

Trojan Parentline

September 15, 2017

East Lansing High School

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School Hours: 7:45am - 2:34pm

Office Hours: 7:00am - 4:00pm

General Information:

Attendance: 517-333-7567

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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.

[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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Principal's Letter



Dear ELHS Families,

Thank you to everyone for your support and a great start to the school year! I've enjoyed attending many extracurricular events and observing the wonderful instruction taking place in our classrooms. I've had many opportunities to interact with students, and I am very impressed with their level of commitment in playing a positive role to cultivate an ELHS family atmosphere.

SPiRiT week 2017 was great! Our ELHS family enjoyed their homecoming activities with MUCH enthusiasm and Trojan PRIDE. Thank you students for a wonderful display of comradery and spirit! Kudos to Heather Mueller, Kathy Kowalski, and Julie Berridge for their hard work in coordinating homecoming activities and making it a successful week!

Governor Snyder visited our new AP Computer Science course on Thursday, October 5. Also attending with Governor Snyder was Allyson Knox, an ELHS '86 alumni and Microsoft's Director of Education Policy in Washington, D.C., and Mary Snapp, Microsoft's CVP of Philanthropies in Seattle. Ms. Knox coordinated the visit. The course is offered in partnership through the Microsoft TEALS Program. Governor Snyder expressed his interest in expanding access to computer science to all Michigan students, and his visit to our school was instrumental in continuing the dialogue about the subject area and computer science exploration from a student's perspective. Several media outlets covered the visit, including our student reporters from the ELHS Portrait. The Governor's visit was brief and well received. This great opportunity served as a platform for our school to share our story about why we are offering this course and how we are partnering with Microsoft.

Congratulations to our National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists Cade Dembski, Evan Dempsey, and Elijah Sheridan for their outstanding accomplishment!

As we continue to work toward ensuring a safe environment for all students, we need your support. Please be reminded that students should not be on campus after 3:00 pm unless attending a practice or club-related activity where they are directly supervised by an adult coach, sponsor, teacher, or tutor. Because the high school is not staffed to provide general supervision after 3:00 pm, students who are not involved in an organized activity must depart high school grounds by this time. Additionally, students should not arrive for after-school activities or practices before the time indicated by coaches or sponsors. Once dismissed from practices or activities, students should immediately leave the high school grounds. Please remember, it is the responsibility of parents to make the transportation arrangements necessary to ensure compliance with this policy. Thanks for assisting us with this matter!

For students needing a safe place to read or work quietly after school hours, the East Lansing Public Library offers a Teen After School Center from 2:30– 6pm. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Andrew Wells
Principal

Student Services

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.

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 2018 to fill out. The FAFSA determines the amount of financial aid (loans, grants, scholarships, etc) that your student may be eligible for. The deadline for Michigan students to receive optimal consideration is March 1st, 2018..... but don't wait until then. ELHS will be hosting a financial aid night in January. Stay tuned for details....

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.

Transcripts through Parchment

For school that are not on the common app, students must request transcripts through www.parchment.com. All transcripts requested through Parchment are automatically sent out by Mrs. Bledsoe. Common Application requests still go directly to and through the counselor.

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 elhs.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.

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.

2017-18 Test Dates



EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL 2016-2017 TENTATIVE TEST DATES

GRADE	WHERE	TEST	DATE
OCTOBER			
All	ELHS	MMP Competition, Part I	Tuesday, October TBD
9,10,11	ELHS	PSAT/NMSQT	Wednesday, October 11, 2017
DECEMBER			
All	ELHS	MMP Competition, Part II (Only eligible students from Part I)	Wednesday, December TBD
JANUARY			
ALL AP	ELHS	AP EXAM REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES pay in main office	Month of January, 2018
All	ELHS	AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS (AMC) Registration	January 8-12, 2018
All	ELHS	HS 1st Semester Exams	January 24,25,26
FEBRUARY			
All	ELHS	AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS (AMC)	Wednesday, February 7, 2018
11th	ELHS	REQUIRED SAT PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	TBD, March 27, 2018
11th	ELHS	REQUIRED SAT PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	TBD, March 29, 2018
APRIL			
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	SAT	Tuesday, April 10, 2018
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	ACT WORKKEYS	Wednesday, April 11, 2018
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	M-STEP (MICHIGAN SCIENCE , MICHIGAN SOCIAL STUDIES)	Thursday, April 12, 2018
9th & 10th	ELHS	PSAT	Tuesday, April 10, 2018
All AP	ELHS	REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL A - K	TBD, April 24, 2018
All AP	ELHS	REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL L - Z	TBD, April 26, 2018
MAY			
All AP	ELHS AND MSU	ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS	Monday, May 7 - 18, 2018
June			
All	ELHS	HS 2nd Semester Exams	June 13, 14, 15





Introducing the **SAT Practice Test !**

The SAT exam is coming - are you ready?
The East Lansing Educational Foundation and Sylvan Learning Center
have teamed up to get you ready.

