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Greeting East Lansing Families,

It's difficult to believe we're almost to the end of the school year. This is our busiest time of the year, but in many ways the most enjoyable. Last weekend, for example, I had the opportunity to attend prom and part of post-prom. The students, of course, looked great in their formal attire, and holding prom in the MSU stadium is definitely an experience to remember. But post-prom was incredible! People had told me about all the effort that goes into it, but you really have to see it to believe it. Congratulations to all the hard working parents who did such a wonderful job!

The end of the year is also a time for students to look back on the results of their hard work and effort. Seniors are moving on to exciting opportunities, and the remainder of our students are getting ready to finish out nine months of schooling and take a summer break before starting a new school year. I hope this time has been enjoyable for all of them.

While I'm on this topic, I want to let everyone know that ELHS hosted an accreditation review visit a week ago. These visits are thorough and look at many different school factors, but the thing that most impressed the accreditation team was our fantastic student population and the degree to which the adults in the school and community support them. To the team, our campus stood out as a diverse environment in which everyone appreciated everyone else. They said our campus had a positive, rich "feel" to it that they haven't found anywhere else. What a great compliment! In addition, we received unconditional accreditation for the next five years.

Finally, since this will be our last newsletter of the year, I want to be sure I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. Specifically, I wish our seniors the best in their endeavors and look forward to welcoming our students back to the high school next school year!

Sincerely,

Coby Fletcher

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## News from Student Services

### ***Senior students in online courses***

All senior students who are enrolled in online courses need to submit their grades to student services by Friday, May 22nd. If this is not feasible for your course, you need to see Mrs. Coss to make other arrangements.

### ***Seniors Needing a Final Transcript***

If your student's college or university has requested a final transcript it will be necessary for a Final Transcript Request form to be submitted. Forms are available in the Student Services Office. Please note:

- If you are requesting a hard copy you must attach \$3 and provide a stamped, addressed envelope.
- If you are sending through Parchment be sure to log on to Parchment.com and request each school individually.
- If you are sending through Common App be sure to link your counselor's email.

Final transcripts will be available and sent out during the last week of June.

### ***August 1 completion deadline for seniors short of credits***

Seniors who walked at Graduation but needed to complete missing credits have until August 1 to submit the results of all course work and be counted as a 2015 Graduate of ELHS.

You must bring in proof of course completion to the Student Services Office to have the grade added to your transcript. Diplomas will be available for pick up once this information has been received and processed.

### ***Summer Opportunities***

In this issue of Trojan Parentline, you will find applications for Summer E2020 Credit Recovery and Testing Out. Students taking summer E2020 and Testing Out may turn in their applications to the Student Services Office.

In addition, regarding MiVHS Summer Credit Recovery may be found at <http://www.mivhs.org/Courses/Summer>. This is run through Michigan Virtual University and any questions students or parents have can be answered by calling their help line at 1-888-889-2840. Students may speak with their counselor if they'd like further input about these options.

### ***Summer Work for Juniors Getting Ready for College Applications in the Fall***

1. Visit campuses virtually and on site. Start with a search engine, such as mcan.org, collegeboard.com, or careercruising.com (ID eastlansing and PW trojans). Generally it is helpful to narrow your choices to 3 to 5 schools.

2. Develop your resume to give to people who you ask to write your recommendation letters (often two core teachers who know you well and your school counselor).

3. Practice applications and essays. Ask an English teacher to proofread your essay so it is perfect. Answer the questions asked. Illustrate your wonderful character traits with an anecdotal story that will stick with the admissions representatives.

4. Round out your experiences. Pursue your passions. Look into enrichment summer camps or volunteer opportunities, mentoring, coaching, leading.

5. Practice the ACT format and register for a re-test in September or October (act.org). SAT and SAT II Subject Area Test information is available at collegeboard.com.

6. Find a job, save money, register for a PIN at fafsa.gov (apply Jan. 1 - Feb. 15). Consider registering for scholarship search at fastweb.com. 7. Finish strong senior year with curriculum rigor and a good GPA.

### ***Drop and Adds***

Tentatively, students will receive their schedules for the 2015/2016 school year the last week in May. Drops and Adds is tentatively planned for the last week of school. More information will be forthcoming via e-blasts and the website.

### ***Information Changes Over the Summer***

If you have any changes to your information over the summer months including telephone, email and residency please send notification to Sue Bledsoe at [susan.bledsoe@elps.us](mailto:susan.bledsoe@elps.us).

It is important that we have current contact information so we are able to communicate with our ELHS families and send out pertinent information over the summer months.

Summer office hours for the Student Services Office will be Monday-Friday 8-11:30am and 12:30-3pm.

