"Adolescent Mental Health: What's Normal, When to Worry and How to Help"

Tuesday, November 15, 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the ELHS Media Center

The teen and young adult years are filled with unique stresses and pressures, swinging moods and changing bodies. As parents, we are often filled with worry: "Is my child's behavior "normal" for a teenager or something more serious?" "Is my child heading for a crisis or will this pass?" "What can I do to support my child at home?" "Should my child have professional help and where/how do we find it?"

Join us for an informative presentation and conversation addressing these and other questions!

Speakers: Jennifer Novello, LMSW, ACSW Jonathon Novello, LMSW, ACSW

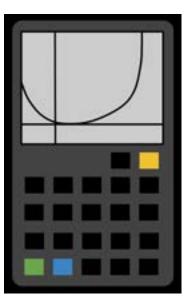
Testing Schedule

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EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL 2016-2017 TENTATIVE TEST DATES			
GRADE	WHERE	TEST	DATE
OCTOBER			
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DECEMBER			
All	ELHS	MMP Competition, Part II (Only eligible students from Part I)	Wednesday, December 7, 2016
JANUARY			
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
FEBRUARY			
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
11th	ELHS	REQUIRED SAT PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	TBD, March 2017
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APRIL			
11th &	ELHS	SAT	Tuesday, April 11, 2017
eligible 12th	ELHS	ACT WORKKEYS	Wednesday, April 12, 2017
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	M-STEP (MICHIGAN SCIENCE , MICHIGAN SOCIAL STUDIES)	Thursday, April 13, 2017
)th & 10tl	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
MAY			
All AP	ELHS AND MSU	ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS	Monday, May 1 - Friday, May 12, 2016
June			
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.







Yearbook

November 15, 2016

Senior Parents: Picture Deadline is soon approaching!

1. Our 240 page, full-color yearbooks cost \$65 during first semester and \$75 until we sell out! Yearbooks are typically delivered mid-May and can be purchased for \$75 at that time. We sold out last year, so we strongly suggest pre-ordering to guarantee yourself a copy. The first opportunity to purchase a yearbook in person is on Activities Day.

- Click here to order and pay for your yearbook online! (or, copy https://www.yearbookordercenter. com/index.cfm/jobSearch/displayHome to your browser)
- Click on "Buy a Yearbook, Yearbook Packages"
- Choose quantity of books to purchase
- Add student(s) name(s) and grade to order to accurately assign book
- Checkout

Senior Portraits – DUE DECEMBER 5

The senior photograph deadline is soon approaching! This year at ELHS, we will be offering two separate options for senior photographs. Please note that ALL SENIORS must have a senior portrait submitted at the latest by December 5, 2016. There are no exceptions.

Please fill out THIS FORM upon receiving this document.

Option 1:

Many seniors opt to have their senior photographs taken by a professional photographer. If this is the option your family would like to choose, there are several specifications that each senior photograph must follow:

- Formal attire only: shirts, ties, nice blouses, skirts, etc.
- Head shot only: no props, no hats, no hoods, no hands
- Dimensions: 2.25 inches width, 3 inches height
- Head size top of hair to bottom of chin: minimum 1 inch, maximum 1.5 inches
- Color: no black-and-white, no filters
- Background preferred: indoor, simple background
- Digital file format: 300dpi minimum, jpeg ONLY
- Notes about cropping photos... Do not crop photos tightly around the head and torso. Make sure there is space around the head and torso. When in doubt, let us do it!
- .jpg file
- At least 300 DPI
- CMYK
- File labeled: lastname_firstname (ie stitt_drew.jpg)

If you would like your own photographer to submit the photograph as well, you can send them the linked form so they can submit them directly to the yearbook. Please note that the final day to submit these portraits is no later than December 5.

Ceniad

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Option 2:

On Wednesday, December 14, Ceniad has hired a photographer to take a photo of each senior that would like a formal headshot in the yearbook and does not have their own photographer. These photographs will be free of charge, and are optimized for our yearbook each year. Each shoot should only take 2-3 minutes per senior, and will take place in the HUB.

If seniors choose this option, they should come to school "dressed to impress," in business casual attire. For those seniors that are identifying as male, we request that they wear a suit-and-tie approach, or as close as they can get. For those identifying as female, anything that would be worn to a formal occasion will be acceptable, including a nice dress, or a blouse. While we don't intend to turn students away for not dressing up enough, we encourage parents to assist students in choosing an outfit that they will remember fondly for years to come. Once the yearbook is printed, there's no changing it.

Again, each senior must select one of the two options above, and we would love to see each senior have a portrait to remember in this year's Ceniad.

Submit a senior patron ad! – DUE JANUARY 9

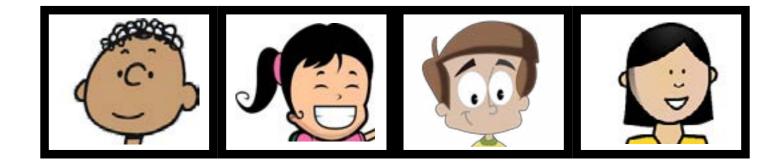
A Senior Patron Ad is your opportunity to pair priceless photos with a personal message to express your pride in a special graduate. These messages comprise one of the most popular sections of our yearbook. Family members—parents/guardians, siblings, grandparents, aunts/uncles—are the most common sources of these messages, but we also welcome patron ads that celebrate long-time friendships, athletes/musicians who have played together since they were "kids," students who grew up in neighborhood/elementary/church/scout groups, and more! Feel free to pass this info along to coaches, troop leaders, mentors, youth group leaders, etc.

1. Click here to see EXAMPLES of Senior Patron Ads from a previous year.

2. Click here to access the DIGITAL ORDER FORM (preferred). Click here to access the PAPER ORDER FORM. Please complete one form per ad. (Example: Joy's mother and grandmother would like to order a separate ad. Joy's mother completes a form and Joy's grandmother completes a second form. One student, two ads, two forms...)

Any questions?

Email the yearbook adviser, Cody Harrell, at cody.harrell@elps.us at any time for more information!





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Senior Dates

November 15, 2016

Continue to check for new dates and times

- **November 29 -** Gap and Gown orders November 29 Joe Fox will be here during both lunches
- 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!