The SAT Practice Test:

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

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

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

SAT Practice Exam: Saturday, November 11, 2017

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 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: SAT Workshop; 501 Burcham Dr, EL 48823. Registrations may also
be dropped off in the MMS or ELHS main office.

Deadline is November 3, 2017

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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

Half Days and Exams Schedule

October 17th Half Day- periods 1,2,3
October 19th – Half Day periods 4,5,6
January 24th – Exam Day periods 1,2
January 25th – Exam Day periods 3,4
January 26th – Exam Day periods 5,6
March 20th- Half Day periods 1,2,3
March 22th – Half Day periods 4,5,6
June 13th – Exam Day periods 1,2
June 14th – Exam Day periods 3,4
June 15th – Exam day periods 5,6

Half Day

7:45 – 8:44

8:52 - 9:51

9:59 – 11:00

Exam Day

7:45 – 9:27

9:37 – 11:20

School News

Parent Council News

This week we just had a great presentation regarding teens and mental health. Please look for upcoming Parent Council meetings and Programs in the weekly Thursday E-Bulletins.

Also, next week Parent Council is hosting a Staff/Teacher Appreciation Dinner during conferences. If you are able to help, please go to the sign-up page, Staff/Teacher Dinner Sign-up, or contact Jennifer Sitze Martin at sitzemartin@gmail.com. Thank you for helping to make this event possible!

MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY

If you are interested in attending one of our Nation's top Military Academies then please know that the Military Service Academy open house is October, 16th from 5-7 pm at Monroe High School (901 Herr Road, Monroe MI 48161). All five service academies will be represented, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Academy, Merchant Marine Academy, Naval Academy, and US Military Academy (West Point). For further information please contact Congressman Walberg's Jackson office at 517-780-9075.

VERIFICATION FORMS

We have entered all the new or changed information given to us and will be sending out the second round of Verification Forms for students who have not turned their in. Please make sure to complete the form and return it to ELHS no later than November 1 as we will be forwarding requested information to military recruiters and also need to have your photo and field trip permissions in place.

COSTA RICA

Deadline for enrollment for ELHS Summer Costa Rica trip is this coming Monday, October 16th. This trip is open for entire student body, not just kids taking Spanish. We will be building a house for a poor family, along with myriad fun excursions! Come see Profe Lampi for info!

HOMECOMING THANK YOU

East Lansing High School expresses our appreciation to all who made our Homecoming Parade a success. Special thanks goes to the drivers of the convertibles and Okemos Auto Collection for donating a vehicle for the parade. We look forward to continued community support next year.

ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The first orchestra concert is Oct 25th 7:00pm at the High School. The Concert will feature the 7th-12th grade orchestras in a combined finale. We also have special guest artist, Mr. Rodney Page, performing an original composition with the Encore Strings.



Place Your Ad With Us!

Business Card Ad	\$25.00
½ Page Ad	\$50.00
Full Page Ad	\$100.00

**Business
Card**

½ 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



November 16th-19th

What To Do:

Submit ads by *November 8, 2017*

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

Yearbook - Senior Pictures



Dear parents and seniors,

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 their own senior portrait submitted at the latest by October 23, 2017. There are no exceptions.

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 [here](#) so they can submit them directly to the yearbook. Please note that the final day to submit these portraits is no later than October 23.

Option 2:

On Wednesday, November 8, Ceniad has hired a professional 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.

Advanced Placement Info

Current year Summary



This report lists the total numbers of each score (1 to 5) for each AP subject and the total number of unique students for each AP score.