### ***Transcripts mailed home***

Watch your mailbox in mid August! Transcripts for returning ELHS students will be mailed home along with your 2015-2016 Information Verification Sheets.

**East Lansing High School  
2014-15 Testing Out Information and Application Form  
Test Dates: Tuesday, August 4 & 11, 2015**

**Students who demonstrate a competency level equivalent to or exceeding the standard of the required courses for graduation may request a test to proceed to the next course.**

**Testing Out Procedure:**

1. The application form is due to the East Lansing High School Student Services office **no later than May 22, 2015**. This form may be found online by going to the East Lansing High School Student Services page on the website, or you may use the form in the April edition of Trojan Parentline. It may be mailed to ELHS, 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823 Attn: Student Services. You may also fax the form to 517-333-7505. All forms must arrive to the school by the due date.
2. Testing Out sessions will be held during the first two Tuesdays in August, in the ELHS Student Union. Two sessions will be offered each day. The morning session will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and the afternoon session will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. Students should enter ELHS through the Night Activities Entrance and report to check-in at least 15 minutes prior to start time. Students will not be allowed to enter the testing site once the testing begins.
3. To test out of a required course for graduation, a grade of 78%/C+ or better must be obtained on the test. Passing the test will grant credit toward graduation. Student and parent will be notified by mail in late August of the test(s) result(s). For students obtaining the required grade, schedules will be adjusted prior to the first day of school.
4. To maintain the security of the tests, the test will not be returned to the students. However, the department chair will review the tests and test results with the student if requested. A test out may only be attempted once per course.
5. Students may attempt to test out of all prerequisite courses.
6. Test Out is not available to students who have previously enrolled and attempted the course, or have already attempted to Test Out in that course.

**Course Material Loan:**

1. Study materials will be checked out to all students Monday – Wednesday the week following final exams in the Student Services office. (second week of June)
2. A \$70 deposit check must be rendered at the time of the check out for each textbook checked out. Checks will be returned when books are returned on the testing date. Payment must be submitted in the form of a check. Cash and credit cards are not accepted.

**Application for Testing Out – East Lansing High School**  
**Return form to ELHS Student Services Office by May 22, 2015**

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print) Last First

**Grade 2015-16 school year** \_\_\_\_\_

Testing out dates are listed below. Please plan accordingly as tests will only be administered on these dates. Students may take up to two tests per date. Please check the date you will like to take the test and indicate which course you are attempting to test out of in the space provided. ***\*Certain courses have more than one option for placement if you successfully test out. Please see the course selection form on pg. 5 and check the course you desire to take for these options.***

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tuesday, August 4, 2015**

8:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ (subject)

12:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ (subject)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tuesday, August 11, 2015**

8:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ (subject)

12:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ (subject)

**I have read the Testing Out Procedure and have not taken the testing out exam or the class for the above subject(s).**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

**Textbook Loan Agreement**

1. Study materials will be checked out to all students June 8–10, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. or 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Student Services office.
2. A \$70 deposit check is required for **each** textbook checked out.
3. Please make checks payable to East Lansing Public Schools. Payment must be submitted in the form of a check. Cash and credit cards are not accepted.
4. All textbooks must be returned in the same condition as when borrowed.
5. If textbooks are not returned on the testing date, the check will be cashed.

**I have read the Testing Out procedure and approve of my son/daughter taking the above test(s). In addition, I have read the Textbook Loan Agreement and accept the terms of this agreement.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/guardian Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/guardian Phone Number Parent/guardian E-mail address Student E-mail address

For office use only:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Check Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Returned

\_\_\_\_\_  
Check Returned To

## **ENGLISH**

*If you are testing out of and pass:*

English I

*You may choose from:*

- ☐ English II or,
- ☐ Pre-AP English II

*If you are testing out of and pass:*

English II

*You may choose from:*

- ☐ English III
- ☐ Pre-AP English III

*If you are testing out of and pass:*

English III

*You may choose from:*

- ☐ AP Language & Composition
- ☐ AP Literature & Composition

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

*If you are testing out of and pass:*

US History: 1877 to present

*You may choose from:*

- ☐ World History
- ☐ AP World History
- ☐ AP US History: 1877 to present

*If you are testing out of and pass:*

World History

*You may choose from:*

- ☐ AP World History
- ☐ AP US History: 1877 to present
- ☐ AP European History

## **MATH**

*If you are testing out of and pass:*

Algebra I

*You may choose from:*

- ☐ Geometry
- ☐ Pre-AP Geometry

*If you are testing out of and pass:*

Geometry

*You may choose from:*

- ☐ Algebra II
- ☐ Pre-AP Algebra II

## **WORLD LANGUAGE**

*If you are testing out of and pass:*

Spanish III

*You may choose from:*

- ☐ Spanish IV
- ☐ Pre-AP Spanish IV

*If you are testing out of and pass:*

French III

*You may choose from:*

- ☐ French IV
- ☐ Pre-AP French IV

## **SCIENCE**

*If you are testing out of and pass:*

Biology

*You may choose from:*

- ☐ Chemistry
- ☐ Pre-AP Chemistry
- ☐ Physics
- ☐ AP Physics I

ALL other courses from which you successfully test out of, will show as credit on your transcript.

