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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 our students compete in Winter Athletics regional tournaments and continue with 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** will compete in the regional finals on Wednesday 2/21 against *Sunlake HS* away at 7pm
- **Varsity Boys Wrestling** had three athletes qualify for the regional tournament – they will compete on Friday 2/23 and Saturday 2/24
- **Track and Field** will host the annual Early Bird Invite on Thursday 2/22 after school
- **Varsity Softball** competes in the Strike Out Cancer event versus *Clearwater HS* at home on Tuesday 2/20 and then face *Seminole HS* away on Wednesday 2/21
- **Varsity Baseball** faces Largo HS away on 2/20, followed by games on Wednesday 2/21 and Thursday 2/23 away
- **Varsity Girls Lacrosse** competes against *Largo HS* away on Tuesday 2/20 and against St. Petersburg HS away on Friday 2/23
- **Varsity Boys Lacrosse** competes against *Osceola HS* away on Tuesday 2/20 and against St. Petersburg HS away on Friday 2/23
- **Varsity Tennis** competes away at *Clearwater HS* on Tuesday 2/20 and faces Hollins HS at home on Thursday 2/22
- **Varsity Flag Football** competes against *Countryside HS* away on Wednesday 2/21 and against Tarpon Springs HS away on Friday 2/23
- **West Regional Science Olympiad** competition took place last week. Our Eagles had great success in the competition, with teams taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Write it Do it, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Anatomy and Physiology, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Tower Building, and 1<sup>st</sup> place in Dynamic Planet categories – congratulations for all of their hard work!
- **National Merit Finalist** results were released this week – congratulations to both Jonah Roth and Nathan Thomas for representing East Lake High School as National Merit Finalists!

We hope to see you there to cheer on our students this week, good luck Eagles! As a reminder, tomorrow is a non-student day. We will see students on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> to start the week!

#### **Academy of Biomedical Sciences – Academy of Distinction**

This past week we had the honor to celebrate our amazing Academy of Biomedical Sciences teachers and students at the school board meeting in honor of Career and Technical Education month. Our Academy of Biomedical Sciences went through a rigorous application process to become an Academy of Distinction through the Pinellas Education Foundation!

#### **Club Gallery Walk**

On Wednesday 2/21, we will host our annual Club Gallery Walk. Is your child looking for more ways to get involved at school and extracurriculars? Are they curious what clubs we have available to them at The Lake? Have them stop by the club tables set up in the main corridor and by the flagpole on Wednesday to learn more about the plethora of extracurriculars available at the school!

#### **Strike Out Cancer Softball Game**

Join us for our home opener for softball at the annual Strike Out Cancer softball game on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The event begins around 6:30pm – come out to support the cause and the team!

## 2024-25 Course Registration

If your student was absent during their scheduled day with their English teacher to meet with their counselor for 2024-25 course requests OR if your student is not taking an English class on our campus, the make-up day will be Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be their opportunity to meet with a counselor to discuss their class options and review graduation requirements. Please remind your student to visit the Media Center on Friday during one of their elective periods or with permission from their teacher. Also, if your student's English class hasn't had course registration with their counselors yet, that will occur this upcoming week or the following, prior to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Attached you'll find copies of our Curriculum Guide and Course Registration Sheet for additional reference.

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

## Concordant Score Testing – Juniors and Seniors

We will have several testing opportunities for juniors and seniors that are still in need of a testing concordant score for graduation through the month of March. This week and next, SENIORS requiring either their FSA/FAST ELA or Algebra 1 EOC concordance will sit for the FSA ELA and Algebra 1 EOC retakes. The FSA ELA retakes will take place for SENIORS on Wednesday 2/21, Thursday 2/22, and Friday 2/23, as it is a three part and three day assessment.

## In-School SAT – Juniors

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

## 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 \(getfortifyfl.com\)](http://getfortifyfl.com)
- **Prom, Senior Breakfast, and Graduation Reminders**:
  - This year, Prom will take place on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>! And graduation for the class of 2024 is fast approaching! As a reminder, graduation is at Tropicana Field on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm.
- **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!

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.*