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Dear East Lansing Families,

It looks like winter has finally gone and spring has sprung! Winter sports are wrapping up with swimming and gymnastics being represented at States this week. Individual wrestlers placed well at States last week. Girls' basketball ended in a three-way tie for CACC Blue Division conference. Spring sports are in full gear this week, with excited participants and anticipation for successful seasons.

The Theater Department will be presenting their spring musical "The Wiz" March 20th-22nd, 25th, and 27th-29th. The Fine Arts Department has some outstanding accomplishments I would like to recognize. In Visual Arts, one student won the prestigious Scholastic Art Gold KEY Award from Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University. Another won an award from the MSU Federal Credit Union art show, and her work is on display on an I-96 billboard. In Performing Arts, the East Lansing bands are hosting the US Army Field Band and Chorus on March 25th, and David Rosin has been named the 2015 MSBOA Orchestra Teacher of the Year. Fine Arts activities will increase as the end of the year approaches and I hope to see you at their many events.

Registration for the 2015-16 school year is almost complete. Once the course request tallies are compiled, a master schedule for next year will be developed and student schedules will be created. The plan is to distribute schedules before the end of the school year.

For the first time, spring parent/teacher conferences were scheduled using an on-line method. We have heard mostly positive comments about this method, and will likely continue its use in the fall. It has been praised by parents as being quick, user friendly and convenient. The only negative comment was that some found they booked their appointment times too close and couldn't move from one end of the building to the other in time.

ELHS is a busy place this time of year, and sometimes we need to remind students of our dress code and appropriate behavior. Ninth and tenth graders have a closed campus – they are not to leave the building during the school day unless permission has been received from the parent. It's very tempting for them to run to nearby food establishments. However, for safety reasons they need to remain on campus. Open campus is permitted for juniors and seniors during their lunch time, but not during Excel. We remind students to use Excel appropriately and attend one of their classes.

With warmer weather here, I need your assistance in reminding your child to dress for school, not the beach. We have a rather liberal dress code – asking that the trunk of the body be covered, no hats/hoods except for religious reasons, and no inappropriate messages or symbols on clothing. Students violating these guidelines will be required to change attire. I don't particularly enjoy being the "dress code police", but we need to keep our learning environment productive and comfortable for all.

I'm anticipating the last quarter of this school year will go by quickly, and soon our hallways will be quiet. Have no fear, the summer will pass just as quickly!

I'll end on this quote from Anne Frank, "Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right path, the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands."

Sincerely,

Nancy Artman, Associate Principal

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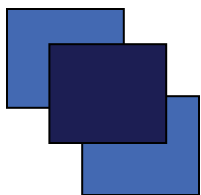
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News from Student Services

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Senior Parents

The end of the school year is coming up fast so please do not let your student get complacent. Keep encouraging them to work hard in their classes. Colleges do take into account your students 8th and final semester grades. They are almost there!

Counseling Appointments

If you need to meet with your student's counselor, we highly encourage that you call student services to make an appointment. While we always do our best to accommodate families that drop in, our schedules do not always permit that type of flexibility. Call (517) 333-7509 to schedule your appointment.

Twitter

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Scheduling

Student course requests for the 2015 – 2016 school year have now been gathered from all of the ELHS 9th – 11th graders, and MMS 8th graders. We are starting the task of working on building the master schedule based on what the students are telling us they would like to take. Students should expect to receive their schedules during the last week of classes in June. Drops/Adds will take place during that week.

Seventh Semester Transcripts

Seventh semester transcripts are available for students in the graduating class of 2015 at the end of

January. Many colleges will request 7th semester transcripts from our students.

- Direct to College - Students may request their 7th semester transcripts through 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 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 7th semester transcript to your common app.

Scholarship Opportunities...
(students should start looking and applying as early as 9th grade)

- College/Universities Scholarship/Financial Aid website... check out the different offering that your intended school offers 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

www.studentscholarships.org

www.collegexpress.com

www.mycollegedollars.com

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.

Dates to Remember

**March
20-29**

The Wiz - see Theater website or the flyer in this issue of Parentline for dates and times.

**April
6-10**
Spring Break

Baccalaureate

The Baccalaureate Committee for the class of 2015 is pleased to announce that the Baccalaureate service for graduating seniors will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 955 Alton Road. Sunday, May 17 at 4 p.m. Baccalaureate is an interfaith service held in May to celebrate the accomplishments of the seniors, give thanks for the special gifts of each student and to serve as a faith-filled inspirational event. Traditionally, representatives from many different spiritual faiths have participated in the service and over the years, the location of the service has rotated between several churches, temples or other spiritual facilities.

