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Good afternoon Eagle Families,

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, including the start of the varsity soccer district tournament – 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 Land O' Lakes HS away on Monday 1/22, Largo HS at home on Tuesday 1/23, and Clearwater HS at home on Friday 1/26
- **JV/Varsity Girls Basketball** faces St. Petersburg HS away on Monday 1/22, Palm Harbor University HS at home on Thursday 1/18, and Keswick Christian HS away on Saturday 1/20
- **Varsity Boys Soccer** takes on Wharton HS away on Thursday 1/25 in the district quarterfinals
- **Varsity Girls Soccer** takes on Gaither HS at home on Wednesday 1/24 in the district quarterfinals
- **JV Boys Wrestling** heads to Hollins HS for a quad meet on Wednesday 1/24
- **Boys and Girls Wrestling** will travel to Gibbs HS Saturday 1/27

We hope to see you there to cheer on the team this week, good luck Eagles! Also, we'll be celebrating the East Lake High School Teacher of the Year, Taycora Canfield, at the Pinellas County Schools Evening of Excellence Monday night – congratulations Ms. Canfield!

College and Career Updates

Need money for college? The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now open! Create your FSA ID a few days before filling out the FAFSA to make it easier than ever. Want help? Attend one of the FAFSA completion nights at a neighboring school. For more information, see the attached flier!

- **FAFSA Completion Nights**
 - <http://tinyurl.com/4xvf6amk>

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>

On February 27th, Pinellas County Schools will host a College & Career Fair from 6pm to 8pm at Pinellas Technical College. Over 40 local businesses and 60 colleges and universities will be in attendance, plus a Parent Master Class to learn more about Bright Futures, the college selection process, and more! See the flyer for more information and to register:

- <http://tinyurl.com/3rc94ne8>

Spring Sports Tryouts

As we move into semester 2, Spring Athletics are coming, starting as early as tomorrow! 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, 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).
 - o <http://tinyurl.com/29pa2jr8>
- **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).
- **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).
- **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).
- **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).
- **Boys Lacrosse:** TBD

Senior Updates/Reminders

Universal Grad Bash tickets are currently on sale and will sell out quick – the event will take place on Friday, April 12th from 12pm to roughly 4am the following morning. There are still limited number of tickets available and sales are during lunch and after school in room 2-205 for \$200 by cash or check. Go to the senior website for more information – to print the student information form, use the hyperlink below. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Stang at stangr@pcsb.org.

- [Grad Bash - ELHS SENIOR INFORMATION \(weebly.com\)](http://www.gradbash.com)

Graduation is fast approaching. If you have not paid your graduation fees, please use the link attached to this callout to pay your fees on GoFan by January 29th. If you are not walking or borrowing a cap and gown, you must notify our graduation coordinator, Mrs. Skinner at skinnerL@pcsb.org. If you need financial assistance or have any other questions regarding graduation, again, please contact Mrs. Skinner at skinnerL@pcsb.org.

- **GoFan:** <https://gofan.co/event/1293047?schoolId=FL5841>

Additional Announcements/Reminders

- **Mu Alpha Theta Tutoring:** As a reminder, Mu Alpha Theta offers free math tutoring every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in room 9-211 during lunch. Students may bring their lunch and eat while getting tutored in math!

- **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)
- **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>
- **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 \(pcsb.org\)](#)
- **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.

Let's continue to SOAR through semester 2 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 that Life is Better at the Lake. Have an amazing rest of your weekend 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.