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Good Afternoon Eagle Families!

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal at 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 Regional Semifinals on Tuesday 5/14 at 7pm versus Wiregrass Ranch HS at home
- **Track and Field** has 7 student athletes competing in the State Finals on Saturday 5/18 in Jacksonville
- **Chorus** presents their Spring Showcase Monday 5/13 in the auditorium at 7pm
- **Band** presents their Spring Concert on Friday 5/17 in the auditorium at 7pm

We will also have a PTSA and SAC meeting on Tuesday 5/14 in the large conference room starting at 6pm to discuss closing out the year and plans for the 2024-25 school year – we hope to see you there! We also hope to see you at our different events to cheer on our students this week, good luck Eagles!

Algebra 1 EOC, Geometry EOC, FAST Make-up Testing, and AP Testing

Parents, as a reminder students enrolled in Algebra 1 and Geometry will take their EOC's this week. Students enrolled in both classes will test on Wednesday, May 15th at the start of the school day. For both assessments, students will test through the end of 4th period but will also have up to the entire school day to test if they need. As a reminder, the Algebra 1 and Geometry EOCs have changed from the previous version of the assessment. Both tests are adaptive, so questions will become more challenging with exposure to more complex questions as they get the questions correct. With that, it's crucial that students take their time on absolutely every question and do not guess. Students have been working on using different strategies to tackle this adaptive assessment all year in the classroom and we can't wait to see all of their hard work. To support the shift to adaptive testing at home, please take some time to review the attached OnePagers with your students.

- [Eagles SOAR on the FAST.png](#)
- [Math Test Day Strategies - 2024.pdf](#)

There will be FAST ELA PM3 make-up testing in the Media Center on Friday. We also continue with Advanced Placement testing this week. 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)

ELHS Semester 2 Final Exams

Starting Thursday, May 23, we will begin our Semester 2 Exam Schedule. Attached to this callout you will find the schedule of exams, which includes two exams on Thursday 5/23, followed by two exams Friday 5/24, Tuesday 5/28, and Wednesday 5/29. Wednesday the 29th there is only one final exam, along with a two hour early release to end the 2023-24 school year. Attached is a copy of the bell schedule for each day.

Additionally, exam exemption forms will go out to students that qualify on Thursday, May 16th in all 4th period classes. You'll receive a callout this week specific to the exam exemption process, along with PTL request expectations during final exam week.

- [ELHS Semester 2 Exam Schedule - week of May 22nd.pdf](#)

Class of 2024 Reminders

We are 4 short days away from the ELHS graduation ceremony for the Class of 2024! Parents, it is crucial to remind your soon to be graduates that they need to ensure that they have completed all of their final exams and have met all graduation requirements so that we can celebrate them at Tropicana Field on Thursday, May 16 at 5:45pm. Please refer to the callout you received yesterday, Saturday, May 11, with detailed reminders regarding graduation.

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 \(getfortifyfl.com\)](#)

Kona Ice: They will be on campus both Tuesday and Thursday this week for students to purchase at lunch.

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>

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