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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:

- **Walker's Rising Stars** hosted by the Pinellas Education Foundation takes place Tuesday 4/23 at the Mahaffey Theatre – ELHS will be represented by two students in the category of Theater and one student in the category of Visual Arts. Way to go Eagles!
- **Varsity Softball** faces Osceola Fundamental HS in the PCAC Championship at home on Wednesday 4/24 and Berkeley Prep HS away on Friday 4/26
- **Varsity Baseball** faces Pinellas Park HS away on Tuesday 4/23, CCCHS away on Wednesday 4/24, and face Northeast HS in the PCAC Championship at home on Thursday 4/25
- **Varsity Track & Field** competes in the District Championship at Wharton HS on Saturday 4/27
- **Incoming Freshmen Sports Night** takes place on May 2<sup>nd</sup> in the gym at 6pm
- **PCSB All Star Flag Football** will take place on Thursday 5/2 at Meadowlawn MS

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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will take on May 2<sup>nd</sup> (9<sup>th</sup> grade) and May 3<sup>rd</sup> (10<sup>th</sup> 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>

### **2024-25 Cheer Team Information Meeting and Tryouts**

We will be hosting a cheer informal for all interested junior and senior cheerleaders. There will be a meeting Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in the media center. Can't make Monday? There will a secondary meeting in the Media Center on Wednesday at 2:15pm. All information for our upcoming tryouts and what to expect for the season, as well as an introduction to the new cheer coaches will take place during the meetings. We will also be hosting tryouts starting Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:15pm to 3:30. All paperwork must be completed and submitted to the athletic clearance

link on the school's website prior to tryouts. If you have any further questions, please contact Coach Fallara at [fallarac@pcsb.org](mailto:fallarac@pcsb.org) or Coach Smith at [smithtrac@pcsb.org](mailto:smithtrac@pcsb.org).

## Senior Class of 2024 Reminders

Senior families, you received a detailed message last Tuesday regarding information on upcoming events, specifically Monday 4/29 for Senior Day and Thursday 5/16 for Graduation. Please refer to that callout and future calls for any and all specifics surrounding graduation. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Stang or Mrs. Skinner. A list of upcoming events can also be found below:

- Monday 4/22 to Thursday 4/25: First Annual Senior Showdown – see Ms. Stang for more information
- Monday 4/29: Senior Day (*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!

## Teacher Appreciation Week

This year, we are thanking our teachers and staff for all they do by celebrating them the week of May 6-10<sup>th</sup>! 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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>

## Kona Ice

Kona Ice will be on campus at lunch Tuesday 4/23 and Thursday 4/25 this week. See the flyer below for more information.



<https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/KonaIceFlyer.pdf>

## 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)
- **College and Career Updates:**
  - **Bright Future Scholarships** - If your student qualifies for a Bright Future Scholarship, please make sure they've turned in their volunteer/work hours and completed the FFAA
    - <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>
  - **Bright Futures Hours** - <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/37909>
    - The Cars & Coffee show at Innisbrook needs 10 volunteers and is looking for students! [Sign up now!](#) <https://form.jotform.com/232364418094154>. The show is Sat, April 27<sup>th</sup> and students will be there from 6:30am – 12pm (5.5 hours). For more information about the show: <https://www.innisbrookgolfresort.com/activities/cars-and-coffee/>

**FAFSA** - 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).

- FAFSA Step-by-Step Guide: <https://tinyurl.com/2st58bfs>

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>

**Summer Opportunity** - Be a Camp Assistant for the Oldsmar Youth camps! Email Leonard Newby at [lnewby@myoldsmar.com](mailto:lnewby@myoldsmar.com) for more information.



<https://tinyurl.com/4mjc8haw>

### **Additional announcements/reminders**

- **NAHS**: The National Art Honor Society will be giving away free hand-made artistic buttons at lunch on Thursday, April 25 outside Mr. Greenwood's classroom. Take a look for your opportunity to take home some amazing student artwork!
- **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