

# Trojan Parentline

October 15, 2016

## **East Lansing High School**

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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 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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[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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October 15, 2016

Greetings East Lansing Families:

Our great start to the school year continues! We had a fabulous Homecoming week, with good participation in spirit week, fun pep assemblies, and recent big wins in both football and soccer, as well as in numerous other sports and activities.

The high school years are unique. They should be enjoyable and memorable, but they're also full of hard work and accomplishment. The effort is worth it, though. All the studying and practice set the foundation for a successful future, and everyone at ELHS is happy to work alongside students so that they 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, something we've highlighted in our announcements this week. We want to see them making arrangements with teachers to get individualized help whenever necessary. We 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! And along these lines, I look forward to greeting many of you at conferences next week as you visit with us about your student's progress. This is a great opportunity for a quick discussion with teachers.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'WJH' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

# Student Services

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## **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> grade students 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.

## **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!

## **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 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. These 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.

## **Student Needs Closet**

We operate a closet for students that may not have their most basic needs met at home. We are currently in need of teen friendly food items and teen friendly toiletries and home supplies. This allows for us to help teens fill in the needs gap that may be occurring in their homes. If you are interested in donating items, simply drop them off to student services. The needs closet operates on a confidential basis and is only for ELHS students.

## **Information Verification Forms**

Thank you to everyone who has returned their completed Verification Form for this school year. We are still missing a few and will be contacting those families shortly. There are always photo and field trip opportunities for ELHS students. In addition, our student contact information to our military partners very shortly. If you have not returned your information, indicating your preferences for this school year, we are not able to exclude/include your student. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

## **Transcripts through Parchment**

Everyone seems to be making the adjustment to our new procedure for requesting transcripts for college applications. Current seniors are no longer required to submit a router form. All transcripts requested through Parchment are automatically sent out by Mrs. Bledsoe. Common Application requests still go directly to and through the counselor. Instructions for ordering through Parchment are available in Student Services.

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## **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](http://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.

## **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.

## **AVID**

Dear Parents and guardians,

The AVID team hopes your student's school year has started well, and that your children are in full swing academically. Good things are happening at school with our AVID program. To start with, we have two dates set up this November for our AVID students to visit both Aquinas College and Michigan State University. Both schools are very excited to host our AVID students, and plan on giving them the full campus tour, including classroom visits, admission information, a meet and greet with admissions, and lunch provided by the school's finest cafeterias. In the spring, we will be taking our 10th grade AVID class to visit Central Michigan University for a full tour.

In the meantime we had our first presenter, Officer Steve Whelan, whom gave our AVID students information about how he became a public servant, as well as valuable insight in to the duties and responsibilities of a law enforcement officer in today's society.

Finally, our amazing AVID trained math teacher, Mrs. Sayers, shares how she keeps her students engaged through techniques learned at the training in Tampa this past summer. "I do 'game day' Friday's with my students: We spend about 5-10 minutes doing some of the games I learned in FL in my AVID training. Sometimes it is as simple as the \$25,000 Pyramid game where you try to get your partner to guess the phrase that is on the screen. I did that as a review last week for my Algebra 1 students. It was entertaining to see them try to act out how to get their partner to guess "Rate of Change". I also do Estimation station on Wednesdays. Where the students try to guess what I have in my container of food. It is sometimes how many are in the container or how long is a package of twizzlers if I were to take them all out and measure them one by one," Sayers says. This speaks to the simplicity of keeping our students engaged while using critical thinking techniques and collaboration among those in her class. This is something we in AVID do our best to imitate in all of our classes in order to promote the keys of success in AVID.

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If you still need to speak with any of your student's teachers, but were not able to schedule conferences during the designated Parent/Teacher conference times, please contact them via email.

Picture retakes -  
October 24th during  
both lunches in the hub

# Ceniad Senior Pictures

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October 15, 2016

## 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 a senior portrait, and it must be submitted at the latest by December 14, 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 14.

### Option 2:

On November 9, 2016, Ceniad will be providing students without their own photographer a formal headshot in the yearbook for no charge. This option is a MUST for all seniors that do not have their own senior photographer lined up. Parents will be able to purchase digital copies of the photographs following the shoot. Each shoot should only take 2-3 minutes per senior in the High School 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, 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 professional blouse with slacks. 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.