## Graduation Tickets

Seniors must attend graduation rehearsal @ MSU Auditorium – 9:00 am on May 28, 2015 and have all fines paid in order to receive graduation tickets. All students who have met these obligations will receive seven tickets during the luncheon at Eagle Eye following the rehearsal on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

A bus is provided to and from Graduation Practice. It leaves from ELHS at 8:45. Students will need their own transportation to Eagle Eye.

## Diplomas

Seniors must turn in their cap and gown to the main office in order to receive their diploma. Students may turn in their cap and gown June 1 – June 4 from 9am to 3 pm and June 5 from 8 am to noon.

## Final Exams

The final exam schedule is as follows:

**Wednesday, June 3rd -  
Period 1 and 2**

**Thursday, June 4th -  
Periods 3 and 4**

**Friday, June 5th -  
Periods 5 and 6**

**1st Exam - 7:45 to 9:27am  
2nd Exam - 9:37 to 11:20am**

## Locker Clean Out

Seniors will clean out their lockers directly after Convocation on May 21st.

All other students will clean out their lockers on June 2nd during EXCEL according to the following schedule:

9:45 - 100 wing students

9:55 - 200 and 300 wing students

10:05 - 400 and 500 wing students

10:15 - 600 and 700 wing students

All items left in lockers will be given to charity.

Announcements will be made for dismissing students at the times listed.

## Thanks

Over 375 students followed the yellow brick road to Oz for post prom. It was a huge success and everyone had a blast! The decorations were unbelievable, thanks to Malia Pruitt. Thank you also to Brenda Gordon, Doug Barcy, Amy Uecker, Renae Bradley, Karen Henry, Ann Bertsch and Jeff Fullerson (our awesome janitor) We couldn't have done this without you!!! Also, a huge thank you to Shan Sweitzer, Jamie Ring, Abby Whipp, Pam Gillespie, Patty and Chuck Roboski, Paula Manderfield and my partner in all of this, Jeannie Cleary.

You were all wonderful to work with. It is time for me to pass the torch, since my youngest, Logan, is graduating. Thanks to everyone for making my 9 years of volunteering at ELHS the best!!!

Sincerely,  
Susan Wilcox

## Parent Council News

On May 19, the ELHS Parent Council will hold its Annual Meeting in the ELHS Hub from 6:30 to about 8:30. During the Annual Meeting we elect members of the board and accept officers' reports from the year. All parents and guardians of ELHS students are parent council members, so please join us for the meeting, vote on the slate of officers and learn about opportunities for making a difference in your children's school.

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered this year at various activities, attended parent/teacher conferences, participated in Parent Council meetings, and served on the Parent Council Board. We appreciate all the ways you participate in your students' education and help build our school community. THANK YOU!

## Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate is an opportunity to celebrate graduation through faith. Students and clergy of several religions will demonstrate their faith through musical performances, readings, poetry and prayer, accompanied by the EL Singers and Encore Strings. We will gather at St Thomas Aquinas Church on Alton Road at 4:00 on Sunday, May 17. Graduates, wear your cap and gown. All are welcome!

Attendance Appeal Form- 9th - 11th grade  
2014-15 Second Semester

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance appeals are for students with **10 OR MORE ABSENCES**, (excused and/or unexcused), including tardies (three tardies equals 1 absence) per semester/per class.

**Forms must be signed by both parent/guardian and student and be returned to the main office by the end of the day on Monday, June 2, 2015**

**If further information is needed you will be notified.**

Explain rationale for appeal as it directly relates to the attendance policy, (pages 21-24 of the student handbook/planner), and why the loss of credit should be waived:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

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Office Use Only

Approved ☐ Denied ☐

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Attendance Appeal Form- Seniors 2014-2015 Second Semester

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance appeals are for students with **10 OR MORE ABSENCES**, (excused and/or unexcused), including tardies (three tardies equals 1 absence) per semester/per class.

