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Good Evening Eagle Families,

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal at East Lake High School, to welcome everyone back for a great start to semester 2 and a few reminders.

### **Semester 2 Welcome/Day 1 Procedures**

First of all, I hope that everyone had an amazing holiday season and are well-rested and ready for a great second half of the 2022-23 school year! Tomorrow, Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, marks the first day of semester 2. Students will go directly to their 1<sup>st</sup> period class as the usual start of the school day, which is at 7:25am. As students are enrolled in some semester courses or may have had a schedule adjustment due to enrollment fluctuations, it is imperative that students sign into Focus and verify their schedules **tonight (Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>)**, prior to the start of the school day. We will also have staff members available in Student Services, Guidance, and the front office to assist at the start of the school day in case your student has a new 1<sup>st</sup> period but isn't sure where it is located. If you and/or your student has any questions or concerns regarding their schedule, please don't hesitate to reach out to your student's counselor and/or Assistant Principal.

### **Senior Scholarship Opportunities**

Senior families, are you looking to gain funds to pay for college/post-secondary endeavors? Don't forget to complete both the FAFSA (federal scholarships, grants, loans) and the FFAA (Bright Futures and other state financial aid). Additionally, please make sure to complete the application through the Pinellas Education Foundation, which closes on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The foundation awards over \$700,000 in scholarships that your student could qualify for, so fill out the single application ASAP! Pinellas County Schools also has additional scholarship opportunities available. Links to each of these can be found below – if you need more help working through the various opportunities, schedule an appointment with our College and Career Coordinator, Natasha Gallaty, at <https://bit.ly/ELCCC-Booking>.

- FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- FFAA: <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/>
- Pinellas Education Foundation: <https://pinellaseducation.org/initiatives/multiple-pathways/scholarships/>
- Pinellas County Schools Scholarship Opportunities: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/39425>

### **Student Tardies**

As we move into semester 2, it is imperative to reiterate the importance and expectation for students to be on time to all classes throughout the day, including the start of the school day. Though most do an amazing job with this, please reiterate with your student(s) that it is a vital expectation at school and in life. During this quarter, we will be rolling out a new tardy system that will increase both accountability for students and communication with parents surrounding tardies. You will receive more information from the school surrounding those changes within the next few weeks – in the meantime, please ensure that your student is aware and abides by the expectation of getting to class on time every day each period. Stay tuned for now on the new system, which will be rolled out this quarter.

### **No Student Food Orders**

As we move into semester 2, this is a quick reminder that food orders from any food delivery service/restaurant is not allowed. Students are expected to either take advantage of school lunch or bring their own each day. Please make sure to remind your student(s) of this expectation.

You can find this message on the school's website in its usual location, which includes some additional reminders for the senior class, some guidance updates, some dress code reminders, and staff kudos opportunities. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Assistant Principal or Counselor. Have an amazing rest of your weekend, stay safe, and GO EAGLES!

*Dan Schmittiel, Principal*  
East Lake High School

***Vision- 100% student success***

***Mission- The community of East Lake High School will develop productive and responsible students who are prepared for post-secondary education, the workforce and citizenship.***