



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday, January 18, 2019



**Congratulations to our January Mets of the Month, Mrs. Tara Goicoechea (History & Yearbook) and Ivria Johnson (Class of 2021)!!**

**Remember: NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 21, in observance of MLK Holiday.**

**DID  
YOU  
KNOW?**

**National School Choice Week  
is next week, January 22-25!**

Empowered parents who choose the educational environment they believe works best for their kids are more likely to see their children succeed and furthermore, graduate from high school. Every child is unique, and we are thankful your family chooses eStem for their high school educational journey!

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## Report Cards Sent Home Monday

- Report Cards for the **Fall 2018 Semester** were sent home with each student this week through their 1st period class. If students do not have a first period class, their report card was handed out to them through the front office.
- If you have any **questions about your student's grade or progress** in a specific course, please **reach out to their course teacher**. [eHS Faculty & Staff Directory \(here\)](#)
- Guardians and students may keep up with their progress in class by **checking student grades and attendance records** on [HAC \(here\)](#).

## Lady Mets Softball Fundraiser Concert - TONIGHT

**Friday  
JAN  
18**

**eStem  
SOFTBALL  
FUNDRAISER  
CONCERT**

**FEATURING PERFORMERS :**

**Sabine Valley (Favi & Mayra from eStem)  
Jeff Coleman and The Feeders (Mr. James)  
Haman's Wrath (Tristan from eStem & Mr. James)**

**AT VINOS BREWPUB (923 W 7TH ST, LR)**

**7-11 PM | \$10 ADMISSION**

The eStem Lady Mets Softball fundraiser concert is tonight, **Friday, January 18th!** We encourage you to bring everyone that you know! See your favorite eStem musicians perform, including Favi, Mayra, Tristan, and Mr. James! Last year we had 100 people attend, and this year we are shooting for 150. Help us make it happen!

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## Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for the upcoming school year started **Thursday, January 17th and ends February 17th!** To apply, please visit our website –

<https://www.estemschools.org/admissions-applications> and submit an application.

**Open Enrollment is for students who will be new to eStem;** returning students will have the opportunity to register for the upcoming year in the spring. To be eligible for kindergarten for the upcoming year, your child must turn 5 by August 1st, 2019. If you have any questions about the admissions process, please visit our website or email our Director of Admissions, Rebecca Cleveland at [rebecca.cleveland@estemschools.org](mailto:rebecca.cleveland@estemschools.org).

## New Buss Pass Stickers

- New bus pass stickers arrived Thursday. Students may pick up their new sticker for this semester from Ms. Jones in the front office if they haven't already done so.
- **Upon receiving their new sticker, students will remove the old one and replace it with the new sticker on their eHS Student ID Badge.** This is their ticket to use the Rock Region Metro bus system for FREE.

## Herff Jones - Class Rings and Cap & Gown

- Our representatives from Herff Jones will be on campus **Friday, February 8**, to deliver junior **class rings** during all lunches, 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM!! If you ordered a ring in the fall, please be sure to stop by and pick your ring up from them in the lobby. All orders must be paid in full before you may pick them up.
- **This is also the last chance for seniors to order a cap and gown in person!** If you do not order in person, you will have to order online and pay the additional shipping fee. [Click here to order online.](#)
  - All senior balances must be paid to Herff Jones by the spring delivery date, March 15, 2019.
- Please contact Rick Lancaster at [rlancasterhj@gmail.com](mailto:rlancasterhj@gmail.com) with any questions about Herff Jones ordering or payments.

## AYAA (Arkansas Young Artist Association) Convention & Competition

- The Arkansas Young Artist Association (AYAA) is a state-wide organization of high school students grade 9-12. The mission is to encourage the visual arts in Arkansas students through professional speakers, competitions and exhibition.
- If any art students would like to go to the **AYAA convention and competition on April 10, 2019**, they **MUST** pay the \$15 membership to the Spirit Store after school (cash or check) no later than **Wednesday, January 23.** [Click here for more information.](#)
- If you have any questions please contact Ms. King

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## Yearbooks \$50 and Ads Still Available

- Yearbooks are on sale for **\$50 until February 15th**. Purchasing a yearbook gets students into the Yearbook Signing Party in April, so get yours today at Jostens.com!
- We still have **limited ad space** available, so if you are interested please contact Mrs. Goicoechea at [tara.goicoechea@estemschools.org](mailto:tara.goicoechea@estemschools.org).

