

East Lansing High School

September Announcement

**509 Burcham Drive East
Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: 517-333-7500
Attendance Line: 517-333-7567**

School Hours:

7:45am – 2:35pm

Office Hours:

7:00am – 4:00pm



Attendance:

517-333-7567

Mary.Fata@elps.us

Please leave your student's name, grade, and reason for absence.

***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 freshman and sophomore students.**



High School Administration

Ashley Schwarzbek – Principal

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Jeff Lampi – Associate Principal

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Nikki Norris – Athletic/Activities Director

Nikki.Norris@elps.us

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Administrative Assistants

Nikie Tabor – Main Office

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Mary Fata – Main Office

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Bonnie McGraw – Registrar

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Kristen Pfaendtner – Student Services

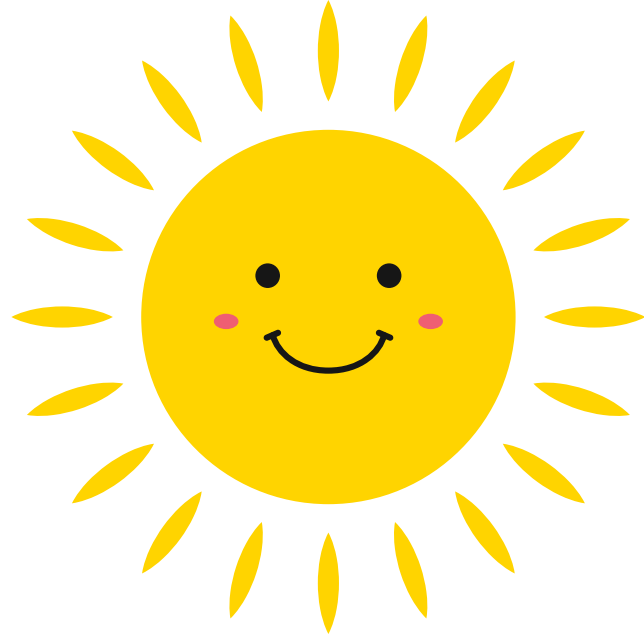
Kristen.Pfaendtner@elps.us

517-333-7509

Laura Scott – Athletic/Activities

Laura.Scott@elps.us

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Welcome
Back

WE ARE SO GLAD
YOU'RE HERE!



"How to Excuse Your Child from School" A Survival Guide

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We know that life happens. Maybe your high schooler woke up with a mysterious ailment, perhaps a sudden case of "I-don't-want-to-go-to-school-itis," or maybe there's a legitimate reason (like an unexpected visit from aliens). Whatever the reason, we're here to guide you through the magical process of excusing your child from school. All calls or emails must be sent within 48 hours to be able to excuse your student. **New this year, students need to provide appropriate documentation (i.e., doctor/dentist note) to update their attendance code to "MED" and not count toward their overall attendance total. Please see more information on the updated ELHS attendance policy [here](#).**

Option 1: (NEW) Enter Attendance in POWERSCHOOL *this is the preferred method to excuse your student*

- Instructions found [HERE](#)

Option 2: The Ancient Art of the Phone Call

- Please call the ATTENDANCE LINE at 517-333-7567. Please DO NOT call the main office line.
- Let us know how many days your student will be out.
- Tell us your students name. Speak slowly and clearly. Maybe add in the spelling of the last name if it's a tricky one. (trust me, I have one of those tricky names)
- All calls will be cleared periodically throughout the day and by 4:00 at the latest. So, you may get a notification your student is unexcused if we haven't gotten to it yet. We appreciate your patience.

Option 3: The Mystical Email

- Email Mary Fata at Mary.Fata@ELPS.US
- All emails will be cleared by 4:00

Option 4: The Old School Doctor's Note

- Have your student bring in a doctor's note when they come back to school and we will get those absences excused toot suite!

Please know that the end of the school day is very busy in the office. If you try to call to pick up your student 10-15 minutes early, we may not be available to answer your call.

**With lots of thanks,
The Attendance Team**

EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2026 INFORMATION

12TH GRADE CLASS MEETING

**Your 12th grade class
meeting will be
happening Thursday,
September 4th.**

**Expectations, important
dates, being leaders in
the building.**

Senior Parent/Guardian Night

- **Tuesday, September 23rd 6pm**
- **ELHS Student Union**
- **Dinner Provided**
- **Fill out THIS FORM to RSVP**
- **Information about college
readiness**

**This page will have information
pertaining to the class of 2026! If have a
graduating senior, make sure to read
this page every month for updates!**

