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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 our students compete in Winter Athletics State tournaments and continue with Spring Athletics – let’s show our school spirit and cheer on our sports teams, clubs, and performing arts programs throughout the year!

- **Varsity Girls Soccer** will compete in the state semifinals on Wednesday 2/28 against Viera HS at 10am at Spec Martin Stadium in DeLand, FL – good luck ladies!
- **Varsity Girls Wrestling** had one girl qualify for the state tournament for the first time in school history – congrats and good luck as she competes next Thursday and Friday!
- **Varsity Softball** faces Largo HS away on Tuesday 2/27, Anclote HS at home on Wednesday 2/28, and compete in a tournament next weekend
- **Varsity Baseball** faces Mitchell HS at home on Tuesday 2/27, Countryside HS at home on Thursday 2/29, and St. Petersburg HS at home on Friday 3/1
- **Varsity Girls Lacrosse** competes against Northeast HS at home on Tuesday 2/27 and against Sickles HS at home on Thursday 2/29
- **Varsity Boys Lacrosse** competes against Northeast HS at home on Tuesday 2/27 and against Land O’ Lakes HS at home on Friday 3/1
- **Varsity Tennis** competes at home against Tarpon Springs HS on Tuesday 2/27 and faces Lakewood HS away on Thursday 2/29
- **Varsity Flag Football** competes against Largo HS at home on Monday 2/26, against Palm Harbor University HS away on Wednesday 2/28, and Clearwater HS away on Friday 3/1

We hope to see you there to cheer on our students this week, good luck Eagles!

### Modified Bell Schedule – February 27 Resiliency Lesson

We will have a modified bell schedule on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> for our February Resiliency Lesson. The topic will be on Substance Abuse. All of our seniors, along with juniors enrolled in mixed grade level courses with seniors, will participate in a presentation from NOPE of Pinellas in the auditorium during the extended 4<sup>th</sup> period block. All other students will cover Substance Abuse awareness within the classroom.

Period	Time	Minutes
1	7:25-8:01am	36 min
2	8:06-8:42am	36 min
3	8:47-9:23am	36 min
4	9:28-11:00am	92 min
Lunch	11:00-11:30am	30 min

5	11:34-12:18pm	44 min
6	12:23-1:07pm	44 min
7	1:12-1:55pm	43 min

## 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. Students will need to log into the PCS testing account with their school issued laptop and verify that the application is ready to go prior to March 6, which they'll have a chance to do this week at school. It's crucial that they bring their laptops fully charged every day, but especially the day of testing (3-6-24). This is a free testing opportunity for all juniors AND can be used for A) graduation testing concordance, B) college admissions, and/or C) Bright Futures.

## Student Dropoff and Pickup

Parents, as a reminder, please use the parent car line on the north end of the campus which travels 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. and eliminate competing lines exiting the school. Also, for safety purposes and to have a positive impact on local businesses, please do not drop off / pick up at 7-Eleven or the medical arts building across the street.

## Experience PCS Event – March 2

Pinellas County Schools will host Experience PCS on Saturday, March 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Clearwater High. You and your family are invited to a day of family fun. The free event will feature music, games, art, STEM, and academic and athletic competitions. Food will also be available for purchase. Learn more at [www.pcsb.org/experience](http://www.pcsb.org/experience).

## College and Career Center Updates

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the application you complete to receive financial aid from the federal government, such as grants, work-study opportunities, and loans. Get help with your student's FAFSA at Pinellas County Schools last FAFSA event of the season. March 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am-12pm at Barbara S. Ponce Public Library. See the attached flyer for more details.
  - <http://tinyurl.com/rhjeesfu>
- On February 27<sup>th</sup>, 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/ye28k6js>
- Bright Futures - Make sure your senior has turned in their volunteer/work hours and completed the Florida Financial Aid Application. <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org>

## 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 and missed the make-up day this past Friday, have them reach out to their counselor ASAP to go through the different course options they're interested in next school year and submit their course request sheet.

## Concordant Score Testing – Juniors and Seniors

We will have several testing opportunities for juniors and seniors who are still in need of a testing concordant score for graduation through the month of March. This week and next, SENIORS requiring Algebra 1 EOC concordance will sit for the Algebra 1 EOC retakes. The retakes will take place for SENIORS on Thursday 2/29 and Friday 3/1, as it is three part and multi-day assessment.

## 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)
- **Varsity Cheerleading Tryouts**: This will be held March 19, 20, and 21 at 2:15pm in the gym. Athletic clearance paperwork must be turned in prior to trying out. Step by step directions can be found on the school website under the athletic tab. All rising juniors and seniors are welcome to tryout!
- **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.*