

# Trojan PARENTLINE

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

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 back on January 5, 2015!

Sincerely,

Coby Fletcher

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## NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

### ***Follow us on Twitter...***

ELHS Student Services is now on Twitter. Follow us @ELHStudentSer-vi for up to date news! Students.... don't worry, we won't follow you back... so please include us in your twitter feed!

### ***College Application***

Any college application router forms turned in after Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> will not be processed until after school resumes on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### ***Seventh Semester Transcripts***

Seventh semester transcripts will be available for students in the graduating class of 2015 at the end of January. Many colleges will request 7th semester transcripts from our students. After winter break, a 7th Semester Router Form will be available in Student Services.

- Direct to College - Students may request their 7th semester transcripts through [parchment.com](http://parchment.com) at any time, but in order to process this request, Student Services staff must receive a completed router form from the student. If the student would like a hard-copy transcript sent to a college/university, the office will need a stamped, addressed envelope and \$3 to process this request.
- Common App - If the original application was submitted through common app, a router form needs to be filled out and submitted to student services. This lets your counselor know to attach your 7<sup>th</sup> semester transcript to your common app.

### ***Financial Aid Presentation***

Student Services has teamed up with Davenport College to present college financial aid information to parents of seniors on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the ELHS Student Union. Topics covered will include the FAFSA, scholarships, etc.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)...

- The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the first step in the financial aid process. Use it to apply for federal student financial aid, such as Pell grant, student loans, and college work-study.
- In addition, most states and schools use FAFSA information to award their financial aid.
- To start filling out your FAFSA - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Begin application January of the graduating year
- Priority deadline March 1<sup>st</sup>
- College Goal Sunday - Feb 8, 2015 (2-4) - Lansing Community College - West Campus - [www.micolllegegoal.org](http://www.micolllegegoal.org) - get help with filling out your FAFSA - visit website to sign up.
- Request your PIN to fill out FAFSA - [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)
- FAFSA information/questions/answers - [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

### ***Scholarship Opportunities... (students should start looking and applying as early as 9<sup>th</sup> grade)***

- College/Universities Scholarship/Financial Aid website... check out the different offerings available from your intended school by visiting their website.
- Student Services website... all scholarships that student services receives are posted and updated on a weekly basis.
- Scholarship Search Engines  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)  
[www.collegexpress.com](http://www.collegexpress.com)  
[www.mycollegedollars.com](http://www.mycollegedollars.com)  
[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

NOTE - The above are just a few of the many scholarship search sites that are out there... there are many others. The key piece is that you should NEVER have to pay money to search or apply for a scholarship.

### ***Drops and Adds - Spring Semester***

Drops and Adds for spring semester will take place in January. More information will be forthcoming regarding times, policies, and procedures. Watch for information in eBlasts or on the Student Services website.

## Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate is a Wonderful non-denominational ceremony which honors the graduating senior class.

The ceremony consists of special messages from many of the local clergy as well as inspirational poems, stories, music and dance by some of our talented seniors. It brings the class together one last time to show their talents to their classmates and families.

Baccalaureate will be held at St. John's student parish on Sunday May 17th 2015 at 4:00pm.

We are need of parents who want to help plan this special event. We need parents of many faiths to make this event memorable. Please contact Chuck and Patty Roboski (chair couple) at [roboski@law.msu.edu](mailto:roboski@law.msu.edu). Thank you!

## Parents of Seniors

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.

## Dates to Remember

**December**

**18 -**

Multi-cultural Assembly 2nd hr

**22 - Through January 1**

Winter Break



**January**

**5 -**

AP Exam Registration begins

**14 - 16 -**

Semester Exams 1/2 days A.M.

**19 -**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL



## Parent Council News

The Parent Council hosted representatives from MSU and Albion College on Tuesday, December 9. Both stressed how important it is to visit colleges your student is interested in attending. For more information, visit ELHS Student Services, the Student Services website or begin your college search at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). See you at our next meeting on January 20, 2015!

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Jr/Sr Activities

The planning for Jr/Sr activities are underway and many people have Volunteered to head up committees to make sure these events are Wonderful, memorable activities for your children.

Thank you to those who have volunteered so far: Malia Pruitt, Brenda Gordon, Amy Uecker, Sheila Nash, Doug Barcy, Ann Bertsch, Patty and Chuck Roboski, Pam Gillespie, Jamie Ring, Abby Whipp, Renae Bradley, Karen Henry, Shan Sweitzer, and Paula Manderfield. A Special Thank you to Bob Darios and Diane Strachen for kick starting our fundraising!