Participation of seniors in the service has been a long-standing tradition of ELHS. In the past, students have participated in a variety of ways such as singing, instrumental music, dance, prayer or poetry readings, and inspirational words. For example, musical performances have included string quartets, chamber orchestras, vocal solos, African drum marches, EL Singers and other student-led performances.

A Baccalaureate participation form was distributed to Seniors on February 23rd. If your senior would like to help showcase the great variety of cultures and faiths that make up the diversity of ELHS and participate in the program, he or she should complete the form and return it to the main office in the box marked "Baccalaureate" or email it to elizabethvanis@comcast.net by Wednesday, March 11, 2015. The Committee will review the per-

formance plans/pieces and respond as soon as possible.

Parent representatives on the Baccalaureate Committee are Dave & Mary Ann Akerly, Wanda Jones, Christine Piotter, Chuck and Patty Roboski, Elizabeth Vanis. You are welcome to contact any of these parents if you would like to volunteer or if you have questions or comments.

Thank you!

The 2015 Baccalaureate Committee

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Committee Meeting Dates:

Monday, March 16th @ 7:00 HUB @ ELHS

Monday, April 20th @ 7:00 St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Post Prom Help

Prom night is May 9 and we are looking for a few good parents to help with Post Prom. This epic event starts at 11:00 p.m. and ends at 4:00 a.m. We can't keep our kids safe without your help. For more information, contact Karen Henry (karenhenry66@gmail.com or 285-7594) or Renae Bradley (renaebradleycsr@hotmail.com). Anyone who has done this before will tell you that it's fun and it is possible to stay up until 4:00! Join us!

School News

Parent Council News

Please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30pm in the HUB. We will have a short meeting followed by Woulda/Shoulda/Coulda Presentation. We will have a panel of students and experienced parents who will share their insights in navigating the college application and admission process. Please join us for this very informative event!

Jr/Sr Activities

Jeannie Cleary and Susan Wilcox have begun to buy some wonderful post prom raffle prizes, however, we need your help. Please consider donating a raffle prize. We are in need of gift cards to Target, Starbucks, Best Buy, Bed Bath and beyond, Meijer, Biggby, Qdoba, Chipotle, Buffalo Wild Wings, subway or any place your student likes to eat. This will help them greatly and they would really appreciate it. If you have any suggestions on prizes, please let them know. They are trying really hard to make sure that all the Jr and Sr students who attend post prom get a prize...Please help them accomplish that.

Any questions or suggestions, please contact Susan at wilcox1718@sbcglobal.net or Jeannie at jmcleary1@att.net

AP Exam Where and When

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	Date	Exam Begins	Exam	#of exams	Building	Room	Bus Leaves Aprox.	Bus Returns Aprox.
Monday	4-May	8:00	Chem	25	Bessey	107	7:15	11:30
	4-May	8:00	Enviro Sci	17	Bessey	111	7:15	11:30
	4-May	?	Studio Art	22	ELHS	Library Lab	No bus	
	4-May	Noon	Psychology	16	ELHS	216	11:15	3:30
Tuesday	5-May	8:00	Calc AB	98	Bessey	105/106/107/111/112	7:15	11:30
	5-May	8:00	Calc BC	34	Bessey	113/114	7:15	11:30
	5-May	Noon	Chinese	3	MSU Lang. Lab		11:15	3:30
Wednesday	6-May	8:00	English Lit	26	Engineering Bldg	1234/if run over 2205	7:15	11:30
	6-May	Noon	Physics 1	74	Erickson Hall	222/224/Requested another	11:15	3:30
Thursday	7-May	8:00	Computer Sci	2	ELHS	TBD	No bus	
	7-May	8:00	Spanish Lang	26	MSU Lang. Lab		7:15	11:30
Friday	8-May	8:00	US Hist	63	Bessey	105/106	7:15	11:30
	8-May	All Day	Studio Art	22	ELHS	Library Lab	No bus	
	8-May	Noon	European History	25	Bessey	111	11:15	3:30
Monday	11-May	8:00	Bio	32	Bessey	105/Requested another	7:15	11:30
	11-May	8:00	Music Theory	1	ELHS	TBD	No bus	
	11-May	Noon	Physics C: Mechanics	7	ELHS	TBD	No bus	
Tuesday	12-May	8:00	French Lang	14	MSU Lang. Lab		7:15	11:30
Wednesday	13-May	8:00	English lang and Comp	64	Bessey	105/106/111	7:15	11:30
	13-May	Noon	Statistics	24	Bessey	113	11:15	3:30
Thursday	14-May	Noon	macroeconomics	2	ELHS	TBD	No bus	

No Friday Exams

ACT Make-up and M-Step

ACT MAKE-UP, WorkKeys MAKE-UP, and M-Step Student Information

Test Schedules:

ACT Portion

- ~~• **ACT Plus Writing – March 3, 2015, ELHS Aux Gym.** You will report to the Auxiliary Gym at 7:45 a.m.~~
- ~~• **WorkKeys – March 4, 2015, ELHS Aux Gym.** You will report to the Auxiliary Gym at 7:45 a.m.~~

Make-up ACT Portion

- **Students that missed the ACT Plus Writing:**
 - **March 17, 2015.** You will report to room 216 at 7:45 a.m.
- **Students that missed the WorkKeys:**
 - **March 18, 2015.** You will report to room 216 at 7:45 a.m.

