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Good afternoon Eagle Families,

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal of 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 districts and regional tournaments and begin Spring 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:

- **Varsity Girls Soccer** hosts the regional quarterfinals versus Bloomingdale HS on Tuesday 2/13 at 7pm
- **Varsity Girls Lacrosse** begins their season at home versus River Ridge HS on Wednesday 2/14 at 7pm
- **Varsity Boys Lacrosse** begins their season at home versus Countryside HS on Thursday 2/15 at 7pm
- **Varsity Tennis** competes on Thursday 2/15
- **Varsity Wrestling** competes in the district competition on Friday 2/16
- **Varsity Flag Football** competes in the Pre-Season Classic on Friday 2/16
- **Band** performs for the Solo & Ensemble Showcase on Saturday 2/17
- **Winter Guard** competes at Plant City HS on Saturday 2/17

- Congrats again to the ELHS Ethics Team for winning the Tampa Bay Regional Championship and qualifying to compete in the Divisional Playoffs this past Thursday! And congrats to our 37 visual arts students that were recognized at the Scholastic Awards this past Thursday as well.

We hope to see you there to cheer on our students this week, good luck Eagles! We will also host a combined SAC and PTSA February this Tuesday starting at 6pm. We hope to see you there!

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

Parents, as a reminder, please ensure that you are using the parent careline on the north end of the building that goes past the stadium for drop-off and pick-up your student each day. The middle school lot is intended for families at the middle school with 6th grade students only. This is in place to limit the backup on Silver Eagle Dr. to eliminate competing lines exiting the school. Also, for safety purposes and to have a positive impact on local businesses, please ensure that you are not dropping off or picking up at 7-Eleven or similar businesses close by.

2024-25 Course Registration

Student course registration continues through English classrooms this week and next. If they haven't done so yet, please work with your child on completing their course registration form. Below you can find a copy of the Curriculum Guide and course registration sheet (front and back pages) to peruse all of the different options available to students at ELHS!

- *Curriculum Guide* - <http://tinyurl.com/wdmza4nz>
- *Course Registration Sheet (2 pages)* <http://tinyurl.com/y6zvckc>

Concordant Score Testing – Juniors and Seniors

Starting this week, we will have several testing opportunities for juniors and seniors that are still in need of a testing concordant score for graduation. Students requiring either their FSA/FAST ELA or Algebra 1 EOC concordance will sit for the Classic Learning Test this Thursday first thing in the morning, followed by some additional testing opportunities throughout the month.

In-School SAT – Juniors

All juniors will sit for the FREE in-school SAT on Wednesday, March 6th, 2024. Students will test using their school issued laptops utilizing the Bluebook application. This is a free testing opportunity that is available to all juniors that can be used for A) testing concordance, B) college admissions, and/or C) Bright Futures.

Prom, Senior Breakfast, and Graduation Reminders

This year, Prom will take place on Friday, March 22nd at Ruth Eckerd Hall. More information surrounding tickets will be announced as we move through the month of February.

Senior breakfast will take place on Monday, April 29th this year. The breakfast is an optional ticketed event at Ruth Eckerd Hall, which is followed by a mandatory graduation assembly later in the day at East Lake High School to discuss the graduation ceremony, including cap and gown distribution. More information to come as we progress through semester 2 for both senior breakfast and the mandatory graduation assembly for seniors on April 29th! And graduation for the class of 2024 is fast approaching! As a reminder, graduation is at Tropicana Field on May 16th at 5:45pm.

Additional Announcements/Reminders

- **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://www.getfortifyfl.com)
- **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 study with a friend!
- **Varsity Cheerleading**: There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in trying out for Varsity Cheerleading on February 13th during lunch in room 4-205B.

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.