

Spartan Newsletter

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October 2016

A Message from Dr. Flanagan, Principal of ELHS

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We hope that your student is experiencing a positive start to the school year. Our new schedule is underway and many students are reporting that they are enjoying both the yearlong and semester based courses.

As you know, in the past few weeks, we experienced a bomb threat that turned out to be a hoax. This event forced us to implement our building evacuation procedures to St. Michael's Church. There are a couple of things I would like to point about these emergency situations.

First and foremost, the safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. When these types of situations present themselves our first task is mobilize over 1,000 people to a safe spot. We have to take attendance and account for any missing students. With some of our students in wheelchairs and other disabilities (deaf, blind, sensory disorders, etc.), this requires the attention of every administrator and teacher in the building. Additionally, when these events occur, I need to be with the police and fire department to escort them to every spot in our building and help with checking every backpack. This all takes time and our full attention. Once the building was deemed safe and the students are safely mobilized back to the classroom, we immediately alert you to the situation.

I realize that in this day of technology when students are texting you that they have just been evacuated, this presents a great deal of anxiety on your end. Please trust that during these times, we are working hard to make sure that every student is safe and accounted for. We will alert you as soon as our students are safe and secure.

This is a good time to remind you that in the event of an emergency evacuation where students would have to be picked up by a parent or released to drive home, St. Michael's has been deemed our "re-unification" spot. If you were to be picking up a student in an emergency situation, you would drive to the front of the church and you would enter the **back** of the church to claim your student (not the front). This is because we must ensure that every student is accounted for.

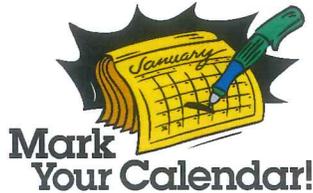
Lastly, I wanted to make you aware that this summer, we solicited the assistance of the ELPD and the state police to conduct a safety audit of our building. This was done to identify areas that need improvement in our building regarding safety. As a result of this event, we have installed a panic button in our building to quickly alert authorities of dangerous, emergency situations. We have also added other additional safety features to assist in emergency situations.

I know that this day and age brings heightened concern about school safety, however, please know it is on the forefront of our daily work here at ELHS. Our students and staff did an AMAZING job last week in conducting a safe and efficient evacuation too!

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina E. Flanagan".

Gina E. Flanagan Ed.D



**Mark
Your Calendar!**

**2016-2017 SCHOOL
COUNCIL MEETING**

SCHEDULE

- November 3
- December 1
- January 5
- February 2
- March 2
- April 6
- May 4
- June 2 (TBD)

All meetings held @ 2:15pm in the C-3 conference room across from high school office)

The School Council is open to all parents and students and serves as an advisory committee to the building administration. Feedback is sought regarding various instructional and policy issues. Please call Mrs. Hellyer in the high school office if you wish to participate 413-525-5460.

Thursday, October 20th:

Picture Re-take Day for Underclassmen

Wednesday, October 19th:

Class Ring Assembly for sophomores

Wednesday, October 26th:

Class ring orders will be taken from students during their lunch block

**Guidance
Department
News**

The 2016-2017 academic year is well under way especially for our seniors! Guidance held meetings with seniors regarding the college application process. We will continue to meet with our seniors to help them hone their post-secondary plan.

The Guidance Department also delivered small group presentations to 9th grade students where we reviewed graduation requirements, explained how to get involved, and provided tips on how to balance academics with activities. All 9th grade students will be given their Naviance registration information to begin exploring careers and colleges.

We will hold group meeting with 10th and 11th grade students in the coming months.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

12 PSAT Registration deadline (Registration is on a first come first serve basis)

19 PSAT @ ELHS (11TH & 10TH graders)

27 ELHS College Fair 10:30-11:45 (Large Gym)*

22 ACT (not @ ELHS)

*All ELHS students (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12) will have the chance to meet with over 100 college representatives. Students will rotate through the large gym before or after their lunch time.

2017 ELHS Yearbook

The 2017 edition of the ELHS yearbook is now on sale. The cost is \$65 (\$50 if you purchase on or before October 7, 2016) and will be available for purchase throughout the year. You can place an order online through the ELHS web site using the link "Order ELHS Yearbook Here" or you can return the form attached to this newsletter with your payment (cash or check payable to ELHS) to Mr. Myers in the library.

