



Weekly Newsletter

Friday, October 19, 2018



Congratulations to our October Educator of the Month, Ms. Debra Brown, and our Student of the Month, Laron Pitts (Class of 2020)!

Families & students are encouraged to submit nominations for eHS faculty & staff who deserve this recognition using our [Met of the Month Nomination form!](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

The deadline to upload your picture for the October ACT is tomorrow, Saturday, 10/20! You must upload your picture before you may print your admission ticket for entrance to the exam.

Our College Readiness Session this Saturday, 10/20, will focus on ACT prep, and we'll have an expert ACT prep advisor available to help our students. Join us 9AM - 12PM right here at eHS. #CollegeReadyMets

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Next week is College and Career Week at eStem High School! We have some fun games with prizes that will be played on morning announcements all week, and we are having a **College and Career Spirit Week**. Please see below for details on our themed days!

- **Monday Tell Your College Story**
 - Students wear college gear from your DREAM school.
- **Tuesday #Showmethemoney**
 - Students are going to play a Financial Aid Trivia on Kahoot during Montage. Students dress in all green.
- **Wednesday Dress for Success Day**
 - Where will you be in ten years? Students dress like your future career.
- **Thursday College Ready Day**
 - Students wear your FAVORITE college t shirt.
- **Friday Opening College Doors**
 - Winner of Best Decorated College Door announced (teachers). Students wear your FAVORITE Arkansas College or University Shirt.

We also have two night events & hope all of our eHS families join us!!

College Readiness-Journey to Success This event is for sophomores and juniors and will be **October 25th from 6:00-7:30 at Dickinson Hall**. This event will focus on what steps to take in order to be college, career, and world ready. **We encourage all 10th and 11th graders to attend with their parents.**

Senior Night This event is for all 12th graders and their families and will be **October 29th from 6:00-7:30 in the Donaghey Student Center Ledbetter Room**.

Make Up Picture Day - October 29th

- **Underclassmen Picture Packets & Senior Picture Proofs were sent home with each student this week.**
 - These packets include all information needed to order pictures for your student online or by phone if you haven't already done so.

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- If there is an error with your picture order or proof packet, please contact our Lifetouch representative, Leigh Ann Showalter, directly at lshowalter@lifetouch.com. She will be able to best assist you.
- If your student was present and took their picture on Picture Day but did not yet receive a picture packet, please email meghan.thompson@estemschools.org.
- If your student was **absent** for either picture day, they will have their picture taken on **Make Up Picture Day, October 29th. eHS does not permit picture “redos” or “retakes” as they take away from important academic instructional time. October 29th is for MAKE UP PICTURES only.**
- We are looking for a couple volunteers to help us with lining up students and helping them put on their cap & gown garments. If you are interested in **volunteering to help with Make Up Picture Day**, please email meghan.thompson@estemschools.org.

Homecoming Save the Date & Nominations Process

- Save the date for our **2018 eHS Homecoming Week, November 5-10.**
 - The Homecoming Game will be on Friday, November 9.
 - The Homecoming Dance will be on Saturday, November 10.
 - Please check the newsletter next week for more details on these events including the guest approval process for the dance.
- **Homecoming Nominations (10/22-10/23, itsLearning)**
 - Each student will be permitted one ballot/survey submission via the Student Life itsLearning course. The survey will allow them to nominate 1 female & 1 male from their grade level.
 - **Campaigning and/or flyers for Homecoming voting is NOT ALLOWED.**
 - Students will receive instructions for Homecoming Nominations during morning announcements on Monday.
 - The Homecoming Court members will be announced during morning announcements on Thursday, 10/25.
 - The top 3 males & females of each grade that meet the Homecoming Court criteria will be on court.
 - [Homecoming Court Packet with Rules & Guidelines](#)
- **Spirit Week (11/5-11/9)** Themed days will be announced by Student Council next week and posted to the website.
- **Homecoming Royalty Voting (11/5-11/7, itsLearning)**
 - There will be one princess & one prince for each underclass grade (10th & 12th) and one queen & one king for the 12th grade.
 - Homecoming Royalty are announced at the Homecoming Coronation Ceremony immediately before the game Friday evening.



