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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 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 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 Regional Quarterfinals on Thursday 5/9 at home
- **Varsity Baseball** competes in the Regional Quarterfinals on Tuesday 5/7 at home

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

US History EOC, Biology EOC, and AP Testing

Parents, as a reminder students enrolled in US History and Biology will take their EOC's this week. US History students, both US History Honors and Dual Enrollment, will sit for the EOC this Monday, May 6th. All Biology Honors students will take the EOC on Friday, May 10th. For both assessments, students will sit for 160 minutes but will be allowed to continue testing if they need additional time. Attached are some posters that cover strategies on tackling the test. Please take some time this weekend to do a final review of these strategies with them before testing.

U.S. History - <https://tinyurl.com/cdxz8p64>

Biology - <https://tinyurl.com/8dzcfzy8>

We also begin Advanced Placement testing this week, along with day 2 of AICE Psychology on May 9th. Attached you'll find the testing calendar for the remainder of the school year. If you have any questions, please reach out to their teacher for that specific course. Good luck to all of our students in all of their upcoming testing, they're going to crush it!

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

Eagles Pie Pass

Families, starting last week, students had a chance to win and purchase a Pie Pass using SOAR Cash. They'll be able to continue using their SOAR cash on Monday and Tuesday and participate in a balloon toss competition at lunch to potentially earn additional Pie Passes this week. On Wednesday, May 8th, students with a Pie Pass will have the opportunity to pie myself or several other staff members at lunch. Starting Monday, we'll also be opening up a PBIS fundraiser where they can purchase a Pie Pass for \$5 at the Eagle's Nest during lunch. We'll make sure to post some comical photos after May 8th!

Class of 2024 Reminders

Graduation is fast approaching. With that, it is crucial that seniors finish strong as they close out their final few days before senior exams. Please ensure that you are checking Focus to see where your seniors stand, and if there are any specific grades that are low at this point, please reach out to their teacher if you haven't been in communication recently to work on a plan for make-up work. Let's ensure they finish strong so that we can celebrate them as they walk across the stage on May 16th at the Trop! Below are some quick reminders regarding graduation:

- **TICKETS**: You do NOT need a ticket for graduation. Graduates are allowed to invite as many guests as they would like. There is a parking fee, but again, no ticket cost or limits on guests.
- **SEATING**: The event is open seating.
- **PARKING**:
 - Fee - \$10.00 and CREDIT CARD ONLY, per CAR. ALL graduates, students, parents, and friends/community members attending must pay the \$10 fee at the parking lot entrances.
 - Gates: the open gates will be Gates 6 and 7. Overflow will be on the west side of the stadium. Please note that there are graduations happening prior to our graduation.
- **HANDICAP/HEARING ACCOMMODATIONS**: You may use the front gate, Gate 4, to drop off family members. Tropicana does not provide wheelchairs. Please ensure guest bring their own wheelchairs or ambulatory assistive devices. Also, there will be hearing accommodations section, should you require these services, please let our Graduation Coordinator, Mrs. Skinner via email.
- **RIDESHARE**: Lot 3 is for rideshare such as taxis, Uber, or Lyft.
- **FOOD**: There will be a few concessions stands open with food and drink items for sale. Card purchases only.
- **BACKPACKS, COOLERS, BAGS**: No bags exceeding 16"x8" are permitted. Personal bags smaller than this size, medical device bags and diaper bags accompanying a young child are permitted. For more information visit raysbaseball.com/security for more information. <https://www.mlb.com/rays/ballpark/information/security>
- **NO BALLOONS ALLOWED**. Visit raysbaseball.com/security for more details.
- **GATE ENTRY**:
 - Graduates are to arrive at 4:45 PM through Gate 1 ONLY – No exceptions. No early arrivals without a staff member with a school id.
 - Public gates do not open until 5:00 PM.
 - General Public must enter through Gate 1 or Gate 5.
 - Strollers that fold up well and out of the way well and are not parked in walking aisles are able to enter the stadium.
- **GRADUATION DIPLOMA COVERS AND PROGRAMS**: When students exit the graduation, they will be escorted to receive their diploma covers as well as a brand-new event program for your keeping as they exit the stadium.
- **GRADUATION DAY PICTURES**: All students attending graduation will have 3 pictures taken as they graduate (Plain background, American Flag, and with the Principal during during diploma hand off). You will receive information regarding purchasing after the event from Grad Images and Balfour.
- **LIVE LINK/GRADUATION PROGRAM**: Closer to the day of the event, we will communicate the LIVE YouTube link as well as the link to the online Graduation Program for those not attending.
- **QUESTIONS**: Please email Graduation Coordinator, Mrs. Skinner at skinnerL@pcsb.org with any questions.

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 \(getfortifyfl.com\)](http://getfortifyfl.com)

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 - 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. 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>
- 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>

Summer Opportunity - Be a Camp Assistant for the Oldsmar Youth camps! Email Leonard Newby at newby@myoldsmar.com for more information.



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

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.
- **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 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 East Lake High School community will develop productive, responsible students who are prepared for postsecondary education, the workforce, and citizenship