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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 move through the year. Let's show our school spirit and cheer on our different sports teams, clubs, and performing arts programs throughout the year – this week our **JV/Varsity Volleyball team takes on Dunedin HS in Volleyball on Tuesday 10/3 (home), we will host our National Honor Society Inductions on Wednesday 10/4**, our JV Football Team takes on Countryside HS Wednesday 10/4 (home), our **Varsity Swim and Dive Team compete against Palm Harbor HS on Wednesday 10/4**, our **Varsity Bowling Team takes on Clearwater HS at Maple Lanes on Thursday 10/5**, we'll host our Orchestra Fall Concert in the theatre on Thursday 10/5 which has free admission, and our **Cross Country team competes in the FLRunners Invite at Holloway Park on Saturday 10/7**. We hope to see you there to cheer on the teams this week, good luck Eagles!

Homecoming Week and Dance

Homecoming week is almost upon us! The week will consist of the Powder Puff game taking place on Tuesday, October 10th, our Homecoming football game on Friday, October 13th against Sickles HS with our Pep Rally during the school day, and our Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 14th at East Lake High School from 7pm to 10pm to close out the week. Tickets will be on sale in the Media Center during lunch starting Thursday, October 5th for seniors only. Friday, October 6th will be open to seniors and juniors, and the week of October 9th tickets will be available for all grade levels for all students that meet the grade and discipline requirements. You can find the Homecoming Forms on the school's website for more information.

Additionally, each day will have a student and staff dress up theme day in the spirit of homecoming. We encourage all students to participate but expect that all that do will remain in dress code and that everything is appropriate and is in no way offensive. Please remind your students to show their school spirit and also stay appropriate with their attire and it's message. We can't wait to see the school spirit that week!

I receive a pass to the Media Center for testing.

Upcoming PSAT and SAT

As a reminder, we have upcoming SAT (seniors) and PSAT (freshmen, sophomores, and juniors) testing in October, free of charge for students this October. This year, all seniors have been scheduled to take the October 11th SAT free of charge. More information will be sent specifically to seniors families regarding the October 11th SAT. PSAT details will be sent out to freshmen, sophomore, and junior families in the next few weeks as well as testing occurs the last week of October (9th = 10/24, 10th = 10/25, 11th = 10/26).

College and Career Center Updates

The Countryside College and Career Fair will take place on Monday, October 2nd. This will take place at Countryside HS from 6-7:30pm with over 140 Colleges and Universities and 60 employers on campus. This is free admission for all and you can find more information from the attached flyer.

- [Oct 2 2023 COLLEGE CAREER FAIR AT CHS.pdf](#)

Additionally, College Admissions Advisors are coming to East Lake High School! The school dates and times are listed in the attached flyer. Please have your junior or senior sign up for any that they are interested in!

- [College Admission Visits.pdf](#)

Free and Reduced Lunch

Parents, if you haven't done so already and your student received free lunch last year or you believe you may qualify, fill out the free/reduced lunch application at [MySchoolApps - Home Page \(www.myschoolapps.com\)](#). Not only will this impact lunch for those that qualify, it will potentially qualify your student for free SAT and ACT testing for college admissions and Bright Futures testing and more. For more information, please reach out to our College and Career Coordinator Natasha Gallaty at gallatyn@pcsb.org.

Additional Announcements/Reminders

- **Cellphones and Dress Code:**
 - Parents, please continue to remind your students about our cellphones expectations at ELHS (appropriate use during passing time and lunch is permitted). Teachers may utilize them for academic purposes within the classroom but they must be off and put away all other times. Additionally, if you need to get in touch with your student during the school day, please call the office, not their cellphone. We will get them the message or call them down to the office if needed.
 - Additionally, we expect students to follow the Pinellas County Schools dress code every day at East Lake High School. Please make sure to review this with your student – it can be found on page 56 of the Student Code of Conduct ([2023-2024-Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf](#)).

- As a reminder, these and other discipline incidences are addressed using both the Student Code of Conduct and our ELHS Discipline Matrix throughout the year.
- **GoFan Ticket Sales and Football Game Parking:** Tickets are on for this week's events – you can purchase tickets online via GoFan. Tickets to all sporting events are purchased through GoFan. Additionally, for all JV and Varsity Football games, parking costs \$5 cash, and all proceeds support our program.
- **Senior Updates:** If you haven't done so yet, please pay your grad fees via RevTrak, a cost of \$100 includes everything graduation related, including the cap/gown/tasses. Visit [ELHS Senior Class | Pinellas County Schools \(revtrak.net\)](https://www.revtrak.net).
- **Underclass Picture Day:** This will take place on October 20th. More information to come soon in 4th period!
- **FBLA:** FBLA's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 4th in room 3-119 at lunch.
- **FBLA Fundraiser:** Future Business Leaders of America is raising money to help lower the cost of local, state, and national conference. If you're interested in donating, use the link in the email: <https://raise.snap.app/donors/east-lake-high-school-fbla-2023>
- **Key Club:** Our Key Club will meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at lunch in room 3-119 – if you're interested in leadership opportunities, stop in to join the club and learn more!

We're having an amazing year at East Lake High School. If you have any questions, 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, stay safe, and GO EAGLES!

Dan Schmittiel, Principal
East Lake High School

Vision- 100% student success

Mission- The community of East Lake High School will develop productive and responsible students who are prepared for post-secondary education, the workforce and citizenship.