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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 Palm Harbor University HS away on Tuesday 4/16, Countryside HS at home on Thursday 4/18, and River Ridge HS at home on Friday 4/19
- **Varsity Baseball** faces Lakewood HS away on Tuesday 4/16, Clearwater HS at home on Wednesday 4/17, and Palm Harbor University HS at home on Friday 4/19
- **Varsity Boys Lacrosse** competes in the District Tournament Semifinals against Steinbrenner HS away on Tuesday 4/16
- **Varsity Tennis** competes in the districts this week
- **Varsity Track & Field** competes in the PCAC Championship at home on 4/18
- **East Lake Drama** presents The Addams Family, our Spring Show this week starting 4/18 in the East Lake High School auditorium!

We hope to see you there to cheer on our students this week. Good luck Eagles!

May Testing Strategy Updates – FAST ELA PM3 and EOCs

Parents, the FAST ELA assessment and Algebra 1/Geometry EOCs have shifted to adaptive question testing, so some of the testing strategies that teachers are working with students in the classroom to prepare have shifted from previous years. Attached to the email you'll find some OnePagers that outline how students are preparing for May testing, starting with the FAST ELA PM3 assessment that all 9th and 10th grade students will take on May 2nd (9th grade) and May 3rd (10th grade). We'll send out detailed reminders on these strategies in the weeks to come to families so that you can reinforce this at home and use it as a discussion around testing. If you have any questions as you talk through these strategies with your student, please reach out to their ELA and math teacher.

- Eagles SOAR on the F.A.S.T. - <https://tinyurl.com/msfu493z>
- F.A.S.T. ELA - <https://tinyurl.com/28zwr864>
- Math - <https://tinyurl.com/2er45n9r>
- Biology - <https://tinyurl.com/8dzcfzy8>
- U.S. History - <https://tinyurl.com/cdxz8p64>

Spring Show – The Addams Family

Get your tickets now for our Spring Show “Addams Family” on GoFan. Performances will be in the East Lake High School auditorium on April 18th, 19th, and 20th at 7pm. We hope to see you there to see the culmination of all of our student’s and staff’s hard work!



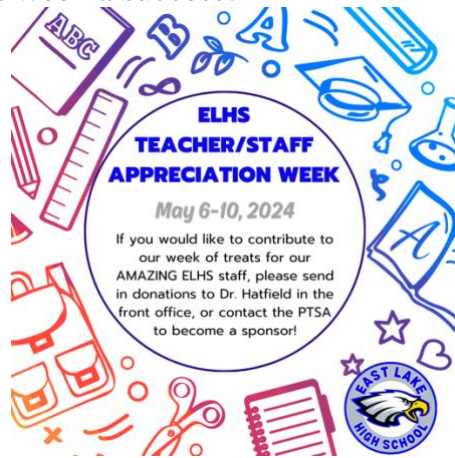
<https://tinyurl.com/ELHS-Addams-Family>

Teacher Appreciation Week

This year, we are thanking our teachers and staff for all they do by celebrating them the week of May 6-10th! Together the administration, SAC, and PTSA have a great week planned to spoil all of our East Lake High staff. We are collecting items to be given as prizes and would love to be able to give something away to as many teachers and staff members as possible, but we need your help!

Any donations to help support this cause would be amazing! If you are able to send in a donation, please bring it to the front office by April 26th, and indicate that it is for Teacher Appreciation Week. Please contact the East Lake HS PTSA or Assistant Principal Megan Hatfield with any questions or to learn more about how you can get involved for staff appreciation week.

We appreciate your help making this week a success!



<https://tinyurl.com/2024TeacherAppreciationWeek>

Senior Class of 2024 Reminders

- Monday 4/22 to Thursday 4/25: First Annual Senior Showdown – see Ms. Stang for more information
- 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? Come to Pinellas Park High School on April 17th 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.

- Event Registration: 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>
- *Additional scholarships:*
 - <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 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.
 - [Tips for Saying Something: The Sandy Hook Promise](#)
 - [FortifyFL \(getfortifyfl.com\)](https://getfortifyfl.com)
- **NHS Reminders**:
 - We're halfway through Semester 2, which means hours are expiring before you know it. Be sure to check out the Link Tree 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.

- 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