Flu Shot Clinic

The Arkansas Department of Health will be at eHS on **Friday, October 26th**, giving free flu shots to our students and faculty. **Forms were sent home on Monday, October 15th**. Please have them filled out and **returned by Thursday, October 25th** if you wish for your student to participate in the Flu Shot Clinic this year. Take advantage of this convenient and FREE opportunity!

Wellness Week is October 29th- November 2nd

Wellness Week will focus on different areas of living a happy, healthy life. The themes for each day are below.

Monday	Screen-Free Pledge/ Physical Activity
Tuesday	It's Real- Mental Health Awareness (wear yellow!)
Wednesday	Blood Drive
Thursday	Teen Safety
Friday	Rethink Your Drink

Stay tuned for more details on the activities for each day.

Yearbook Special - **New Price is \$35.00 until November 16th!**

- Also remember that **recognition and business ads are on sale until December 14th**.
Ad prices are as follows:
 - \$30 for 1/8th page
 - \$50 for 1/4th page
 - \$90 for 1/2 page
 - \$175 for a full page
- To **order your yearbook and purchase your ad**, visit www.Jostens.com and select eStem High School. You can also order from Mrs. G. in Room 213 before or after school.



If you would like a chance to win a **\$50.00 VISA gift card**, we still have two more to give away! **Please complete the consent form (click here)** and turn it into the main office by **Wednesday, October 24th**. Students must have a parent

complete the consent form if they are 17 years or younger, however students who are 18 years old may complete their own form (*if you are 18, you must complete the adult consent form*). Winners will be announced in the Friday, October 26th newsletter. The more consent forms we receive, the more money we can raise to put back into our classrooms!

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Remember, the only approved drop-off & pick-up location is behind University Plaza. We've received reports of families turning off of University Ave. into the parking lot. Please remember to enter the pick-up/drop-off line from Asher & Campus Drive.
[Click here to view our arrival & dismissal procedures.](#)

Counselors' Corner

All Grades

- **Volunteer Opportunity: MINDfest-Mental Health Awareness**
 - The 2nd annual mental health festival, MINDfest will be on **Sunday, October 21st**. They need volunteers to help with various aspects of the event. Students who help with this event can gain community service hours and have the opportunity to network with local professionals of the counseling community. Volunteer shifts are 2.5 hours. To sign up, contact the MIND Coalition at info@MINDCoalition.org or through their website MINDCoalition.org/volunteers. The following shifts are available:
 - Setup: 7:30 am - 10:00 am
 - Morning: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
 - Main: 11:30 am - 2:00 pm
 - Afternoon/ Take Down: 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
- Click [here](#) for the volunteer flyer.
- **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**
 - If you have participated in a volunteer service activity in the past year, you can apply for a 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Students interested in applying must **apply by Tuesday, November 6th** at spirit.prudential.com or nassp.org/spirit. State-level honorees will earn awards including: \$1000 and an all-expense paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., for the program's 24th annual national recognition events. Runners-up at the state level earn medallions and Certificates of Excellence. National Honorees will receive \$5000 awards, medallions, trophies for their schools, and \$5000 grants from The Prudential Foundation.
 - For specific details about this award, please email kimberly.huskey@estemschools.org
- **The Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship Program**
 - The Rotary Clubs of Arkansas' Rotary District 6150 are preparing to award sixteen scholarships to central and northeast Arkansas high school students age 15 to 18 ½

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to live abroad as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship Program. Students are selected based on interviews, courage, adaptability, grades, school recommendations and interest in world affairs, cultures and languages. Applications for the **Long-term program must be submitted the not later than November. 1, 2018 for departure in August of 2019. Short-term program applications must be submitted by January 31, 2019 for the following summer.** For more information visit: www.rotary6150youthexchange.org.