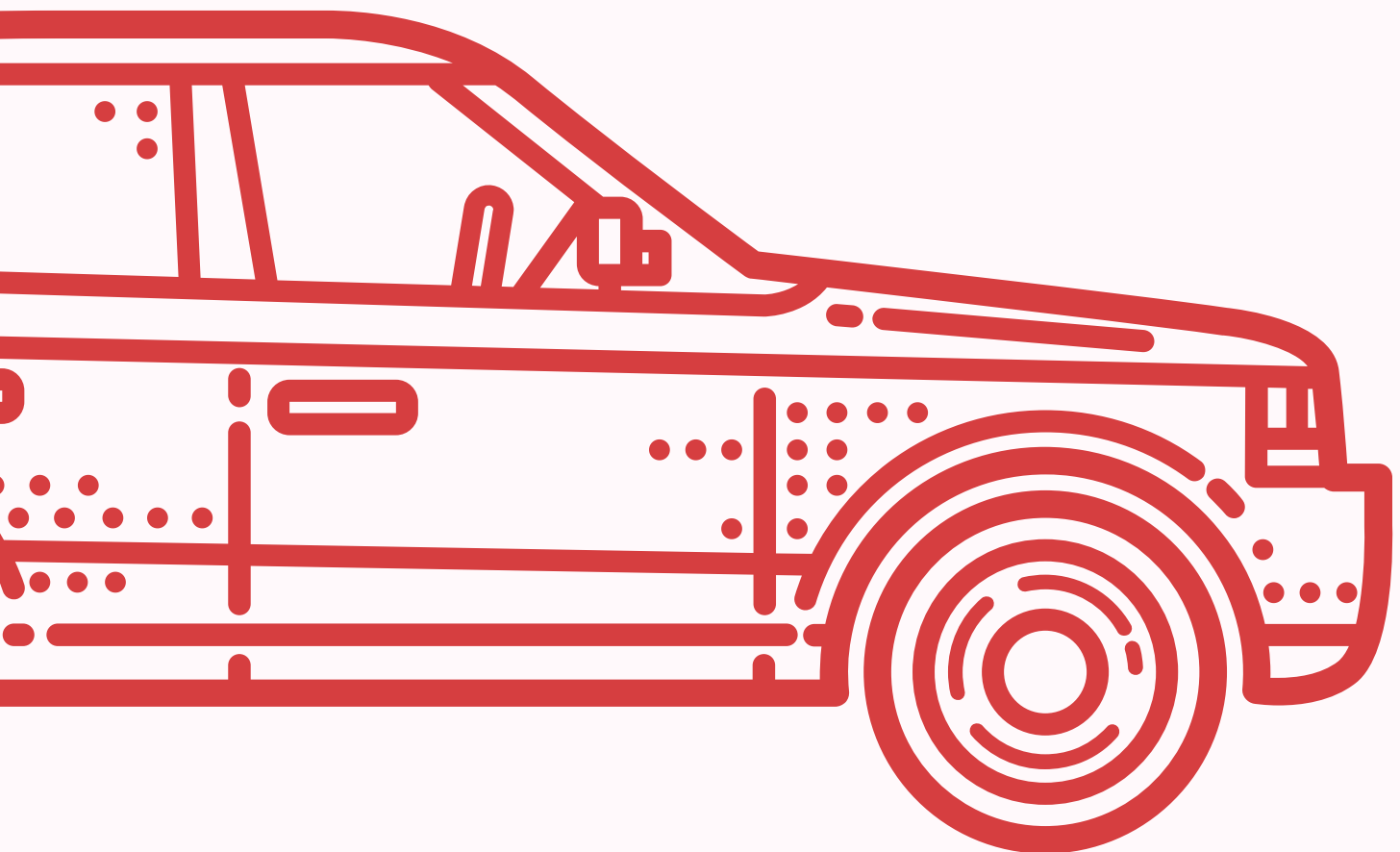
PARKING PASSES

\$35/ YEAR

**BRING TO MAIN OFFICE
CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT**

INFORMATION NEEDED:

**MAKE, MODEL, COLOR
AND PLATE NUMBER**





Homecoming 2025

Light Up the Night

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!

EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE ORGANIZERS ARE SEEKING CONVERTIBLES AND DRIVERS FOR THE 2025 HOMECOMING PARADE. THE PARADE IS FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19. THE TIME COMMITMENT IS FROM 4:45 P.M. UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 6:30 P.M. IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP OR KNOW OF SOMEONE WITH A CONVERTIBLE, PLEASE CONTACT HEATHER MUELLER AT 333.7554 OR HEATHER.MUELLER@ELPS.US. MS. MUELLER WILL RETURN YOUR MESSAGE AND CONTACT YOU CONFIRMING YOUR AVAILABILITY AND DISCUSS MORE DETAILS.

homecoming **DANCE**

"Light Up the Night"

- Saturday, September 20th
- 7:00pm-10:00pm
- Student Union
- \$10 Cash Only at the Door
- Present School ID