Every committee needs volunteers to help. Please consider helping. It is a lot of FUN. You will be glad you did! Help to make your child's Junior and Senior years extra special!

Thank you,  
Susan Wilcox and Jeannie Cleary

The next Jr/Sr activities meeting will be held Thursday, January 15 at 7:00pm in the Hub.

**American Mathematics Competition**

**February 25, 2015**

**(Please circle one)**

***Participating Students  
Turn in your registration form  
and \$8.00  
to the Main Office With Mrs. Tabor  
(Make checks payable to ELPS)  
by  
Wednesday, January 7th***

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

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**American Mathematics Competition**

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name

**Student Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fee of \$5.00 paid by** \_\_\_\_\_ **check#** \_\_\_\_\_ **cash**  
(Make checks payable to ELPS)

## AMC 10/12

### About AMC 10/12

The AMC 10 is a 25-question, 75-minute, multiple choice examination in secondary school mathematics containing problems which can be understood and solved with algebra and geometry concepts. The AMC 12 is a 25-question, 75-minute, multiple choice examination in secondary school mathematics containing problems which can be understood and solved with pre-calculus concepts. Two different versions of the contests are given on two dates, about two weeks apart, in February. Each AMC 10 and AMC 12 contest contain about 12 of the same math problems.

### Purpose of the AMC 10/12

The main purpose of the AMC 10/12 is to spur interest in mathematics and to develop talent through the excitement of solving challenging problems in a timed multiple-choice format. The problems range from the very easy to the extremely difficult. Students who participate in the AMC 10/12 should find that most of the problems are challenging but within their grasp. The contest is intended for everyone from the average student at a typical school who enjoys mathematics to the very best student at the most special school.

A special purpose of the AMC 10/12 is to help identify those few students with truly exceptional mathematics talent. Students who are among the very best deserve some indication of how they stand relative to other students in the country and around the world. The AMC 10/12 provides one such indication, and it is the first in a series of examinations. The AMC 12 is one in a series of examinations (followed in the United States by the American Invitational Examination and the USA Mathematical Olympiad) that culminate in participation in the International Mathematical Olympiad, the most prestigious and difficult secondary mathematics examination in the world. In this way the very best young mathematicians are recognized, encouraged and developed. Another valuable comparison students can make is between their own level of achievement and their levels in previous years. In particular, they are encouraged to begin taking the contests early in their mathematics studies and to look back with pride each year on how they have learned to answer questions that they could not have answered previously.

### Intramural Awards

- A Certificate of Distinction is given to all students who qualify to take the American Invitational Mathematics Examination.
- An AMC 10 and AMC 12 Winner Pin (or medal, as appropriate) is given to the student(s) in each school with the highest score.
- An AMC 10 and AMC 12 Honor Roll of Distinction Pin is given to the top 1% of all participating students.
- An AMC 12 Certificate of Achievement is given to high scoring students who are in 10th grade or below.
- An AMC 10 Certificate of Achievement is given to high scoring students who are in 8th grade or below.

### Which Test Should You Take?

We encourage all students in grades 9 and 10 to participate in the AMC 10. All USA, USA embassy, Canadian, and foreign school students in grade 10 or below are eligible to participate as long as they are under 17.5 years of age on the day of the contest.

We encourage all students in grades 11 and 12 to participate in the AMC 12. All USA, USA embassy, Canadian, and foreign school students in grade 12 or below are eligible to participate as long as they are under 19.5 years of age on the day of the contest.

## 2015 AP Exam Registration Registration Forms Due by January 30, 2015

### STUDENT INFORMATION

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

Last

First

M.I.

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

List the Exams and date of exams that you are taking (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: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check (payable to ELPS)/Cash Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

### REFUND POLICY

- If a student registers for an exam and cancels before February 09, 2015, a refund of \$90.00 will be issued.
- If a student registers for an exam and cancels after February 09, 2015, a refund of \$65.00 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, April 21, 2015** and Last Names **L – Z Thursday, April 23, 2015**

### ACCOMMODATIONS

**If you have requested and been approved by the College Board for testing accommodations, please provide your SSD Code: \_\_\_\_\_ and notify Nicole Moore-Coss @ [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.**

### SIGNATURES

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**2015 Advanced Placement Examination Schedule**  
**East Lansing High School**  
**May 4 - May 15, 2015**

Coordinator: Tim Volovsek/Nikie Tabor .....#333-7504(W)

Morning Bus Departs 7:15 am - Returns 12:00 Afternoon Bus Departs 11:15 am - Returns 4:00 pm

