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Good afternoon Eagle Families,

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This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal at East Lake High School, with some important reminders for the week. Looking outside of the academics, our students are always ready to SOAR to success as we progress throughout the school year. This week we continue with Winter Athletics – let’s show our school spirit and cheer on our different sports teams, clubs, and performing arts programs throughout the year – a list of this week’s events can be found below:

- **JV/Varsity Boys Basketball** faces Seminole HS away on Tuesday 1/16 and Wesley Chapel HS away on Friday 1/19
- **JV/Varsity Girls Basketball** faces Clearwater HS at home on Wednesday 1/17, Palm Harbor University HS at home on Thursday 1/18, and Keswick Christian HS away on Saturday 1/20
- **Varsity Boys Soccer** takes on Largo HS at home on Tuesday 1/16, St. Petersburg HS away on Wednesday 1/17, and Calvary Christian away on Friday 1/19
- **Varsity Girls Soccer** takes on Largo HS at home on Tuesday 1/16 and River Ridge HS at home on Wednesday 1/17
- **JV Boys Wrestling** heads to Hollins HS for a quad meet on Wednesday 1/17
- **Boys and Girls Wrestling** will travel to Sickles HS Saturday 1/20 to compete in the Jerry Brisco IBT

We hope to see you there to cheer on the team this week, good luck Eagles! Also, in special observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, there will be no school tomorrow, Monday, January 15.

### **Semester 1 Grades, Report Cards, and Weekly Progress Reports**

Semester 1 grades were finalized Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Quick reminder that report cards will be posted to both your Focus account and your student’s on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your student’s teacher!

Weekly progress reports will start back up this Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Throughout the quarter, if you have any questions regarding classroom grades, please reach out to your student’s teacher – they’d be happy to assist!

### **Reporting Absences**

If student is absent, please ensure you report the absence within 48 hours. Please refer to page 53 of the student code of conduct for more information.

- [2023-2024-Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf](#)

### **2024-25 AVID Program Application**

With course registration for the 2024-25 school year around the corner, both you and your student will be receiving lots of information surrounding the variety of course options available. One of those great programs is AVID! AVID is an elective course offered for each grade level that centers around targeted supports for college and career readiness. If your student is interested in all that this great program has to offer, you can apply using the Microsoft

Forms survey link below – it's available to any and all students interested! There will be opportunity this week on Wednesday in the Media Center to learn more about the program as well.

- <https://forms.office.com/r/U9mk4uZ4jS>

### Spring Sports Tryouts

As we move into semester 2, Spring Athletics are coming! Below are currently tryout schedules which we will continue to communicate as we get closer to those dates. Remember that all athletes must be cleared through athletic clearance to participate. If you have any general questions regarding Spring athletics, please reach out to Mr. Latimore, Assistant Principal over Athletics, or Coach Hudson, Athletic Coordinator:

- **Flag Football:** Tryouts are Monday 1/29 to Friday 2/2 after school. Pre-season workouts are occurring now, Monday through Thursday after school. If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Coach Khan ([khana@pcsb.org](mailto:khana@pcsb.org), room 3-132).
- **Softball:** Tryouts will take place on Monday 1/22 and Tuesday 1/23 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Coach Delk ([delkk@pcsb.org](mailto:delkk@pcsb.org)).
  - [2024 Flyer Softball Tryouts.pdf](#)
- **Baseball:** Tryouts will take place on Monday 1/22 at 2:30pm for pitchers and catchers only, along with Tuesday 1/23 at 6pm for position players only. If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Coach Roper ([roperz@pcsb.org](mailto:roperz@pcsb.org)).
- **Track:** Tryouts will take place on Monday 1/29 at 2:10pm on the track. If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Coach Taylor ([taylorbrit@pcsb.org](mailto:taylorbrit@pcsb.org)).
- **Tennis:** Tryouts will take place on Tuesday 1/23 to Thursday 1/25 at from 2:25pm to 4:25pm. If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Coach Bloz ([bloznalisj@pcsb.org](mailto:bloznalisj@pcsb.org)).
- **Girls Lacrosse:** Tryouts will take place on Monday 1/22 to Wednesday 1/24. If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Coach Shankle ([tom@tshankle.com](mailto:tom@tshankle.com)).
- **Boys Lacrosse:** TBD

### Kona Ice Fundraiser

On Tuesday 1/16 and Thursday 1/18, Kona Ice will be at East Lake High School during lunch for a schoolwide fundraiser. They will accept cash or card – see the flyer for more information!

- [EastLake HS 116 18th\[37\].pdf](#)

### Additional Announcements/Reminders

- **Science National Honor Society Tutoring:** As a reminder, SNHS hosts science tutoring in room 2-214 every Tuesday and Thursday during lunch. Stop by to get some help with your homework or student with a friend!
- **Anonymous Reporting:** As most of you are aware, Pinellas County Schools has partnered with Sandy Hook Promise which allows us to offer the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System. This allows stakeholders to submit a secure and anonymous safety concern that helps us identify and intervene in a proactive way. Please remind your student(s) that this is in place to assist with addressing a concern and also a way for someone get any help that may be needed – tips are passed along to appropriate law enforcement and school personnel. FortifyFL is also another reporting system that is available to report suspicious activity which allows Florida students and the community to relay any safety concerns. Both links can be found below.
  - [Say Something Tips — Sandy Hook Promise](#)
  - [FortifyFL \(getfortifyfl.com\)](https://getfortifyfl.com)
- **College and Career Updates:**
  - There are multiple different scholarship and community service opportunities available to your student. Students who qualify for a Bright Futures scholarship need to complete the Florida Financial Aid Application. It's an easy application that can be completed in less than 15 minutes. Additionally, for seniors, the Pinellas Education Foundation scholarship application is due January 31<sup>st</sup>. The Pinellas Education Foundation provides over 100 different college and technical school scholarships to more than 300 high school seniors throughout Pinellas County, based on criteria

established by the foundation and sponsors. Many are based on financial need. Scholarships may be either one-time awards or renewable scholarships for students who continue to meet the scholarship qualifications throughout college.

- There's also additional scholarship information that can be found on our school's website – hyperlinks for each can be found below. For more information surrounding any scholarship and community service hours, please have your student speak with Natasha Gallaty, our College and Career Coordinator.
  - Bright Futures:
    - <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>
  - Pinellas Education Foundation Scholarships:
    - <https://pinellaseducation.awardspring.com/>
  - Additional Scholarships:
    - <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/39425>
- **Tardies, Dress Code, and Cellphones:**
  - As a reminder, it is a continued expectation that students are to class each period on time. We will continue using our Student Conductor tardy kiosks for the ELHS tardy system throughout semester 2.
  - Please also remind your child to follow the Pinellas County Schools dress code, which can be found on page 56 of the Student Code of Conduct ([2023-2024-Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf](#)). Continue to remind them about our cellphone expectations at ELHS as well – they are to be off and out of sight in the classroom unless the teacher has a lesson specifically utilizing them. For each of these, along with other student expectations, we will continue to follow the ELHS Discipline Matrix throughout semester 2.

We're excited to get semester 2 started at East Lake High School! If you have any questions at all, as always, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Assistant Principal or Counselor. Always remember *Life is Better at the Lake* - Have an amazing rest of your weekend, and Go Eagles!

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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.***