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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** competes in the District Quarterfinals on Tuesday 4/30 at home against the winner between Monday's Sunlake HS vs Sickles HS matchup
- **Varsity Baseball** competes in the District Quarterfinals on Tuesday 4/30 at home against the winner between Monday's Countryside HS vs Pinellas Park HS matchup
- **East Lake Silver Sound Jazz** performs at their concert in downtown Dunedin at Pioneer Park 420 Main Street on Saturday 5/4 from 6-7pm
- **Incoming Freshmen Sports Night** takes place on May 2nd 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 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>

Also, the testing calendar for the remainder of the school year can be found as an attachment in the email as well. If you have any questions, please reach out to their teacher for that specific course. This includes the Florida Civic Literacy Exam this Tuesday for all students enrolled in US Government, along with day 2 of AICE General Paper and AICE Marine, which students would have needed to sit for on Thursday and Friday last week.

[Spring Testing Calendar](#) - <https://tinyurl.com/yt8jbvmu>

Senior Class of 2024 Reminders

Attention 2024 graduates: on Monday, April 29th, we will have our mandatory Graduation Assembly during Senior Day. The day begins with the ticketed Senior Breakfast event that starts at 8:00am at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Students will then transition back to the theatre at ELHS for the mandatory graduation assembly starting at 10:30am. Following the assembly, students will move to the gymnasium to pick up their caps, gowns, tassels, and yard signs. During this time, students will also receive their reader cards for graduation day. The cards give the students the opportunity to clarify their information, such as correct name pronunciation for graduation day. Once students have picked up their caps and gowns, they will then have a barbeque located right here on the East Lake campus. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Stang or Mrs. Skinner.

Also, if any special accommodations are required for graduation day at the Trop, such as seating in our new Deaf and Hard of Hearing section, please reach out to Mrs. Skinner at skinnerL@pcsb.org as soon as possible

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!



PTSA Cookie Donations Link: [ELHS PTSA: Staff Appreciation \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

PTSA Donations Flyer: <https://tinyurl.com/2024TeacherAppreciationWeek>

2024-25 Cheer Team Tryouts

Tryouts begin Tuesday, April 30th through Thursday, May 2nd from 2:15pm to 3:30pm. 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 or Coach Smith at smithtrac@pcsb.org.

Yearbooks

Pre-paid Yearbooks are available for pickup now – please go to Room 3214 any day at lunch. There are a handful of books still available – they can be purchased for \$80 cash or check only, also at lunch time. See Mrs. Wall with any questions.

Additional Announcements/Reminders

- **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>
- **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 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.
 - 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 for more information.



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

Additional announcements/reminders

- **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.

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- **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 \(getfortifyfl.com\)](http://getfortifyfl.com)
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- **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 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 East Lake High School community will develop productive, responsible students who are prepared for postsecondary education, the workforce, and citizenship