M – Step Portion

- **ELA – April 14, 2015 ELHS Aux Gym.** You will report to the Auxiliary Gym at 7:45 a.m.
- **Science – April 16, 2015 ELHS Aux Gym.** You will report to the Auxiliary Gym at 7:45 a.m.
- **Math – April 21, 2015 ELHS Aux Gym.** You will report to the Auxiliary Gym at 7:45a.m.
- **Social Studies – April 23, 2015 ELHS Aux Gym.** You will report to the Auxiliary Gym at 7:45 a.m.

If you received instructions from your advocate to report to a different room on test days, please do so.

If you arrive at the testing location after testing has started, you will **not** be admitted to the testing room.

Use of cell phones and electronic devices is strictly prohibited. Do not bring them with you to the testing environment. Leave your phone in a safe place during testing.

WHAT TO BRING

- Two soft-lead No. 2 pencils with good erasers
(Use of pens, colored pencils, or highlighters is **not** permitted.)
- Acceptable photo ID – must meet **all** of the following criteria:
Examples: driver's license, passport, school ID
 - Current (**not** expired)
 - Includes your first and last names
 - Issued by school, employer, or government agency
 - Current photo clearly recognizable
- A calculator for mathematics assessments only (optional)
If you use a calculator, be sure to bring a calculator that you are comfortable using, along with fresh batteries. Check the Prohibited Calculator List at www.act.org to make sure that your calculator is permitted for use on the MME mathematics tests.
- A watch (if you wish to pace yourself)
Alarms must be turned off.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Do **not** bring the following items to the test room:

- Cell phone, pager, iPod, timer, or other digital/electronic equipment
Use of any device to share or exchange information at any time during testing or during the breaks is a prohibited behavior. If you bring any of these devices to the test room, you will be required to turn the device off and leave it with the Room Supervisor until you are dismissed after testing concludes.
- Scratch paper, notes, foreign language or other dictionary (unless used as an approved accommodation). You may do scratch work in your Test Booklet
- Pens, colored pencils, or highlighters
- Portable listening or recording device
- Camera or other photographic equipment

TIPS TO DO YOUR BEST

- Be well rested. Get a good night's sleep the night before each test.
- Eat a healthy breakfast each morning.
- Make sure you have your picture ID, pencils, and calculator (if you are using one).
- Arrive on time. Students will **not** be admitted to the testing room once the Test Booklets have been distributed.
- If you are testing at an unfamiliar location, make sure you have directions.
- Pace yourself during the test. If you find yourself spending too much time on one question, move on to the next question.
- Use breaks to eat or drink any snacks you may have brought with you. No food or drink is allowed in the testing room unless preauthorized due to a medical necessity.

Exhibition News from the Visual Art Department

Congratulations go out to our East Lansing High School students for their recognition in the **Michigan State Federal Credit Union Art Exhibition** last month. The exhibit included 10 student exhibitors from each of the fifteen area high schools that participated. ELHS exhibitors included the following art students:

Maya ElAmin-Martinez, Meghan Hollister, Haylie Klusack, Winee Lau, Madelyn Lowman, Annika Maschke, Rachel Morgan, Emma Rutkowski, Jessica Wang, and Abigail Wolfe.

Congratulations go out to **Emma Rutkowski** who received the **First Place** juror award. Look up at the billboards when you drive east on I 96 between Okemos Rd. exit and 127 to view Emma's art work advertising the Lansing Art Council. **Haylie Klusack** also was recognized by the jurors with an **Honorable Mention**. East Lansing High School was also pleased to receive the **Spirit Award**, given to the school with the most participation. Congratulations girls!

Art Scholarship Alert Exhibit Opening is April 3rd

The 31st annual Art Scholarship Alert juried art exhibit for 9th-12th grade students of Mid-Michigan opens on April 3 and runs until April 24th. The exhibit is open to any high school student living in Mid-Michigan counties including Ingham, Clinton, Eaton, Ionia, Shiawassee, Barry, Livingston, Calhoun and Jackson. East Lansing High School has about forty art students that have entered their portfolios for this competitive show. Those students accepted into the show will have one or more works of art on exhibit at the Lansing Art Gallery on Washington Square. Portfolio awards will be selected from accepted student art work at each grade level as well as additional memorial and sponsor awards. The Art Scholarship Alert reception is on April 17, from 6 - 8 p.m., with the awards ceremony will be at 6:30 p.m.

