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Good afternoon, Eagle Families,

This is Shawn Anderson, Asst. Principal at East Lake High School. First off, I would like to offer a huge congratulations and welcome to East Lake's Newest Eagle. Mr. Schmittdiel and his wife welcomed their new son earlier this week. He decided to opt for a March birthday instead of April. Mom, Dad, newly promoted big brother and now little brother are home and doing well! This week we 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 Softball faces Clearwater Central Catholic on 3/27, and Sickles HS on 3/28.
- Varsity Baseball faces baseball at Pinellas Park HS on 3/26.
- Varsity Flag Football travels to Hollins HS on 3/27, and Gibbs HS on 3/29.
- Varsity Girls Lacrosse hosts Tampa Catholic HS on 3/25.
- Varsity Boys Lacrosse will host Alonso HS on 3/26 which is also senior night
- Varsity Tennis hosts Countryside HS on 3/26 and travels to Dunedin HS on 3/28.
- The East Lake Winterguard travels to Daytona Beach on Friday 3/29 for the FFCC Championships

ELHS Prom

We hosted a fun and successful prom at Ruth Eckerd Hall this past Friday night. A huge shoutout to Mr. Reisinger coordinator Mr. Reisinger along with Mr. Lange and Ms. Stang for their countless hours of work to ensure this year's prom was a wonderful evening. Events like this would not happen without our staff volunteers. Thank you East Lake staff for going the extra mile!

Start of Quarter 4 and Wrapping Up Quarter 3

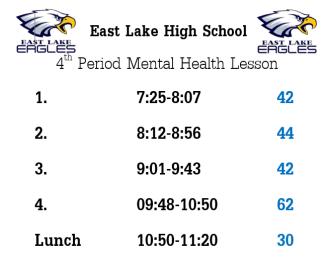
Quarter four started last week and it's more important than ever to make sure our students are successful during this term. The end of the year will be here before we know. The Advanced Placement test schedule is available on the website calendar, and other state assessments will be added as the schedule is finalized. With that in mind report cards for the third quarter will be released digitally on Thursday 3/28.

Senior Class of 2024 Reminders

- Wednesday 3/27: Senior SOAR Night @ East Lake High School 5:30pm 7:00pm Media Center
 - Focus on final graduation requirements and post-secondary planning for those undecided on their plan for the rest of the year and after graduation!
- 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 <u>https://elhssenior.weebly.com</u> to keep up with all things Senior Class!

Mental Health/Resiliency Lesson

This month's mental health/resiliency lesson will take place on Tuesday March 26. The lesson will focus on suicide prevention and take place during an extended 4th period. The bell schedule will be adjusted to accommodate this, meaning 1st, 2nd and 3rd period will shortened by several minutes. Please review with your students if they arrive at school later in the day.



Dual Enrollment Classes At SPC

- Summer Dual Enrollment Registration is open now. Please have your student see their counselor to complete the registration paperwork.
- Fall Dual Enrollment will open on April 1
- Students must have an SPC ID#, a 3.0 unweighted GPA, and qualifying test scores in order to be eligible to take a dual enrollment course

College and Career Center 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? Contact our College and Career Coordinator, Natasha Gallaty, to set up an appointment. gallatyn@pcsb.org.
 - FAFSA completion step-by-step <u>https://tinyurl.com/2st58bfs</u>
- 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.
 - Bright Futures:
 - https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home
 - Additional Scholarships:
 - https://www.pcsb.org/Page/39425

Additional Announcements/Reminders

- Anonymous Reporting: As you are aware, The 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)
- 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 NHS students, the RevTrak for cowls will be open through Friday 3/29. They are \$25. This is 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!

A reminder there is no school for students on Friday March 29th. Enjoy the three day weekend! Let's continue to SOAR at East Lake High School as we continue in the 4th and final quarter of the school year! Always remember that Life is Better at the Lake. Have an great rest of your weekend and GO EAGLES!

Shawn Anderson, Asst. 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.