✔ Data Updated Aug 1, 2017, Report Run Sep 12, 2017

Disciplines : All Disciplines

East Lansing High School (231300)

Total AP Students in Your School: **340**

School Totals for this View	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
Number of Exams	165	159	199	133	37	693
Percentage of Total Exams	24	23	29	19	5	100
Number of AP Students	97	131	153	104	34	

Subject Totals	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
Music Theory	1		1		1	3
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio	3		2			5
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	1	4	5	2		12
English Language and Composition	8	25	37	15	1	86
English Literature and Composition	8	10	13	7		38
Comparative Government and Politics	1					1
European History	6	5	8	11		30
Macroeconomics	1			1		2
Microeconomics	10	13	5	6	3	37
Psychology	1	6	6		2	15
United States Government and Politics	6	3	8	3		20
United States History	3	7	3	2	1	16
World History	18	18	12	7	1	56
Calculus AB	22	16	24	18	6	86
Calculus BC	23	5	9	2		39
Computer Science A	2		3	1		6
Statistics	3		3	3	12	21
Biology	6	7	10	12	1	36
Chemistry	9	7	10	13	3	42
Environmental Science	3	5	2	4	1	15
Physics 1	1	6	8	10	4	29
Physics 2	5	2	8	6		21
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	2	1				3
Physics C: Mechanics	9	4				13
Chinese Language and Culture	6					6
French Language and Culture		5	9	4		18
German Language and Culture	1					1
Spanish Language and Culture	6	10	13	6	1	36

*Tests were missing from the current year summary last issue. This is the complete list.

AVID



Here are some updates to keep our East Lansing High School family informed about our AVID program. We are almost through our fifth week of school, and our freshman AVID class, our largest yet, has started to settle in with the leadership of their AVID teacher, Ms. Julie Berridge. Mrs. Berridge is very excited and enthusiastic in her drive to have this college preparatory program engage her students. Our sophomore class, led by Ms. Sheldon has picked up with what they were doing last year, and there are great plans ahead for them. Mr. Filter, our junior AVID class teacher has set the pace for all of our AVID students as he guides, mentors, and prepares them for a successful junior year. Mr. Filter is excited about the outlook his AVID students have in preparing for the college application process and everything in-between. The AVID students work with 8 students from MSU twice weekly as Socratic tutors during their AVID class, and after-school tutors. We are thrilled to welcome back two of our ELHS alumni as AVID tutors, Madi Zink and Nyla Kirkland. AVID tutors are trained in the Socratic method of tutorials, and receive at least 16 hours of specialized training throughout the year. Through these interactions, our AVID students learn to think through their own problems and stumbling blocks, and gain valuable insight into the challenges of college academics, and how the AVID skill set will prepare them for the future.

Our team will have a few amazing guest speakers coming to our AVID classrooms. On October 27th we have former Central Michigan University football Defensive Coordinator and Co-Head Coach (28 years) and Grand Rapids Community College Head football Coach (National Championship) Mr. James Schulte. On November 20th we have Dr. Darrell King, Sr. Associate Director for Multicultural Business Programs at Michigan State University. Dr. King has received the All University Excellence in Diversity Award as well as received the Midwest First Year Champion Award for his work with First Year college students. Dr. King also partners with his Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity to organize a yearly Youth Workshop that provides guidance, mentorships, and guest speakers to male minorities in the Lansing area. We are excited to have both speakers come and speak to our devoted AVID students.

Finally, on October 18th we will be taking our sophomore and junior AVID students to visit Western Michigan University for a tour of the campus. This will be our first of two college campus tours and we are excited for our AVID students to get another opportunity to see first-hand what colleges around Michigan have to offer.



Important Dates (subject to Change - always check the elps online calendar)

October 19	PT Conferences 2-4:00 and 5-8:00 p.m.
October 20	No School
October 23	Picture Make-up day during both lunches in Hub
October 25	Distinguished and Dedicated Scholar Awards *TENTATIVE*
November 22- 24	Thanksgiving Break
November 28	Cap and Gown Orders during both lunches in front of Hub
December 21	Multicultural Assembly – Double 2nd
December 25-January 5	Winter Break
January 15	MLK, Jr. Day - No School
January 24, 25, 26	S1 Exams
January 26	End of S1
January 24	Financial Aid Night 7:00 p.m. Student Union
January 27	Winter Dance *TENTATIVE*
February 8	Junior Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m. Student Union
February 19	President's Day-No School
March 6	8th Grade Parent Night 6:30 p.m. CPA
March 20	PT Conferences 5-8:00 p.m.
March 22	PT Conferences 2-4:00 and 5-8:00 p.m.
March 27 and 28	11th Grade SAT Pre-Bubble during Excel in Student Union
March 30-April 6	Spring Break
April 10	9, 10, and 11 grade testing PSAT and SAT
April 11 and 12	11 grade WorkKeys and MSTEP
April 24 and 25	AP Pre-bubble during excel in SU
May 7-18	AP Testing
May 12	Prom
May 30	Convocation in Center for the Performing Arts
June 1	Senior Last Day
June 5	8th Grade Move Up
June 10	Graduation 11:00 a.m. at MSU Auditorium
June 13, 14 and 15	S2 Exams
June 15	End of S2 and Last day of school