The **AP Studio Art Annual Exhibition** will take place next month from **April 26th - 31th** in the ELHS hub. This is an exhibit you will not want to miss. The show will include a sampling of the student's artwork they have prepared for the AP Studio Art College Board Exam in May.

The Studio Art students will be holding an invitation only reception luncheon for their families and special guests on Tuesday, April 28th.

Open hours for viewing of the exhibition will be Tuesday, April 28th, from 2:45 to Thursday, April 30th at 4:00.



Baccalaureate Participation Form

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We're Looking for Seniors !!!

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Baccalaureate is an interfaith service held in May to celebrate the accomplishments of the seniors, to give thanks for the special gifts of each student and to serve as a faith-filled inspirational event. This year's Baccalaureate will be held on **Sunday, May 17th, 4:00 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 955 Alton Rod. East Lansing**. You can participate in one of the following ways:

- Dancing, Singing, Instrumental Music, Prayer or Reading Poetry or Scripture or other Inspirational Words
- Perform as an individual or in a small group
- You could showcase your faith and culture by using your native language and/or dress

Please:

- Limit your selection to two (2) minutes
- Connect your piece to your faith and make it inspirational
- Help showcase the great variety of cultures and faith that make up the diversity of East Lansing High School!
- Fill out the bottom of this form and return it to the box in the main office marked "Baccalaureate" by **Wednesday, March 11.**
- Senior Students are welcome to attend the Baccalaureate Committee meetings on Monday, March 16th @ 7:00 HUB @ ELHS and Monday, April 20th @ 7:00 St. Thomas Aquinas (Fireplace Room)

Questions? Parent Contacts: Dave Akerly: dakerly@gmail.com, Mary Ann Akerly: maryannakerly@gmail.com
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Baccalaureate Participation Form

Student Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Check the boxes that indicate what you would like to do:

Dance: what _____

Solo

Small Group-Number in Group _____

Sing: what _____

Solo

Small Group-Number in Group _____

Play Instrument: what _____

Solo

Small Group-Number in Group _____

Reading: what _____

Solo

Small Group-Number in Group _____

Other: Please Specify: _____

***This event is not sponsored by East Lansing Public School District. It is a function organized by the parents of the senior class. All participants must submit performance plans/pieces to the Baccalaureate Committee in advance for the Committee's review.

Thank you to the following businesses who have contributed to the Jr/Sr Activities so far. Please frequent these businesses and thank them for supporting ELHS.

Tasty Twist

Vision Care

Verizon

Tim Horton's

Marathon Gas on Lake Lansing and Hagadorn

Gunthorpe Plumbing

Driving Right

Saper Gallery

Dean's Transportation

Denny's Bike Shop

Canfield Jenkins Photography

Essex Hair Salon

I-Hop

If you own a business and would like to contribute, please contact Paula Manderfield at pjmanderfield@gmail.com.

ELHS 2014-2015 Important Dates

(Dates and times subject to change)

March 20th – 3rd Marking Period Ends

April 6th – 10th - Spring Break

April 14th, 16th, 21st, and 23rd – M-Step (2nd part of State of Michigan accountability testing)

April 15th – Incoming 9th Grade Parent Meeting 7 pm in SU

May 4th – 15th – AP Exams

May 7th – Cap and Gown Delivery during both lunches

May 9th – Prom – MSU Spartan Club (8-11p.m.) Post Prom at ELHS (12-4 a.m.)

May 15th – Graduation Speech/Performance Audition Forms Due in Library by 3 pm

May 17th – Bacalaurette, St. Thomas Aquinas on Alton Rd. at 4:00 p.m.

May 18th – Graduation Speech/Performance Auditions 3:15 pm

May 21st- Convocation- 9:35 am- Center for Performing Arts

May 22nd - Senior's Last Day

May 28th– Graduation Practice @ MSU Auditorium- time TBD- lunch following at Eagle Eye

May 25th - Memorial Day – No School

May 31st – Graduation – MSU Auditorium- 6p.m. Graduates should arrive at 4:30pm.

Doors open at 5:15pm to the public

June 3th - Final Exams – Periods 1 and 2

June 4th - Final Exams – Periods 3 and 4

June 5th - Final Exams – Periods 5 and 6

East Lansing High School Theater presents



FRIDAY, MARCH 20	7:30 PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 21	7:30 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 22	2:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25	7:00 PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 27	7:30 PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 28	7:30 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 29	2:00 PM

**GENERAL
ADMISSION**

TICKETS:
\$5 STUDENT - \$10 ADULT
WWW.ELPS.US/THEATER

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