Week 1	Morning 8:00 am	Afternoon 12:00 pm
Monday, May 4	Chemistry @MSU Environmental Science @ELHS Studio Art Prep and Portfolio Pick-Up @ Library Computer Lab	Psychology @ELHS
Tuesday, May 5	Calculus AB @MSU Calculus BC @MSU WH	Chinese Language and Culture @MSU Language Lab Lawrence
Wednesday, May 6	English literature and Composition	Physics 1: Algebra-Based
Thursday, May 7	Spanish Language @MSU Language Lab - Lawrence	Physics 2: Algebra-Based
Friday, May 8	German Language and Culture United States History Studio Art Digital Library Computer Lab-Curtis	European History Studio Art Digital Library Computer Lab-Curtis

Week 2	Morning 8:00 am	Afternoon 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm
Monday, May 11	Biology @MSU Music Theory@ELHS	Physics C: Mechanics @ELHS (2:00 pm) Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Tuesday, May 12	United States Government and Politics @ ELHS	French Language and Culture @MSU Language Lab - Lawrence
Wednesday, May 13	English Language and Composition	Statistics
Thursday, May 14	Comparative Government and Politics World History	Macroeconomics @ ELHS
Friday, May 15	Microeconomics	NO P.M. EXAM

MSU WH - Wells Hall

MSU EB - Engineering Building

ELHS - East Lansing High School

**Transportation provided to students testing off site. Student must meet bus at designated time and place.**

**If a student is taking 2 tests in one day, a.m. and p.m., please bring a lunch to eat between tests and notify Mrs. Tabor if a ride is needed from MSU to ELHS or vice-versa.**

**All students taking 1 or more AP Exams MUST PRE-BUBBLE!! Pre-bubble sessions will be held as follows:**

Last Names A-K Tuesday, April 21, 2015 and Last Names L-Z Thursday April 23, 2015 During Excel



## EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL 2014/2015 TENTATIVE TEST DATES

GRADE	WHERE	TEST	DATE
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
All	ELHS	MMP Competition, Part I	Tuesday, October, 7 2014
11th	ELHS	PSAT/NMSQT	Wednesday, October 15, 2014
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
All	ELHS	MMP Competition, Part II (Only eligible students from Part I)	Wednesday, December 10, 2014
<b>JANUARY</b>			
ALL AP	ELHS	AP EXAM REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES pay in main office	Month of January, 2015
All	ELHS	HS 1st Semester Exams	January 14, 15, 16, 2015
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
All	ELHS	AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS	Tuesday, February January 10-23, 2015
11th	ELHS	REQUIRED MME PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	Tuesday, February 10, 2015
11th	ELHS	REQUIRED MME PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - MENTOR EXCEL	Wednesday February 12, 2015
11th	ELHS	REQUIRED MME PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	Thursday, February 19, 2015
<b>MARCH</b>			
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	ACT PLUS WRITING	Tuesday, March 3, 2015
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	WORKKEYS AND MICHIGAN MATHMATICS	Wednesday, March 4, 2015
<b>APRIL</b>			
9th	ELHS	ACT ASPIRE	TBD April 13-24
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	MICHIGAN SCIENCE , MATH AND MICHIGAN SOCIAL STUDIES M-Step	TBD April 16- June 1
All AP	ELHS	REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL A - K	Tuesday, April 22, 2015
All AP	ELHS	REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL L - Z	Thursday, April 29, 2015
All AP	ELHS	REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	Tuesday, April TBD
All AP	ELHS	REQUIRED AP PRE-BUBBLE SESSION - EXCEL	Thursday, April TBD
<b>MAY</b>			
All AP	ELHS AND MSU	ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS	Monday, May 4 - Friday, May 15, 2015
<b>June</b>			
All	ELHS	HS 2nd Semester Exams	June 4, 5, 6, 2015