We are also in need of sponsorship ads to help defray the publication costs and ensure that the entire book will be in color. The class is responsible for raising all of the necessary funds to accomplish this. We have a variety of business ad sizes available as well as personal ads that can be placed in the book to any 2017 graduating senior (forms are also attached to this newsletter). Please contact Mr. Myers by calling (413) 525-5460 ext. 5515 or at daniel.myers@eastlongmeadowma.gov for more information. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

SENIOR PICTURE GUIDELINES

1. Digital size/quality specifications from Jostens are: Photo must be in JPEG format, portrait orientation & at least 300ppi
2. Photos can be in either color or B&W
3. Background can be any studio background, solid color or home/school/outdoor setting
4. Outfits should be tasteful and appropriate for inclusion in a school-sponsored publication.
 - Clothing or accessories may NOT contain:
 - obscene or inappropriate comments, images or drawings.
 - derogatory references to race, color, gender, or nationality.
 - references, images, or drawings related to illegal substances.
 - NO tube or tank tops
 - NO hats
 - NO tattoos showing
 - NO sunglasses
 - NO children or pets
5. Poses can be close-up, head & shoulders, with hands, ¾ length or full length.
6. Final selection must be submitted on CD or flash drive to the staff by November 2nd.



Sports Night

On Tuesday, November 1, 2016 there will be a meeting for all parents/guardians and student athletes planning to participate in a winter sport. This very important meeting will begin at **5:30pm** in the auditorium and will include a general assembly meeting followed by team meetings at 6:00pm.

The meeting(s) will cover procedures, protocols, and expectations for the winter season. It is critical that all parents/guardians attend these meeting(s) with their student athlete(s) in order to become familiar with the ELHS Athletic Program. We will explain the health clearance process and outline other important information.

PLEASE NOTE: *All of the following must be completed prior to the first day of practice.*

1. Student athletes must have had a physical within thirteen months to the date of participation.
2. Families must register their student athlete(s) for their selected sport at FamilyID.com by November 14, 2016.
3. Student athletes must have a 2.0 GPA.
4. Families must pay the Sports Fee of \$149 to the main office.
5. Student athletes must have a valid baseline concussion score.

STARTING DATE FOR ALL WINTER SPORTS IS:

Monday, November 28, 2016

The time and location of each sports first tryout/practice will be posted on <http://miaa.net/schools/public/EastEa3>

COUNTS PIN RECIPIENTS

Each week, ELHS recognizes students who demonstrate random acts of kindness throughout our building.

Edouard Beauzile
 Sophia Colon
 Audrey DeVoie
 Taylor Dziuba
 Danielle Fontaine
 Wyatt Garber
 Jenna Hebert
 Jasmine Kapoor
 Corissa Kirkitelos
 Selena Pereira
 Emily Plourde
 Krystle Plumadore
 Emily Sares
 Grace Shevlin
 Will Seiffert
 Samantha Surette
 Francis Torcia
 Jonathan Torcia

SPIRIT WEEK AT ELHS

(Sponsored by Student Council)

10/17 America Day Monday
 10/18 Tourist Tuesday
 10/19 Way Back Wednesday
 10/20 Class Color Thursday*
 10/21 Red and Gray Friday
 Pep Rally

*Freshmen-White
 Sophomores-Green
 Juniors-Blue
 Seniors-Black

SENIOR DATES (2016/2017)

Banquet – Fri., April 7, Delaney House 6-10p
Prom – Tues., May 30, Chez Josef 6-10:30p
Graduation – Fri., June 2, 6pm



A LOOK AHEAD TO THE REST OF THE SEMESTER

October

7 .5 PD day – ½ day students
 10 Columbus day – No School
 19 PSATs @ ELHS (10&11 gr.)
 20 Picture retakes
 22 ACT - not @ ELHS
 26 Ring orders – lunch block
 27 College Fair 10:30-11:45

November

1 Sports Night 5:30pm
 2 Military Day – lunch block
 2-4 MCAS – ELA Retest
 3 Term 1 ends
 5 SAT – not @ ELHS
 8 Staff PD – No school
 9-10 MCAS – Math Retest
 11 Veteran's Day – No school
 14 ASVAB
 18 Junior Semi formal
 23 ½ day
 24-25 Thanksgiving Break
 30 Winter Concert 7pm

December

3 SATs @ ELHS
 7 .5 PD day – ½ day students
 10 ACTs @ ELHS
 16-17 Drama Presentation
 23 ½ day
 26-30 Holiday break

January

2 Obs. Of New Year's Day
 16 MLK Day –No school
 20 Term 2 ends / ½ day

THE SENIOR PROJECT

Welcome Class of 2017 to
YOUR Senior Project!