- **The Biomedical Informatics Discovery Day**

- The Bioinformatics Core of the Arkansas IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence funded through the NIH National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) grant P20 GM103429 encourages everyone to come join us on **Saturday, November 10**, to discover how new data generating technologies are transforming how doctors will diagnose and treat diseases in the future as well as opening up new biomedical informatics career paths. The event will kick off at 8:00 am with breakfast on the first floor of the UAMS Donald W. Reynold Institute on Aging. Registration is FREE! Please RSVP by signing up at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BioMedData>
 - Click [here](#) for the flyer for the event

Juniors

- **LEDA (Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America) Scholars Program:** A seven week residential program at Princeton University for high achieving student-leaders who are prepared to succeed in college and beyond. To be **eligible for the program** a student must be a junior in a public high school, a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident, or have DACA status, and have a family income of less than \$90,000. LEDA practices a holistic review process, but admitted Scholars typically have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.6, are enrolled in rigorous coursework available at their school, and have demonstrated leadership in their school, community, or at home. [Click here to access the application.](#)

Class of 2019 - Seniors (12th grade)

- [Senior Important Dates - Click here!](#)
- **The Common Application** is also open! Remember, if you are only applying for a few in state colleges, you will not need to complete a Common App. If you would like to know which colleges are covered by Common App, please stop by Ms. S. Thompson's office. She has a map showing the schools



Upcoming College Visits

<u>Date</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Time</u>
10/22/18	University of the Ozarks (sign up only)	9:00-9:30 AM
10/23/18	Colby College (sign up only)	11:00 AM
10/24/18	Arkansas Tech	All Lunches
10/25/18	Shorter College	All Lunches



Upcoming National ACT Testing Dates

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u> **cost for test increases**
December 8th	November 2nd	November 19th
February 9th	January 11th	January 18th
April 13th	March 8th	March 25th
June 8th	May 3rd	May 20th
July 13th	June 14th	June 24th



**FREE ACT Prep Session at eHS from 9:00 - 12:00!
Saturday, October 20th**

**Expert ACT Prep Advisor will be present to help
all eStem HS students in attendance.**

Parents are welcome to join us!

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Community Outreach

- **Arkansas PAL (Police Athletic League)**
 - PAL is a non-profit organization that provides sports, and other services, to children at no cost. This program is open to children ages 3-15. If you're interested, please visit their website here: <http://arkansaspal.com/>
- **St. Luke United Methodist Church Community Resources**
 - Every week on Thursday, there is a **community meal**, hosted by the congregation, for any who would like to attend. The meal starts at 5:30 PM and is free to the community.
 - Every 2nd and 4th Thursday, there is a **food pantry** open along with the community meals.
 - Contact Information:
 - 6401 W 32nd St, Little Rock
 - Please call (501) 568-2651 with any questions.
- **Community Connections** offers many programs and activities FREE of charge, serving kids/young adults from ages 3-25 years old. These programs are specifically designed for children with special needs. Details as well as registration links for programs can be found at www.communityconnectionsar.org. [Click to view their Fall Program Schedule.](#)

Mets Action

- **Softball Tryouts - NEW DATES!!!!** Due to inclement weather, softball tryouts have been rescheduled.
 - **Softball Tryouts have been rescheduled for October 23rd and 24th.** Be sure to bring your physical, your completed athletic packet, as well as your waiver.
- eStem is approaching their **first basketball game of the season. On October 23, the game will be held at White County Central at 6:00 pm.**
- The baseball team rosters will be posted by this weekend on the live feed and will appear and next week's newsletter.
- eStem's annual **THINK PINK GAME** is right around the corner! The game will be next Friday, **October 26th**. This game is dedicated to breast cancer awareness month.
- **eHS Cheer** will be pre-selling Krispy Kreme donuts every Wednesday starting **9/19 to 11/28** from **3:25-3:50 in the lobby after school**. Pre-sold donuts will be delivered the last Wednesday of each month. The price is a dollar per donut or ten dollars a dozen.



