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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Greetings East Lansing Families. As we approach the Thanksgiving season and consider those things for which we are grateful, I am continually reminded of the privilege we as educators have to interact with our students, their families, and with each other. In spite of the things going on around us sometimes, education remains a noble profession full of both challenges and rewards.

One of my guiding principles states, "Education is cause, calling, and career, in that order. Treat it that way and nurture your career as you fulfill your calling." At East Lansing High School, we are surrounded by adolescents full of potential, and our calling as educators is to help them explore and develop that potential. We are fortunate to see it manifest itself in so many different ways. The college application season is in full swing, for example, and it is always satisfying to observe seniors applying to numerous institutions of higher learning as they further their own development on the march toward adulthood. Fall sports have given us the good fortune to watch students exercise their athletic potential, and we've even added to the list of state titles won at East Lansing High School in the process. Musical performances have showcased the ability of students to master instruments and beautiful compositions, and all around the school any visitor will see evidence of quality student work in art, academics, and a variety of other pursuits.

I am also thankful to be surrounded by students and staff who continually look outward and contribute to the well-being of those around them. Large donations have been raised for multiple charities through such things as the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge in September and for Breast Cancer Awareness month in October. Blood drives are a regular feature at East Lansing High School. Still other students are individually active in service and volunteer opportunities in the community.

My goal will always be to look parents in the eye and assure them that East Lansing High School provides their children the best education possible. I am grateful that we are able to provide a well-rounded education to students with incredible opportunities for personal growth. I look forward with eagerness to the remainder of the school year and all the great things we are yet to accomplish.

Finally, I remain ever thankful that you have entrusted the education of your children to us. We work hard every day to merit that trust. Have a great Thanksgiving season!

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News from Student Services

Twitter

ELHS Student Services now is using twitter to communicate to our students and parents. Follow us @ ELHStudentServi.

2nd Semester Forms

All forms for alternative schedules (dual enrollment, virtual learning classes, etc) for 2nd semester need to be received by Student Services no later than December 5th.

College Application Deadline

The deadline for college applications with a December deadline or January 15th deadline must be turned in no later than Friday, December 5th to Student Services. The counseling staff needs time to process the applications before winter break. Thank you for your cooperation.

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. 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 \$3 along with a stamped, addressed envelope to process this request.

Tutoring and Academic Support

Tutoring and Academic Support is now available in the ELHS media center. The after school program runs M, W, and Th from 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm. This program is staffed with volunteers from Michigan State University, ELHS students, parent volunteers, and the ELHS counselors.

Because every student needs to succeed in completing graduation requirements, academic support is offered to any student who may be struggling in a particular class or who may need a quiet supervised setting for homework. Computers with Internet access and printers are available in the library media center for student use. Students are required to sign in and a quiet atmosphere is expected. More information about tutoring and a calendar of available tutoring dates can be found at the ELHS Student Services web page, under the curriculum tab.

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.

Still Pursue those scholarships

Scholarships are still out there and waiting for your application. There are no limits to the amount of money you can earn from scholarships and the price of an education is on the rise. Scholarships are available in many areas so despite what grade you are in or what your strengths

are there are scholarships out there. Take the time to look for them and apply. If you need assistance please come to the Student Services office and speak to one of us about finding scholarships. There are several websites specific to scholarships and we have a long list of scholarships as well.

Military Service

Students that wish to learn more about the benefits that the military has to offer should make an appointment to speak with their counselor. Student Services has direct contacts with all branches of the armed services and can help students connect with the branch that they are interested in.

CACC Visit

Sophomores and juniors who signed up to participate in a program visit at the Capital Area Career Center, should be on the bus no later than 11:30am on Thursday, November 20th. Since this will be right after 3rd hour, students will need to bring a lunch.

Only students on the list will be allowed on the bus. If your student is unsure, please have them check the list posted on the door of the Student Services office.



School News

Boys Soccer State Champs!

Congratulations to the boys soccer team for their 2nd consecutive state championship! In addition to the big win team captain, East Lansing senior DeJuan Jones, has been awarded Mr. Soccer by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association. Jones will attend Michigan State University in the fall and play soccer for the Spartans.