The Senior Project is part of the Senior English Curriculum at East Longmeadow High School and it creates a unique learning opportunity by allowing students to individually select, explore, and present a subject area that interests them. The Senior Project consists of four parts – Paper, Project, Fieldwork and Presentation. The presentations will take place on December 9 and 16, 2016.



KEY CLUB UPDATE

Upcoming Key Club events include the District Wide Key Club Meeting on October 15; the Crop Walk on October 16; and the Rays of Hope Walk on October 30.



Class of 2018

Pie sale begins on
October 5, 2016.

The ELHS Grade Reporting System

Grades are issued four times a year or approximately every 45 days/9 weeks. These grades are considered “temporary” because only the FINAL course grade appears on the permanent student record (the transcript). The tentative term ending days are as follows:

- TERM 1: November 3, 2016
- TERM 2 (Semester 1 Ends) : January 20, 2017
- TERM 3: March 31, 2017
- TERM 4 (Semester 2 Ends): June 13, 2017

In addition, at the midpoint of each term, staff must notify a student’s parent/guardian if a student is doing poorly in the teacher’s class. The teacher will notify the parent/guardian through email, phone call, mail, or midterm report. The dates below reflect the MIDPOINT for each semester.

- TERM 1: October 2, 2016
- TERM 2: December 12, 2016
- TERM 3: March 1, 2017
- TERM 4: May 11, 2017

As always, we encourage our parents and students to frequently check their PlusPortal accounts for updates on grades and assignments. Our goal is to provide you with the most up to date information regarding your student’s progress. If you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to contact your student’s teacher directly. Please help us keep communication between home and school active and positive.

EAST LONGMEADOW HIGH SCHOOL LEARNING EXPECTATIONS & RUBRIC

At East Longmeadow High School, our mission statement reflects the values and beliefs of our learning community. For this reason, students will be assessed on our four Learning Expectations (listed below) via the report card comment section each term.

- LEARNING EXPECTATION #1: Develop effective independent & collaborative work habits & practices.
- LEARNING EXPECTATION #2: Develop effective critical thinking & creativity skills.
- LEARNING EXPECTATION #3: Demonstrate effective literacy and communication skills.
- LEARNING EXPECTATION #4: Demonstrate an understanding of social and civic responsibilities.

Please review your students' report card comments through the lens of these Learning Expectations.

EAST LONGMEADOW HIGH SCHOOL
MISSION STATEMENT

AS A COMMUNITY, WE WILL . . .

ENGAGE IN CRITICAL THINKING,

LEARN COLLABORATIVELY,

HONOR DIVERSITY,

STRIVE FOR SUCCESS.



ENGAGE LEARN HONOR STRIVE

OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Business

English

Fam/Cons Science

Fine Arts

Foreign Language

Health

Mathematics

Physical Ed

Science

Social Studies

Tech Ed

Theresa Kervick

Daniel Frederick

Matthew Davis

Amanda Spear

Lily Russo

Noah Bedard

Jillian O'Toole

Jake Brady

Noah Secondo

Averie Narreau

Farnaz Noori-Shirazi

**ELHS 2017 Yearbook
Business Community Support Options**

Deadlines

**Payment: December 2, 2016
Ad Submission: December 16, 2016**

The cost to produce the 2017 ELHS Yearbook in COLOR is \$30,000 and for BLACK & WHITE is \$25,000.

We need your support! Without the help from business community members like you, the students of ELHS would not be able to have a lasting memory of their high school experience. Yearbook is not funded by public schools. Therefore, all revenue is made from the sale of the book and advertisements.

Advertisement Options:

- \$25: Patron (lists business name and address only)
- \$100: ¼ page ad (layout size is 4.25" x 5.5")
- \$175: ½ page ad (layout size is 8.5" x 5.5")
- \$300: full page ad (layout size is 8.25" x 11")
- \$75: *Purchase a yearbook for your business waiting room!*

Payment & Submission of Ads:

- *Checks payable to: ELHS
- *Please email advertisements as PDF's to

daniel.myers@eastlongmeadowma.gov

- *We can also take any photographs you need or assist in the making of your ad!*

Questions?

*Contact Daniel Myers at 525-5460 ext. 5515 or
daniel.myers@eastlongmeadowma.gov

*****THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT*****

ELHS Class of 2017
Family and Friends Yearbook Messages

DEADLINE:
December 16, 2016

Cost is \$50 for 1/10 page ad (checks payable to ELHS)

Graduation is months away, but this is your only opportunity to leave a lasting message for your son or daughter in the 2017 ELHS yearbook. Please fill out the information below, and mail or hand deliver this form, one (1) photo, and your payment to the ELHS Library, 180 Maple Street, by **December 16, 2016**.