If there are any questions, feel free to email or call me, the Ceniad adviser, Cody Harrell. My contact information is below.

My very best,

Cody Harrell

Ceniad Adviser/English teacher

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### Schedule Draft:

1<sup>st</sup> hour: A - Ditschman

2<sup>nd</sup> hour: Djavaid-Aslani – Jackson

3<sup>rd</sup> hour: Jay – Montes

5<sup>th</sup> hour: Montgomery – Rutkowski

6<sup>th</sup> hour: Saleh – Z

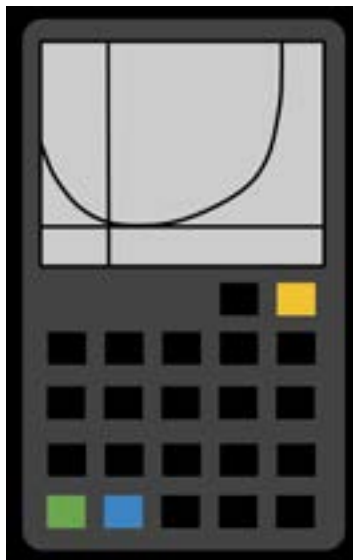
# Testing Schedule

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

GRADE	WHERE	TEST	DATE
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
7th	ELHS	MMP Competition, Part I	Tuesday, October 11, 2016
9,10,11	ELHS	PSAT/NMSQT	Wednesday, October 19, 2016
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
All	ELHS	MMP Competition, Part II (Only eligible students from Part I)	Wednesday, December 7, 2016
<b>JANUARY</b>			
ALL AP	ELHS	<a href="#">AP EXAM REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES pay in main office</a>	Month of January, 2017
All	ELHS	<a href="#">AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS (AMC) Registration</a>	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	<a href="#">REQUIRED SAT PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL</a>	TBD, March 2017
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<b>APRIL</b>			
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	SAT	Tuesday, April 11, 2017
11th & eligible 12th	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	<a href="#">REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL A - K</a>	TBD, April 2017
All AP	ELHS	<a href="#">REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL L - Z</a>	TBD, April 2017
All AP	ELHS	<a href="#">REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL</a>	TBD, April 2017
All AP	ELHS	<a href="#">REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL</a>	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.*



# Parent Council

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## Parent Council Program: “Exploring Paths to Success after High School: College and Career”

**Tuesday, October 25, 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the HUB** (across from the Main Office at ELHS)

These days, a high school diploma alone is not enough to guarantee success in the work world. Yet, for many students, the future after high school feels uncertain and even a bit overwhelming. In this engaging program, parents and their students will learn more about both the many exciting career-focused options at the Capital Area Career Center, as well as resources available through the Capital Area College Access Network to help students attend college, even when they thought college was not an option for them.

### Speakers:

***LaVendee M. Fulton, MA, LMSW, Teacher Consultant, Capital Area Career Center***



Ms. Fulton will explain details of this free public education option for high school juniors and seniors in the Ingham ISD service area. Included will be a video with students, alumni, parents and administrators discussing the benefits to students

who attend the Career Center and the outcomes that have helped students take their learning beyond the classroom and into the future. Factoid: Most Career Center students go on to post secondary education.

***Michele Strasz, Executive Director, Capital Area College Access Network***



The Capital Area College Access Network is a collaborative community network dedicated to increasing the college attainment rate of the Capital Area. CapCAN's mission is to increase college and post secondary readiness, participation, and completion. Their network includes representatives from education, higher education, business, nonprofit, philanthropy, and government stakeholders.



# Fall Play

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October 15, 2016



*EAST LANSING  
HIGH SCHOOL THEATER  
PRESENTS*

*The Importance  
of  
Being Earnest*



*November 17, 2016 at 7 pm  
November 18 -19, 2016 at 7:30pm  
November 20, 2016 at 2pm  
Center for Performing Arts*



# Fall Play

October 15, 2016

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>*

### What To Do:

**Submit ads by *November 10, 2016***

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

# Senior Dates

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September 15, 2016

Continue to check for new dates and times

**November 9** - Lifetouch Senior Pictures (see the schedule in the Ceniad article)

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

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

**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

## ELHS Half Day Schedule

7:45 – 8:44

8:52 - 9:51

9:59 - 11:00

## ELHS Exam Day Schedule

7:45 – 9:27

9:37 – 11:20