## RECYCLE WITH THE ELHS VISUAL ART DEPARTMENT

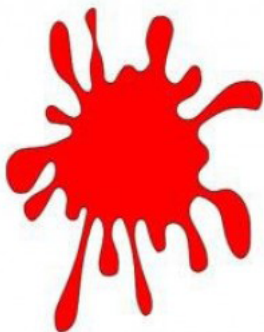
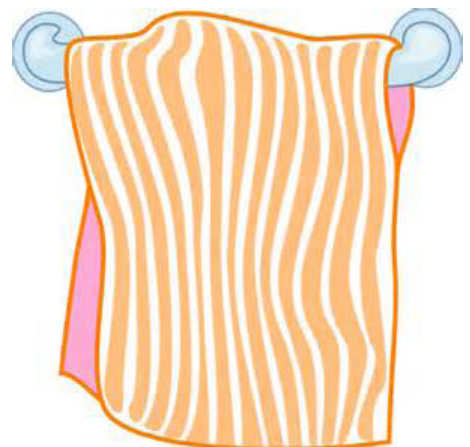
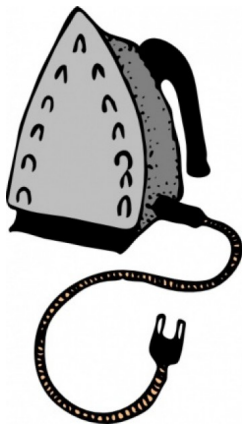
Once again the Visual Art Department is looking to make good use of your discarded or long forgotten treasures.

We are still in need of the following items, listed in order of necessity:

- Interior latex paint, all colors. Used for murals.
- Plastic containers with lids. We are really in need of small sizes such as yogurt and sour cream. Also pint size are often used for water containers in painting classes.
- Nail polish, any color. (Used as a resist for etching on jewelry. No metallic, frosted or glitter please.)
- Blow dryers. Used in all classes.
- Old Towels, all sizes. (Used to keep clay moist and clean-up of inks etc...)
- Old jewelry, beads, or stones. (Dismantled for jewelry and fiber, and multi-media ceramic projects.)
- Irons, used to iron paintings and wax out of batiks.
- Newspaper
- Styrofoam meat trays

Please drop off items to the main office or an art classroom at your convenience.

Thank you!



# ELPS PUBLIC LIBRARY TEEN CALENDAR

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## East Lansing Public Library

### Teen Calendar — December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 TASC	2 TASC	3 * Crafternoon Ornaments	4 Game Haven	5 Tech Time	6 Ornament Craft at 2.0 2pm—5pm	7
8 * Crafternoon Gingerbread Architecture	9 * Game Haven	10 Movie Mania	11 Game Haven	12 Tech Time	13	14
15 Movie Mania	16 Game Haven	17 Crafternoon Cookie Decorating	18 Game Haven	19 Tech Time	20 Cookie Decorating at 2.0 11am—5pm	21
22	23	24 Library Closed ⓧ	25 Library Closed ⓧ	26	27	28
29	30	31 Library Closed ⓧ	950 Abbot Road East Lansing, MI 48823 517.351.2420 elpl.org			

*Programs subject to change or get canceled based upon the release of the East Lansing Public Schools finalized calendar.*

**ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio**— a place to create, design, innovate and produce. **Located on the 2nd floor of the East Lansing Marriott at University Place Suite 212**

**Ornament Craft**— Create a lightweight ornament to display for the holidays.

**Game Haven**— Play a variety of board games, card games and video games.

**Tech Time**—Access to a cluster of dedicated teen computers.

**Movie Mania**—Watch a blockbuster hit on the library big screen!

-Movies shown are PG-13 and under-

**Cookie Decorating**—let your creativity show through edible designs.

*Programs are in the library Meeting Room unless otherwise noted.*

**Monday-Thursday 3 —5:30pm  
Friday 3—5pm**

\* Program held in Story Room.

ⓧ Library Closed

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## East Lansing Public Library

### Teen Calendar — January 2015

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950 Abbot Road East Lansing, MI 48823 517.351.2420 elpl.org			1 Library Closed ⓧ	2	3	4
5 Movie Mania	6 Game Haven	7 Crafternoon	8 Game Haven	9 Tech Time	10 T-Shirt Pillow Workshop 2—4pm @ELPL 2.0	11
12 Movie Mania	13 Game Haven	14 Crafternoon	15 Game Haven	16 Tech Time	17 Smash Book Workshop 2—5pm @ELPL 2.0	18
19 Library Closed ⓧ	20 Game Haven	21 Crafternoon	22 Game Haven	23 Tech Time	24 Window Cling Craft 2—4pm @ELPL 2.0	25
26 Movie Mania	27 Game Haven	28 Crafternoon	29 Game Haven	30 Tech Time	31	

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**Game Haven**— Play a variety of board games, card games and video games.

**Crafternoon**—Create a variety of crafts to keep or give as gifts.

**Tech Time**—Access to a cluster of dedicated teen computers.

**Smash Book Workshop**—Learn techniques to transform materials into a personal journal of memories, artifacts, and inspiration.

**Window Cling Craft**—Design it, create it, stick it! Create your own window cling.

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