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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 SOARED to some amazing success this year in all of our different clubs, performing arts, visual arts, academies, and athletics programs. Congratulations to all involved throughout the year for their continued commitment to strive for greatness! We wrap up our different events this week with:

- **Spring Football** game against River Ridge HS away at 7pm on Monday 5/20
- **Chorus** performs in their May concert on Tuesday 5/21 in the auditorium

Closing Out Quarter 4

As we approach the end of the 2023-24 school year, it's important for students finish strong with their preparations for final exams. This includes attending every day, working to ensure that they wrap up any coursework that still needs to be submitted, and collaborate/communicate with teachers if they have a low grade with missing work. Please refer to the progress reports sent out last Wednesday, along with students' current Focus grades and reach out to their teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

ELHS Semester 2 Final Exams

Remember that the last day of the school year is Wednesday, May 29. Starting this 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 2024-25 school year. Attached is a copy of the bell schedule for each day.

As a reminder, students are expected to stay in class during the entire review and testing block, as to avoid any disruption to the testing environment for all students within the classroom. If your student does need a PTL (Permit to Leave) for the end of the first testing session (10:15am each day), please ensure that you call into the office at least one day in advance and have your student collect their pass in the office that day.

Additionally, exam exemption forms went out to students that qualified last week and are due by Wednesday, May 22. Students can submit their completed forms during lunch or after school in the Media Center on Tuesday and Wednesday. Also, please remember that if they reach their 5th absence prior to their final exams in any period, they will not be able to exempt any exams that they may have otherwise qualified for.

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

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>

USF St. Petersburg: USF St. Petersburg. Anyone who has graduated from a Pinellas County high school within the past 2 years, (current school year included), can apply! Recipients will receive \$500 per semester for up to 2 semesters, however, they can reapply for the following year.

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

USF St. Petersburg: 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