**Forms must be signed by both parent/guardian and student and be returned to the main office by the end of the day on Wednesday, May 20, 2015**

**If further information is needed you will be notified.**

Explain rationale for appeal as it directly relates to the attendance policy, (pages 21-24 of the student handbook/planner), and why the loss of credit should be waived:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student Signature

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Office Use Only

Approved ☐

Denied ☐

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Please return completed forms to Student Services by June 5, 2015

## EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR 2015 SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY

East Lansing High School will be offering credit recovery June 8 – June 26. This session will be supervised by a certified ELHS teacher. The curriculum is E2020, an on-line credit recovery system. Only courses **failed** may be recovered.

- The cost is \$100 per student for any number of classes. (Check payable to ELHS). **Upon successful course completion you may request a \$50 refund per student.**
- Students will be required to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the session for orientation.
- Students may work independently away from campus or may come during session hours (10:00am to noon) to receive assistance from the supervising teacher.
- Students must return during session hours to complete testing.
- Classes must be completed (final taken) by the end of the session.
- Completed applications and payment must be turned in to the Student Services Office on or before Friday, June 5. Acceptance will be based on student assessment and space availability.
- Successfully completed courses will appear on your transcript with a passing grade ('S') and the failing grade ('E') will be removed from your GPA calculation, but will remain on your transcript.

### SECTION ONE – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (home)

Course:	S1 <input type="checkbox"/>	S2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Counselor Initials:
Course:	S1 <input type="checkbox"/>	S2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Counselor Initials:
Course:	S1 <input type="checkbox"/>	S2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Counselor Initials:

Student - Please respond to the following questions:

1. Have you ever taken an on-line class before and were you successful?
  
2. How will you benefit from this opportunity? What are you willing to do to be successful?
  
3. What experience have you had with time-management and organizational skills? How will you keep yourself on track for successful completion?

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR 2015 SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY

### SECTION TWO – TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNSELOR AND/OR SCHOOL OFFICIAL

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

Counselor (circle one):                      Barrons                      Bedolla                      Coss

Does this student have an IEP?    \_\_\_\_\_ yes    \_\_\_\_\_ no    504 Plan?    \_\_\_\_\_ yes    \_\_\_\_\_ no

Current number of credits: \_\_\_\_\_ Current cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe this student will be successful in a self-paced, on-line experience and why or why not?

Areas of concern/support:

Input from department chair or subject area teacher for course-level placement and suitability:

Counselor: Based on the information contained in this application, provide your level of recommendation for this student's anticipated success in the Summer Credit Recovery Program.		
Check one	Level of Recommendation	Rationale
<input type="checkbox"/>	Highly recommended	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommended	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommended with reservations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not recommended	

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **ELHS 2014-2015 Important Dates**

**(Dates and times subject to change)**

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Baccalaurette, St. Thomas Aquinas on Alton Rd. at 4:00 p.m. - Graduates should wear their cap & Gown

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

May 19 - Mandatory Graduation meeting for all seniors during EXCEL

May 20 - Senior Attendance appeals due to Main Office

May 21<sup>st</sup>- Convocation- 9:35 am- Center for Performing Arts

May 21<sup>st</sup> - Locker clean-out for Seniors immediately following Convocation

May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Senior's Last Day

May 28<sup>th</sup>– Mandatory Graduation Practice @ MSU Auditorium- time TBD- lunch following at Eagle Eye

May 25<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day – No School

May 31<sup>st</sup> – Graduation – MSU Auditorium- 6p.m. Graduates should arrive at 4:30pm. Doors open at 5:15pm to the public

June 2 - 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grade Attendance Appeals due to Main Office

June 3<sup>th</sup> - Final Exams – Periods 1 and 2

June 4<sup>th</sup> - Final Exams – Periods 3 and 4

June 5<sup>th</sup> - Final Exams – Periods 5 and 6

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## YOUNG AUTHORS' CONFERENCE



July 11, 2015

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*Love to write?*

*Wish you could share your work with other young writers?*

MSU's Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures will be hosting the **Young Authors' Conference** on July 11, 2015. The conference provides writers, **grades 5-12**, with an opportunity to sharpen their **writing skills** and work with writers in their age group. The conference includes:

- Workshopping with other young authors
- Discussion with our Writers-in-Residence
- Advice on writing and critiquing from MSU professors
- Information on writing and publishing opportunities
- Classes on plot, character, style, and more
- Sessions on nurturing creative kids for parents and teachers

To **attend this exciting conference**, submit an application form and a short story or novel excerpt online. Apply before June 1, 2015, to pay our standard conference rate of \$100. The Young Authors' Conference staff will then send a pre-workshop packet (schedule, workshop group pieces, conference fees and further information) to each participant via email.

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