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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 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 Lemont HS at home on Wednesday 4/3 and participate in the Leopard Slam Tournament on Saturday 4/6
- **Varsity Baseball** faces Calvary Christian HS away on Tuesday 4/2 and Tarpon Springs HS at home on Thursday 4/4
- **Varsity Flag Football** competes against Seminole HS at home for SENIOR NIGHT on Tuesday 4/2
- **Varsity Girls Lacrosse** competes against Mitchell HS away on Tuesday 4/2 and against Wiregrass Ranch HS away on Wednesday 4/3
- **Varsity Boys Lacrosse** competes against Cypress Creek HS away on Monday 4/1 and against Wharton HS for SENIOR NIGHT at home on Wednesday 4/3
- **Varsity Tennis** competes at home against Gibbs HS on Tuesday 4/2
- **Varsity Track & Field** competes in the IMG Academy Invitational on Saturday 4/6
- **Chorus** trip to New York to represent East Lake High School and perform at Carnegie Hall!
- **Theatre** department continues its preparation for Adams Family, our Spring Show – dates are April 18, 19, and 20 in the East Lake High School auditorium!

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

Upcoming Testing

Next week, all 9th and 10th grade students will participate in the BEST Writing Assessment. All 9th grade will test on April 9 while all 10th grade will test on April 10 first thing in the morning. They will use their school issue laptops.

Additionally, standardized testing for AICE, Advanced Placement, FAST, and End of Course exams are fast approaching. Students will wrap up new content and review for all of this upcoming testing throughout the month of April. Students have been working hard to prepare all year – please encourage your child to continue those efforts and give it their all as we work on final preparations throughout the month of April to get ready for upcoming testing!

ELHS PTSA Spirit Night

Support the East Lake High School PTSA at our Spirit Night at **Menchie's** in Palm Harbor on April 11 from 11am to 9pm. Say you are with ELHS and we'll receive 20% back – see the flyer for more information!



SPC Dual Enrollment

Starting April 1, current 10th and 11th graders can begin registering to take dual enrollment classes on the SPC campus for Fall term. Students must meet with their counselor to obtain the registration form and to discuss eligibility and class options.

Senior Class of 2024 Reminders

- Thursday 4/4: SPC Decision Day
 - o If your senior is planning to attend SPC after graduation OR is considering applying to SPC, please have them attend our SPC Decision Day event on April 4 from 9:30am to 12:30pm in the Media Center. There will be admissions representatives present to answer questions and to give the students their Welcome Packets with information regarding next steps for enrollment.
- 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!

College and Career 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.

- <https://tinyurl.com/2st58bfs>

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.

- o *Bright Futures:*
 - o <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>
- o *Additional Scholarships:*
 - o <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/39425>

The Pinellas Access to High Education (PATHe) program aims to provide equitable, flexible, and attainable pathways to higher education for all students in Pinellas County. Their new scholarship is giving students who recently graduated from high school in Pinellas County and were admitted to USF St. Petersburg a chance to obtain additional funding for college-related expenses – the deadline to apply is May 15. For more information on applying, see the below flyer.



Direct URL - <https://tinyurl.com/2p8ys9vx>

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)
- **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 through 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.