- Be sure to follow our new **official athletics instagram page @estempsathletics**. We're building our athletic department into an amazing program. This page will be a great way for you to stay up-to-date on tryouts, scores, pictures, etc. Information will be on the website ([here](#)) as well. The Fall season will be underway soon, so don't miss out!
- Be sure that you follow our eStem Athletics **Facebook Page @estemathletics** to stay updated on all that eStem athletics has in store for this year!
- If you would like to become an **official sponsor for eStem Athletics**, please see the sponsorship packet form which is included on the Athletics tab of the website.
- If you are interested in joining our **Mets Family Support System** and/or purchasing season passes & our new t-shirts, [click here](#).



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October-Nov. 2018

[Click here for our printable Monthly Calendars.](#)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15 2nd Quarter Begins	16 Softball Tryouts, 5:30-7PM, Burns Park	17 Softball Tryouts, 5:30-7PM, Burns Park	18	19 Seniors @ State Fair Nightmare on University, 6-9PM	20 College Readiness Session, 9AM (All Grades - ACT Prep) Saturday School
21 College Readiness Week	22 Report Cards Mailed Home	23 Boys Basketball @ White County Central, 6 PM	24 ACT Aspire Science & Math Interim I	25 College Readiness Journey to Success, 6PM, 10th & 11th Grade	26 Think Pink Night v. Dermott, 5PM, ASD	27 National ACT Exam Saturday School
28 Wellness Week	29 Screen Free Pledge Make Up Picture Day Senior Night, 6PM, UALR Student Center	30 It's Real - Mental Health Awareness	31 Blood Drive Cheer Donut Fundraiser Delivery, 3:25 Happy Halloween!	1 Read to Feed Fundraiser Begins	2 December ACT Registration Deadline	3 College Readiness Session, 9AM Saturday School
4 Homecoming Spirit Week Daylight Savings Time	5 PJ Day	6 Squad Day	7 Stoplight Day	8 Throwback Day	9 I Love My Mets Day Herff Jones Presentations (Junior Rings & Graduation Items) Homecoming Pep Rally Homecoming Game	10 College Readiness Session, 9AM Saturday School Homecoming Dance

2018-2019 School Calendar

[Click here to view the eHS Calendar at a Glance.](#)

Please note: This calendar is slightly different from the K-9 calendar.

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eHS Tool Kit

- ★ Families & students are encouraged to submit **nominations for eHS faculty & staff** who deserve recognition for their hard work! [Click here for our Mets of the Month Nomination Form.](#)
- ★ **If your child will be absent**, please make sure to email hsattendance@estemschools.org to let us know!
- ★ **If you have an address, email, or phone number change**, please email those changes to vakeisa.jones@estemschools.org. This helps us keep our records as up-to-date as possible.
- ★ **Parents and visitors, please stop and check in** with our Campus Access Officer, Ms. Paul, if you need to submit any forms, drop something off for your child or check a student out for an appointment. All visitors will need to bring their license so that they can receive a visitor's badge. Students may not be checked out after 2:55 PM for dismissal.
- ★ Do you want to get involved as a parent or member of the eHS Community? [Click here to join our eStem Community Association!](#)
- ★ [Click here to enroll in Kroger Community Rewards!](#)



Want an easy way to raise funds for eHS? Sign up for the Kroger Community Rewards program! Kroger will donate a portion of all purchases you make directly to eStem High! Between May 1st-July 31st of this year we have already made **\$652.44** from the 60 households that have already signed up. Can you imagine how much we could earn if every eStem household joined?! Signing up is easy! Simply click the link below, enter your information and organization number **LM378** and eStem High will benefit from your Kroger purchases. If you have already enrolled with a different school and your student has started at eHS this year, please take time to update the organization number on your account.

Did you know?

We offer the following forms online—

[Driver's Request Form](#)

[Transcript Request Form](#)

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