## Class of 2019 Road to Graduation

- **February 1**      **Baby Pictures Due**
  - If you would like your student's baby pictures (up to 2) included in the Graduation Slideshow, please email your submissions to [meghan.thompson@estemschools.org](mailto:meghan.thompson@estemschools.org) or drop any physical photos for scanning to the front office. Please make sure all physical photos are labeled with the student's name for return.
- **February 8**      **Herff Jones Make Up Order Day, 10:45AM-1:45PM**
- ~~February 15~~      ~~Senior Grammys, Loft 1023~~      **Rescheduled - Date TBA**
- **March 15**      Herff Jones Graduation Items Delivery Day **\*\*ALL PAYMENTS DUE\*\***
- **March 25**      Cord and Stole Orders Open in Spirit Store
- **April 12**      Cord and Stole Payments Due in Spirit Store
- **April 19**      Prom
- **April 26**      Yearbook Signing Party
- **April 29-May 3**      AP Review Week & Senior Finals Week (Exemption policy in effect)
- **May 3**      Last Day of School for Seniors
- **May 3**      Acceptance Letters & Scholarship Awards Information due to Counselor
- **May 4**      Senior Picnic
- **May 6-May 16**      AP Exams
- **May 20**      Academic Excellence Awards
- **May 23**      Graduation Rehearsal
- **May 23**      Graduation, UA Little Rock Jack Stephens Center, 6PM

## Student Handbook Policy Reminders

- **Cell phone use is prohibited** in the eHS building. We see it, we take it.
- **Student ID badges** must be worn around the student's neck & be visible at ALL times.
  - Due to the increase in production costs, the price for replacement student IDs has increased to \$15. This fee includes the student ID, lanyard, and holder.
- **The Dress Code is strictly enforced.** No holes in jeans, hats, headgear, blankets, or sunglasses are allowed.
  - Click here for detailed [eHS Dress Code Policy](#).
- If you are new to eHS, please click here to view our detailed [Orientation Information](#).





**Remember, the only approved drop-off & pick-up location is behind University Plaza. 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 at the Arkansas Food Bank**
  - There will be a volunteer opportunity event on **January 26th from 9-12** at the Arkansas Food Bank. There are only 20 spots available so please sign up as soon as possible on the google form in student life on itslearning. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Huskey at [kimberly.huskey@estemschools.org](mailto: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 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. **Short-term program applications must be submitted by January 31, 2019 for the following summer.** For more information visit: [rotary6150youthexchange.org](http://rotary6150youthexchange.org).
- **Arkansas Tech University-The ATU College of Business** is excited to host the Annual High School Business Challenge. The HSBC is a business model competition for Arkansas HS juniors and seniors to present their idea for a new business plan, model for an expansion of a current business, service, or new product. Each participating school will be guaranteed a team in the finale on campus April 5th. The final contestants will compete for cash prizes awarded to first, second, and third place. Graduating seniors will also be eligible for an ATU FALL-19 book scholarship sponsored by the Enactus student organization.
  - The application deadline is approaching - all applications must be submitted or postmarked by **Friday, February 1st at 5 pm**. Applications may be submitted by e-mail to [abell@atu.edu](mailto:abell@atu.edu) or mailed to Rothwell Hall 419/106 West O St./Russellville, AR 72801.



- **Students interested in medical professions:**
  - **HPREP** (Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program) is a program aimed at exposing 10th, 11th, and 12th grade high school students to healthcare professions. This event will be held **February 23rd** on the campus of **UAMS in Little Rock**. Students will be able to participate in activities like intubation simulation, a medical emergency simulation, physical examination training sessions, and an anatomy lab tour. We will also host a panel discussion with professional students from various programs, including medicine, nursing, graduate school, master of public health, and pharmacy. [Click here to apply for a chance to participate!](#)
- **The Argenta Reading Series High School Writing Contest**
  - Students who are eligible will receive \$1000 and three other finalists will receive \$500. Click [here](#) for eligibility and submission requirements. The deadline for applications is **February 28, 2018**.
- **Arkansas Commitment** is a free college preparatory program that assists high-achieving, African-American students with matriculating into some of the nation's top colleges and universities. Ready to get serious about your college planning? Arkansas Commitment is now accepting current 9th & 10th graders. Students may apply by going online [here](#). The deadline for your student to apply is **Thursday, February 28, 2019**.

## Juniors



**It is the time of year that colleges start advertising their summer programs!**

Many of these residential programs on college campuses are free to the students. As the counseling staff finds these, we will post the information here.

- **Summer Programs for Juniors**
  - **University of Southern California--Bovard Scholars Program**  
This is an intensive college application program where students concentrate on gaining admission to large, exclusive colleges. Residential program--students live in California for three weeks. [bovardscholars.usc.edu/](http://bovardscholars.usc.edu/)
  - **Franklin and Marshall College Prep Program**  
This is also an intensive college application program, but they concentrate on students normally underrepresented in college settings. Residential program--Students live in Pennsylvania for three weeks. This one requires a nomination from Ms. Laurent, so if you are interested, please see her about nominating you. [fandm.edu/campus-life/student-success/f-m-college-prep](http://fandm.edu/campus-life/student-success/f-m-college-prep)

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- **JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!** We don't see a lot of these, so please take advantage of applying! **Due January 23!**
  - **This one's for JUNIORS** who have strong leadership capabilities and an interest in public policy. It may take a little research, but this scholarship (if won) will pay for a full ride anywhere you want to go and are accepted.
  - Description: Coolidge Scholars are selected based primarily on academic excellence. Secondary criteria include: an interest in public policy, an appreciation for and understanding of the values President Coolidge championed, as well as humility and service.
  - Apply here: [coolidgescholars.org/about/](http://coolidgescholars.org/about/)

