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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 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 Dunedin HS away on Tuesday 4/9 and Hernando HS away on Thursday 4/11
- **Varsity Baseball** faces Keswick Christian HS at home on Tuesday 4/9, Sunlake HS at home on Wednesday 4/10, and Seminole HS away on Thursday 4/11
- **Varsity Flag Football** competes in the District Tournament Quarterfinals against Pinellas Park HS at home on Monday 4/8
- **Varsity Girls Lacrosse** competes in the District Tournament Quarterfinals against Wiregrass Ranch HS away on Wednesday 4/10
- **Varsity Boys Lacrosse** competes in the District Tournament Quarterfinals against Sunlake HS away on Thursday 4/11
- **Varsity Tennis** competes in the Boys PCAC Championship on Tuesday 4/9 and the Girls PCAC Championship on Thursday 4/11
- **Varsity Track & Field** competes in the Steinbrenner Invitational on Saturday 4/13
- **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

This week all 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in the BEST Writing Assessment. All 9<sup>th</sup> grade will test on April 9 while all 10<sup>th</sup> grade will test on April 10 first thing in the morning. They should find their name on the testing locators as early as Monday at lunch. They will use their school issue laptops.

To ensure that all 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students are with all of their teachers at least one of the two testing days, we will be flipping the class period schedule on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, meaning that we will begin the day with 7<sup>th</sup> period and end of the day with 1<sup>st</sup> period on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> only. The bell schedule will be as follows:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Period = 7:25 – 8:12am
- 6<sup>th</sup> Period = 8:17 – 9:06am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Period = 9:11 – 9:58am
- 4<sup>th</sup> Period = 10:03 – 10:50am
- Lunch = 10:50 – 11:20am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Period = 11:24 – 12:11pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Period = 12:16 – 1:03pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Period = 1:08 – 1:55pm

At the start of the school day on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, students that are testing (9<sup>th</sup> on April 9<sup>th</sup>; 10<sup>th</sup> on April 10<sup>th</sup>) will go directly to their testing location. If your student has a Dual Enrollment course in the afternoon that will cause them to be impacted by this change on Wednesday, please reach out to your Assistant Principal.

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. Let's say you are with ELHS and we will receive a 20% refund. Check out the brochure for more information!



### **Reminders from the Senior Class of 2024**

- Friday 4/12: Grad Bash at Universal Studios
- Monday 4/22 to Thursday 4/25: First Annual Senior Showdown – see Ms. Stang for more information
- Monday, April 29: Senior Breakfast at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Mandatory Senior Assembly and Senior BBQ
- Thursday 05/16: Class of 2024 Graduation at Tropicana Field at 5:45 pm
- A reminder to visit <https://elhssenior.weebly.com> to stay up to date with all things Senior Class!

### **Spirit Night with the Rays**

On 4/13/24 Pinellas County Schools has their Spirit Night with the Tampa Bay Rays. There will be a panel discussion pre-game with members of the Tampa Bay Rays Front Office Staff to share the light on what post-graduation could look like. We wanted to have the opportunity to show your students different post-grad avenues.

The pre-game panel will begin at 1:10pm and end when doors open at 2:10pm. Students in attendance for the panel discussion will be entered to win all-inclusive club tickets to an upcoming Rays Game and Batting Practice Viewing Passes. The ticket request form is attached and the link to the pre-game panel discussion is below:

- Visit <https://tinyurl.com/3an8etat> to register!

### **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? Come to Pinellas Park High School on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Use the link below to register. You can also contact our College and Career Coordinator, Natasha Gallaty, to set up an appointment. [gallatyn@pcsb.org](mailto:gallatyn@pcsb.org).

- Event Registration: [https://bit.ly/April\\_17\\_FAFSA](https://bit.ly/April_17_FAFSA)
- FAFSA Step-by-Step Guide: <https://tinyurl.com/2st58bfs>

There is also additional scholarship information that can be found on our school website; Hyperlinks for each can be found below. For more information about scholarships and community service hours, have your student speak with Natasha. Gallatia .

○ *Bright futures:*

- <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>

o *Additional scholarships:*

o <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/39425>

Education ( PATHe ) program aims to provide equitable, flexible and attainable pathways to higher education for all students in Pinellas County. Their new scholarship provides students who recently graduated from high school in Pinellas County and were admitted to USF St. Petersburg the opportunity to earn additional funds for college-related expenses; The deadline to apply is May 15. For more information about the application, please see the flyer below.



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

#### **Additional announcements/reminders**

- **Anonymous Reporting** : As most of you know, Pinellas County Schools has partnered with Sandy Hook Promise, allowing us to offer the Say Something anonymous reporting system. This allows interested parties to safely and anonymously submit a security concern which helps us proactively identify and intervene. Remind your student(s) that this exists to help address a concern and also a way for someone to get the help they may need; Advice is passed on to appropriate authorities and school staff. FortifyFL is also another reporting system available to report suspicious activity that allows Florida students and the community to report any security concerns. Both links can be found below.
  - o [Tips for Saying Something: The Sandy Hook Promise](#)
  - o [FortifyFL \(getfortifyfl.com\)](https://www.getfortifyfl.com)
- **NHS Reminders** :
  - o We're halfway through Semester 2, which means hours are expiring before you know it. Be sure to check out the LinkTree located in the NHS Instagram bio or on the wall outside room 4-222 for all the in-person and donation options! You can leave your items with Mrs. Munson at 4-222 or Mr. Eustace at 3-222.
  - o Graduating seniors, Seniors must have a total of 20 hours for the year, 4 of which need to be in-person, by 4/26, to pick up their NHS 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!
- **National Science Honor Society Tutoring** : As a reminder, SNHS offers science tutoring in room 2-214 every Tuesday and Thursday during lunch. Stop by for help with your homework or study with a friend!

Let's continue SOARING at East Lake High School during the fourth and final quarter of the 2023-24 school year! If you have any questions, as always, please feel free to contact 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 East Lake High School community will develop productive, responsible students who are prepared for postsecondary education, the workforce, and citizenship