Click [HERE](#) for opportunities to help
Click [HERE](#) for Spirit Week Info

Homecoming

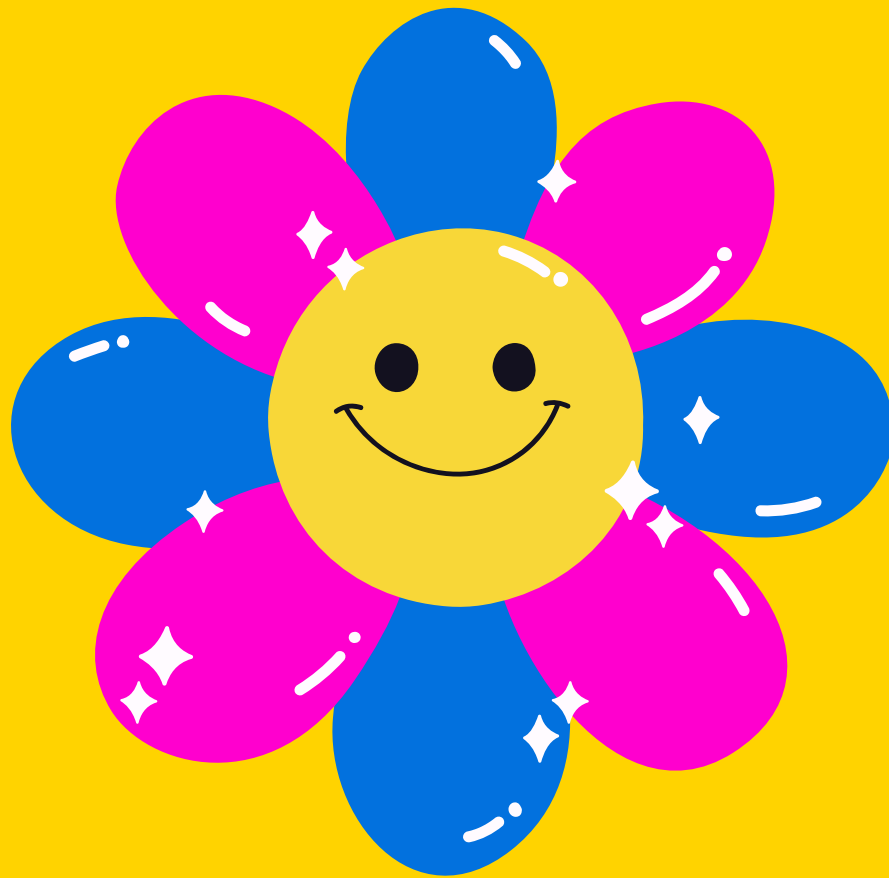


September 19, 2025

Kickoff at 7:00 PM
Lynn C Adams Stadium

Picture Day

Thursday, September 4th



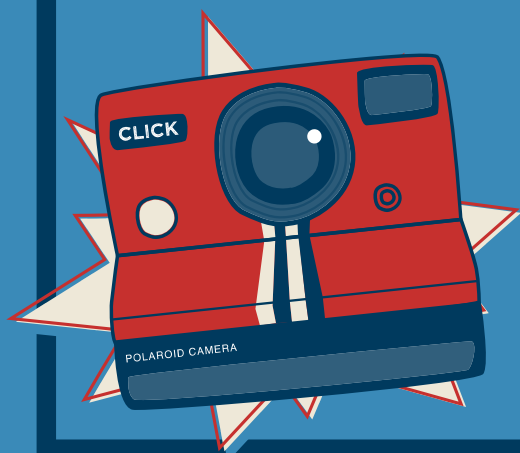
**Picture Retake Day is
October 6, 2025**

Order pictures [HERE](#)

KEEP THE MEMORIES!

★ 2026 ★ YEARBOOK

YEARBOOKS ARE THEIR CHEAPEST
PRICE FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF
SCHOOL. ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK BY
SEPTEMBER 5TH TO ENSURE YOUR
COPY OF ONE OF THE BEST
YEARBOOKS IN THE NATION!



SENIOR PHOTOS ARE DUE
OCTOBER 1ST. SEE
SENIOR PHOTO
REQUIREMENTS [HERE!](#)



EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL
ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES A

- 75TH ANNIVERSARY -

Celebration Concert

MAY 21, 2026

7:00 PM

EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL



**ALUMNI OF THE ORCHESTRA
PROGRAM ARE INVITED TO
PERFORM. MRS. MCDONALD
WILL BE THERE!**

More Information
here

[www.eastlansingorchestra](http://www.eastlansingorchestra.org)
[.org](http://www.eastlansingorchestra.org)





Ele's Place Grief Group Interest Form

Ele's Place grief support group is returning to East Lansing High School this fall. This group takes place during Excel for 8 weeks. Completing the interest form above simply lets me know that you have some interest in learning more – it does not grant permission or formally register your student for our group.



2025 September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 NO SCHOOL	2 Last Day for Drop Add	3 <u>Curriculum</u> <u>Night</u>	4 Picture Day	5 ELEF Tailgate	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 PSAT Registration Deadline	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Homecoming Game 7pm	20 Homecoming Dance 7pm
21	22	23 Senior Parent/ Guardian Night	24	25	26 NO SCHOOL STAFF PD	27
28	29	30	1 Senior Photos Due	2	3	4