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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. First off, we hope that everyone had a relaxing Spring Break and are excited to begin quarter 4 of the 2023-24 school year! 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 through our Spring Athletics season. 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 Softball** faces Tarpon Springs HS away on Tuesday 3/19 and Northeast HS at home on 3/21
- **Varsity Baseball** faces Dunedin HS away on Wednesday 3/20 and Springstead HS away on Thursday 3/21
- **Varsity Flag Football** competes against Dunedin HS away on Wednesday 3/20
- **Varsity Girls Lacrosse** competes against Countryside HS at home on Tuesday 3/19 and against Sunlake HS away on Wednesday 3/20
- **Varsity Boys Lacrosse** competes against Sickles HS at home on Wednesday 3/20 and against Shipley HS away on Saturday 3/23
- **Varsity Tennis** competes at home against Seminole HS on Tuesday 3/19 and faces Boca Ciega HS away on Thursday 3/21
- **Varsity Track & Field** competes at the FSU Relays Friday 3/22 and Saturday 3/23
- **Winter Guard** championships take place on Saturday 3/23 in Daytona Beach
- **Varsity Cheerleading** tryouts for the 2024-25 school year take place Tuesday 3/19, Wednesday 3/20, and Thursday 3/21 at 2:15pm in the gym – athletic clearance paperwork must be turned in prior to tryouts. Step-by-step directions can be found on the school website under the athletic tab and all rising juniors and seniors are welcome to tryout!

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

Start of Quarter 4 and Wrapping Up Quarter 3

It's hard to believe that tomorrow, Monday, March 18th, begins the start of quarter 4! Quarter 4 is a busy one, with multiple important assessments, from Industry Certification testing, AICE testing, to FAST ELA, different End-of-Course exams, and Advanced Placement testing in April and May, our Spring Sports programs continuing in full swing, our Spring Musical Adam's Family, multiple performing arts performances, awards ceremonies, prom, senior breakfast, graduation, and much more – let's make quarter 4 our best yet this year and continue to strive to greatness each and every day!

As a reminder, quarter 3 ended March 8th. Grades will be finalized and submitted by this Friday, March 22nd. If your student still has missing work to submit that their teacher is accepting to bring up a low grade, please have them submit it ASAP. Also, remember that semester grades are determined by a combination of quarter 3, quarter 4, and semester exam grades so it's vital to hit the ground running in quarter 4.

ELHS Prom

Prom takes place this Friday, March 22nd, at Ruth Eckerd Hall from 7pm to 11pm. Tickets will be on sale again start Tuesday and will continue through the week. For more information, please reach out to our Junior Class Sponsor, Mr. Reisinger at reisingerri@pcsb.org.

Senior Class of 2024 Reminders

- Friday 3/22: Prom @ Ruth Eckerd Hall
- Wednesday 3/27: Senior SOAR Night @ East Lake High School
 - *A focus on final graduation requirement and post-secondary planning for those undecided*
- Friday 4/12: Grad Bash @ Universal Studios
- Monday 4/29: Senior Breakfast @ Ruth Eckerd Hall, Mandatory Senior Assembly, and Senior BBQ
- Thursday 5/16: Class of 2024 Graduation @ Tropicana Field at 5:45pm
- A reminder to visit <https://elhssenior.weebly.com> to keep up with all things Senior Class!

Spring Challenge (Closes March 22)

As a reminder, the Spring Break Challenges close Friday, March 22nd. If your child hasn't completed the review in these different areas, we HIGHLY recommend they work through it this week. These reviews will reinforce all of the learning from their different classes. More information can be found in the attached flyers, and we'll continue to send out reminders!

- Spring Break Challenges <https://tinyurl.com/2024SpringBreakChallenges>
- Biology Spring Challenge <https://tinyurl.com/2024SB-BiologyChallenge>
- Math Spring Challenge <https://tinyurl.com/2024SB-MathChallenge>
- US History Spring Challenge <https://tinyurl.com/2024SB-USHistoryChallenge>
- US Government Spring Challenge <https://tinyurl.com/2024SB-USGovernmentChallenge>

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://getfortifyfl.com)
- NHS Reminders:
 - We are at the halfway point for semester 2, which means hours are due before you know it! Be sure to check the LinkTree found in the NHS Instagram bio or the wall outside room 4-222 for all of the in-person and donation options! You can drop off your items to Mrs. Munson in 4-222 or Mr. Eustace in 3-222.
 - Graduating seniors, the RevTrak for cowls will be open on 3/18 and run through 3/29. They are \$25. This will be the only opportunity to order your NHS regalia for the ceremony. Seniors will also need to have a total of 20 hours for the year, 4 of which need to be in-person, by 4/26, to pick up their cowl.
- 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 at East Lake High School as we move into the 4th and final quarter of the 2023-24 school year! 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.