Keep up with all of the ELHS sports team news at:
eastlansingathletics.com

MMPC – Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition Part I

Konrad Rauscher had ELHS' High score and moves on to MMPC Part II, and will test again on Wednesday, December 10th.

Loitering- Leaving the Premises After School:

All students are expected to leave the building by 3:00 p.m. each day unless you are participating in a scheduled extra-curricular activity, meeting with a teacher, or given administrative approval.

Students that have reduced schedules must leave the building after you have attended your final class period unless alternative arrangements have been made. Students may not loiter in the halls after school and should arrange transportation immediately after school ends.

This is also stated in your student hand book located in your student planner.

Dates to Remember

November

20 - 23

Twelve Angry Jurors

26 - 28

Thanksgiving Break



December

6

Winter Formal - 8:00 pm

10

Michigan Math Prize Competition
Pt. II – 8:00am

22 - Through January 1

Winter Break



Parent Council

Please join us on Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30pm in the HUB for our next Parent Council Meeting. We will be discussing teacher grants and the possibility of extending grant applications to student groups. All are welcome to attend!

ELHS Debate

ELHS Debate Team Needs Parent Assistance! We need judges and snacks!

The debate team meets every Thursday in Ms. Hmadi's room. It is facilitated by community members Ashton Shortridge and Will Kopachik and teacher Jennifer Hmadi.

We are hosting a debate tournament at Okemos High School, December 6th (Saturday) from 7:30am to 6:00pm. Approximately 15 ELHS students are involved in the Debate.

We need judges and snacks!

Parents can help judge teams for a 1/2 day session (morning OR afternoon) or all day (both sessions).

Snacks such as juice boxes and water, veggies, fruit, chips, string cheese, etc...would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Ashton Shortridge:
Ashton@msu.edu

or Jennifer Hmadi:
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American Mathematics Competition

February 25, 2014

(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.**

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.

Jr and Sr parents...The Holidays are fast approaching and while you are out shopping for Family and Friends, please keep Post Prom raffle prizes in mind for your kids. Especially with all the Black Friday/cyber Monday deals. We have already begun spying some really good items. We would really appreciate...

* Personal Kuerigs...perfect for the dorm room and late night study sessions!



* Microwaves...also perfect for dorm rooms and apartments...for when you are HUNGRY now!



* Luggage...Because by the time fall rolls around, you are ready to help them pack!



* Blue Ray speakers...Because they go nowhere without their music!



* T.V's...because they all need a break from studying!



* Camelback water bottles...We have to keep them hydrated, with water.



or anything else you see that you think the kids would enjoy! We really appreciate you helping us get some great prizes for Post Prom.

Please contact Susan Wilcox at wilcox1718@sbcglobal.net or Jeannie Cleary at jmcleary1@att.net.

Items can be dropped off at the high school office or dropped off at our homes.

Thank you so much! Happy Thanksgiving and HAPPY Shopping!

Also....

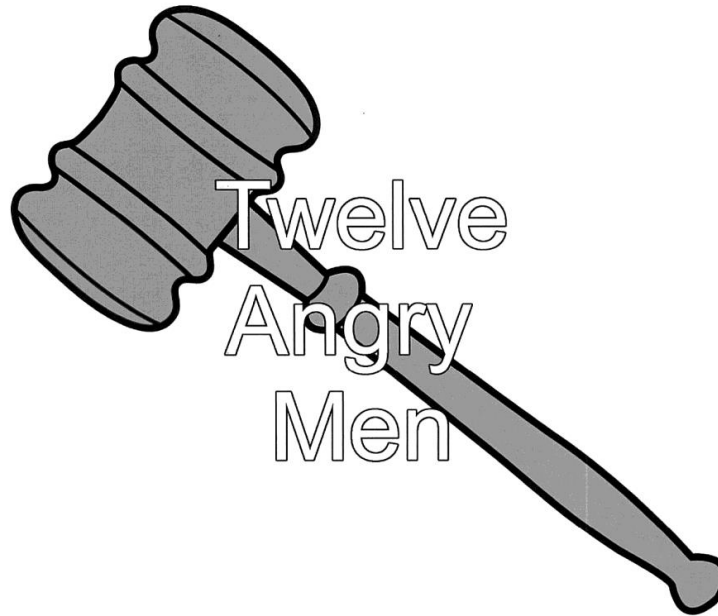
The next Jr/Sr activities meeting will be held on Thursday Nov. 20th in the Hub at 7:00. We still have 2 positions open that we need to fill...Parent Fundraising and publicity. Let me know if you are interested! These are fun and easy committees.