## **Class of 2019 - Seniors**

- **Senior Important Dates - Click here!**
- **Senior Students:** Please take the time to look at the recent messages about different colleges and **college scholarships that Ms. S. Thompson posted on itsLearning under Student Life.** There are many deadlines coming up soon regarding college admissions and scholarships.
- **It is very important that seniors complete the FAFSA (federal student aid) and the Youniversal Arkansas Financial Aid Application (state aid) as soon as possible.** Please make sure you complete these applications at your earliest convenience, so you can see exact figures on the cost of your college education.
  - FAFSA (federal aid) [studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa](http://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa)
  - YOUniversal Arkansas Financial Aid Application (state aid) [scholarships.adhe.edu/](http://scholarships.adhe.edu/)
- **Senior Scholarship Opportunities**
  - **National School Plant Management Association Scholarship**
    - The National School Plant Management Association (NSPMA) seeks to assist qualified students who are continuing their education by offering scholarships to those pursuing an Associates or Bachelor degree. Any graduating high school senior, college freshman, sophomore, or junior is eligible to apply for a scholarship. The total number of scholarship awards is based on the NSPMA Scholarship Trust Funds, and awards are based on the selection criteria (financial need, academic achievement, co-curricular participation, community service, and essay response). Individual scholarships may range from \$500 up to \$1,500 depending on the candidate's interest, evaluation results, and recommendation from the NSPMA Scholarship Committee. Applications are due **February 1, 2019**. Click [here](#) for the application.



- **Senior Scholarship Opportunities (cont'd)**

- **University of Arkansas School of Art**

- The School of Art at the University of Arkansas is excited to announce that the Incoming Freshmen and Transfer Student scholarship application opened on Saturday, December 1st. The deadline to submit the scholarship application is **February 15, 2019**. For the application, please view the SlideRoom link on our School of Art website, [scholarship page here](#).
- The School of Art offers both need-based and merit-based scholarships, both require an application through SlideRoom. The requirements of the application include: submission of a 5-image portfolio or writing sample, summary of each piece submitted along with information you would like considered, and a list of any college-level art courses have taken.

- **Lockheed Martin Scholarship for STEM - Deadline March 12, 2019**

[lockheedmartin.com/scholarship](http://lockheedmartin.com/scholarship)

- **Play4Jarren Celebration of Life Scholarship** (Available only to students who survived pediatric cancer) - **Deadline April 1, 2019**

[play4jarren.org/celebration-of-life](http://play4jarren.org/celebration-of-life)

- **James Humphrey Jr. Scholarship** (Open to everyone) - **Deadline April 15, 2019**  
Please pick up applications in the counselors' office.

- **Scholarship Children of Any School or Educational Co-op in Arkansas - Deadline April 5, 2019**. Please pick up applications in the counselors' office.

### **Upcoming National ACT Testing Dates**

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

**\*\*See your counselor for an ACT test prep booklet!\*\***

**[\\*\\*Click here for ACT prep resources\\*\\*](#)**

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## Community Outreach

- **Education at The Rep**
  - If your student is interested in theatre training, please check out [The Rep's Winter Classes Schedule here.](#)
- **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.

## Mets Action

- Friday, January 18th, eHS Basketball will be playing Forrest City at the **Arkansas School for the Deaf and Blind (ASD)**. The first game will begin at **6pm**.
- Please follow our **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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# January- Feb. 2019

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13	14 <b>Report Cards Sent Home</b>	15 <b>Basketball v. McClellan, 6PM, ASD</b>	16 <del>Poetry Out Loud</del> Competition, 4PM, Rm 223	17	18 <b>Basketball v. Forrest City, 6PM, ASD</b>	19 Saturday School
20 <b>National School Choice Week</b>	21 <b>MLK Holiday</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	22 <b>Basketball v. Wynne, 5PM, ASD</b>	23	24	25 <b>Basketball v. Pulaski Academy, 5PM, ASD</b>	26 <b>College Readiness Session, 9AM</b>  Saturday School
27	28	29 <b>Basketball @ Lonoke, 5PM</b>	30	31 <b>Basketball v. Stuttgart, 5PM, UALR Fieldhouse</b>	1 <b>Senior Baby Pictures Due</b>	2 <b>College Readiness Session, 9AM</b>  Saturday School
3  Carnation & Candy Gram Sales During Lunch All Week	4  <b>Ambassador Applications Open</b>	5 <b>eCA Meeting</b>  <b>Basketball v. Robinson, Philander Smith College</b>	6	7	8 <b>Herff Jones Make Up Orders &amp; Ring Delivery Day</b>  <b>Basketball Senior Night v. Mills, 6PM, ASD</b>	9  National ACT Exam  Saturday School



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!](#)

### Did you know?

**We offer the following forms online—**

[Driver's Request Form](#)

[Transcript Request Form](#)

[Shop our eHS Spirit Store on MySchoolBucks!](#)



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