Questions? Please contact Daniel Myers 525-5460 ex. 5515 or email
daniel.myers@eastlongmeadowma.gov

1. PRINT student's name as you would like it to appear:

2. **Photo Instructions:** Photos should be of high quality- **NO POLAROID**S. *Please write your student's name on the back of the picture so it may be returned. If you have a digital copy, which is preferred, please email it to daniel.myers@eastlongmeadowma.gov*

*Pictures may also be submitted through the free app ReplayIT for apple or android, which allows users to take pictures at school events or activities and directly upload them to a site dedicated to East Longmeadow High School which can be selected for the yearbook by the yearbook staff.

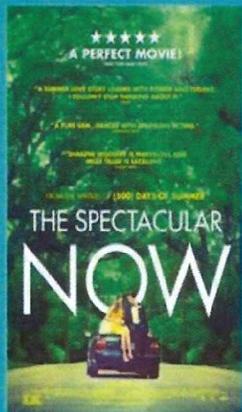
3. **Message Details:** Messages may be up to 10 lines with a **MAXIMUM** of 30 characters per line (this includes spaces). **PLEASE** print your message on the back of this paper or attach a typed copy.

Any deviation from the specifications above may result in having to move to a larger size ad at an additional cost.

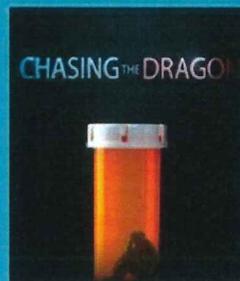
Join us for two thought-provoking films and the opportunity to discuss issues related to drug and alcohol use in a supportive setting.

RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSE

A Two Part Film Series Sponsored by
CLOSE Community (Coalition of Longmeadow for a Drug Free
Community), Storrs Library and LHS



The Spectacular Now
October 18th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Storrs Library
Discussion Facilitated By
Shelly Warren
Substance Abuse Response
Coordinator for Longmeadow
Public Schools



*Chasing the Dragon:
The Life of an Opiate Addict*
November 1st, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Longmeadow High School
Discussion Facilitated By
Anne-Marie Kroisi,
Longmeadow parent and
Learn To Cope facilitator

OCTOBER 18TH 7:00—9:00 P.M. STORRS LIBRARY
NOVEMBER 1ST 7:00—8:30 P.M. LONGMEADOW
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

EAST LONGMEADOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

180 Maple Street
East Longmeadow, MA. 01028-2788



Achievement *Accountability*

Gordon Smith
Superintendent of School

Pamela Blair
Asst. Supt. for Business

Valerie Annear
Asst. Supt. for Curr. & Instruc.

September, 2016

To: All Staff, Parents, and Students
From: Gordon C. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

During times of inclement weather, I must decide before 6:00 a.m. whether road conditions will be safe for children to come to school. That decision is based upon information available from the Police Department, Highway Department, and weather forecasters. It is our policy to hold classes, if possible. **It is also our policy that you, as a parent, should feel free to keep your child home if you do not agree with the decision to hold classes.**

The following plans will be in effect for these occasions:

- A. If the conditions are severe, schools will be canceled. The No School Announcement will be carried, starting at 6:00 a.m. Channel 22; Channel 40 and CBS-3.
- B. If conditions are less difficult, but the Highway Department needs extra time to plow the roads or sand the streets, the school day will be shortened. Under this alternative plan, the opening of school and all bus pickups will be delayed by two hours. This simply means that the schools will open two hours later. The Delayed Opening Announcement will be carried by the same television and radio stations, starting at 6:00 a.m. and will specifically be announced as such. On that day, schools will be dismissed at regular times. Lunch will be served at the regular times in the cafeterias of each building.

We ask parents, in the event of a storm, to listen carefully to Channel 22; Channel 40, and CBS-3 or radio station WHYN, for East Longmeadow's decision. Please do not call the schools – no one is in the office when there is a delay in the morning. Again, the possible alternatives we will consider in case of weather conditions are:

- A. No School – All classes, school activities, clubs and athletics will be canceled for the day and evening.
- B. Two Hour Delayed Opening – Morning bus pick-ups and the start of classes postponed by two hours; however, meals, afternoon dismissals, and all other school activities will take place at regularly scheduled times. No afternoon Pre-K classes will be held.