In addition, due to lack of parent participation...we will not be hosting the Post Commencement Party after Graduation this spring.

Thanks, Susan Wilcox

East Lansing High School Theater

Presents



*General Admission. Tickets available at the door.
All tickets \$5.00*

Show Dates:

Thursday, November 20 – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, November 21 – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 22 – 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 23 – 2:00 p.m.

Adopt an Actor

Actor: \$25 - \$49
Technician: \$50 - \$99
Director: \$100 - \$249
Producer: \$250 - \$499
Patron: \$500+

tax-deductible donations should be made payable to the
East Lansing High School Stage Fund

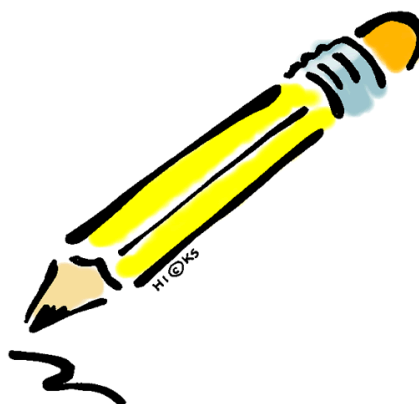
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ELHS Testing Schedule

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EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL 2014/2015 TENTATIVE TEST DATES

GRADE	WHERE	TEST	DATE
OCTOBER			
All	ELHS	MMP Competition, Part I	Tuesday, October, 7 2014
11th	ELHS	PSAT/NMSQT	Wednesday, October 15, 2014
DECEMBER			
All	ELHS	MMP Competition, Part II (Only eligible students from Part I)	Wednesday, December 10, 2014
JANUARY			
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
FEBRUARY			
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
MARCH			
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	ACT PLUS WRITING	Tuesday, March 3, 2015
	ELHS	WORKKEYS AND MICHIGAN MATHMATICS	Wednesday, March 4, 2015
9th & 10th	ELHS	PLAN (Same day as MME Day 2)	Wednesday, March 4, 2015
APRIL			
11th & eligible 12th	ELHS	MICHIGAN SCIENCE , MATH AND MICHIGAN SOCIAL STUDIES	TBD April - June
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
MAY			
All AP	ELHS AND MSU	ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS	Monday, May 4 - Friday, May 15, 2015
June			
All	ELHS	HS 2nd Semester Exams	June 4, 5, 6, 2015



ELPS Public Library Teen Calendar



Teen Calendar - November

10	11	12	13	14	15	16
TASC	Library Closed ⊘	Crafternoon	Game Haven	Tech Time		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
TASC	TASC	Movie Mania	Game Haven	Tech Time		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
TASC	TASC	Crafternoon	Library Closed ⊘	Library Closed ⊘		

crafts to keep or give as gifts.

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-

Teen programs are 3 —5:30 W,Th and 3—5 F in the library Meeting Room unless otherwise noted.

* Program held in Story Room.

⊘ No teen program

Attendance at library events constitutes consent to be photographed or recorded for use in print and/or electronic publicity for the East Lansing Public Library.

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

TASC (Teen After School Center) - Mon & Tues 3—6pm at All Saints 800 Abbot Road.

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.

Teen programs are 3 —5:30 W,Th and 3—5 F in the library Meeting Room unless otherwise noted.

* Program held in Story Room.

⊘ Library Closed

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Teen Calendar - December

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