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Good afternoon East Lake families,

This is Dr. Smith with your weekly call-out:

The first 9 weeks are officially in the books, and what a fantastic quarter it has been! Personally, this has been one of the most memorable and rewarding experiences in my career, and I have only been here 2 months. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Principal and working with your amazing students everyday. My heart is filled with gratitude for our staff and families and I deeply appreciate your dedication and commitment to everything that makes this school such a special place.

We are clearly on the right path, and I have no doubt that we will accomplish the goals we have set. Start of quarter 2 strong. Let us know if you need support. We want our students to reach their full potential.

As always, we have a lot of information to cover. Please review my email carefully and thoroughly.

NEW INFO & UPDATES

Non-student day:

- Remember, Monday 10/13 is a non-student day.
- Students report back to school on Tuesday 10/14

PSAT/SAT

- All 9th-11th grade students will take the PSAT on Wednesday 10/15.
- All 12th grade students will take the SAT on Wednesday 10/15.
 - Testing starts at 7:25 and room assignments are located outside of Student Services, Café, and at the student entrance from parking lot.
 - Students must come with their own fully charged laptop with Bluebook installed.
 - Bring your charger.
 - There will be a makeup later this month for students who missed their test.

Theatre:

- This week the Theatre Program Presents the Classical Comedy *The Importance of Being Earnest*.
 - Location: Auditorium
 - Show times: Wednesday 10/15, Friday 10/17 and Saturday 10/18.
 - All start at 6:30pm.
 - Tickets can be purchased in advance on GoFan.

- Please come out and support all our amazing students that spent time on and offstage to create this hilarious production!

Cell Phones & Headphones in class

- I can't stress enough the importance of your students being proactive in putting away their devices in class. NO Cell phones or Headphones during class.
 - Keep devices in your bag, away from your person.
 - Disciplinary consequences will be issued to students that violate the device policy.
 - Please discuss this with your student.

Homecoming Week 10/27-11/1:

- Power Puff is on Tuesday, 10/28, from 5:30-7:30pm.
- Trunk or Treat is on Tuesday, 10/28, from 3:30-5:30
 - Location: Driver's Ed Range (back of parking lot)
 - Trick or treating, haunted house, food trucks and fun activities for the whole community.
- East Lake vs. Countryside football game will be on Thursday, 10/30, at 7pm.
- No school sponsored activities on Friday, 10/31.
- The dance will be on Saturday, 11/1, from 7-10pm.
 - Location: Innisbrook, Edinburgh Hall
 - https://www.google.com/maps/place/Edinburgh+Hall/@28.1172076,-82.7542404,359m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m6!3m5!1s0x88c28dcb9164ecbd:0x8949f013bd33fb3e!8m2!3d28.1173629!4d-82.7543182!16s%2Fg%2F11glyc7396?entry=tту&g_ep=EgoyMDI1MTAwNy4w!KXMSSoASAFQAw%3D%3D
- More information regarding dress up days & activities coming soon.

Graduating Seniors

- Attention Class of 2026-
 - Graduation fees are now live! Please visit the senior weebly page (<https://elhsssenior.weebly.com/>) to pay both your walking fee and order your cap & gown.
 - Please reach out to Mrs. Blum if you have any questions.

AROUND CAMPUS

Pictures:

- Picture Day make up is 11/4.
- Senior Eagles – last chance for senior portraits is 10/16. Photo session will be on campus.
 - \$25 sitting fee
 - Sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/eastlakeseniors26#/
- Contact Mrs. Wall at walln@pcsb.org with any additional questions.

Yearbooks:

- Order your yearbook and senior ad at www.yearbookordercenter.com

- Questions on yearbook, photos, or senior dedication ads? Contact Mrs. Wall at walln@pcsb.org.

Mu Alpha Theta (Math Tutoring):

- Math tutoring offered Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch.
- Room 9211, you may bring your lunch with you.
- Arrive no later than 10 minutes after the bell. A teacher will be at the door to building 9 upstairs

After School Tutoring:

- Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-3 in the media center.
- Mondays - English and Math tutoring.
- Wednesdays - Science and Social Studies.
 - Students will still receive assistance in any subject, regardless of the content focus.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES

Absences and Permission to Leave (PTL):

- Students that complete this form will receive disciplinary consequences.
- Parents may receive school contact to verify the form is accurate.
- Please check your student's attendance regularly.
- Focus will send daily communication if your student is absent from any period.
- Students are not allowed to leave campus for lunch, even with parent permission. Please, do not request a PTL for lunch with a return to campus.
- Click the appropriate link on the website (see below) and you will complete a brief form
 - No need to call or email.
 - <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/20925>
 - Please be patient as processing, running passes, and student transitions will take time.

School Entry/Exit & Safety:

- Gates open at 7:00 AM along with the Cafeteria
 - Buildings and classrooms open at 7:15 AM
 - 5-minute warning bell at 7:20 AM
 - 1-minute warning bell at 7:24 AM
- Doors remain locked during the day per safety policy following the 7:25 AM start bell.
 - Students are to never prop open doors or let anyone in on campus.
 - Late arrivals must enter through the front office.

Parking:

- The senior parking lot is for 12th grade students ONLY. Underclassmen can NOT park in the senior parking spaces.
- Parents, do NOT pull into the senior parking lot or park in spaces. You must use the car line to drop off.

- Parking tags must be purchased to park on campus.
- Park ONLY in the space you were assigned.
- Tag pickup is in student services. Please see Mrs. Ramos before/after school or during lunch.
- Use this link to purchase a parking tag:
 - <https://pcsb.revtrak.net/High-Schools/east-lake-high/elhs-underclassmen-parking/>

Car line (drop off and pick up):

- All drop off and pick ups need to move through the car line.
 - Please, DO NOT drop off in neighborhoods, in the student parking lot, or on the side of the road.
- Leave a little earlier to ensure you get to school on-time.
 - School will start at 7:25am and the north gates will close to all students to maintain security of our campus.
 - All late arriving students will report to the front gate at the main office and will receive a tardy pass.

DISCIPLINE & STUDENT BEHAVIORS

Tardies:

- Tardies will reset in quarter 2. Students need to print a tardy pass if they are late to class
- See disciplinary consequences below.
- Tardies follow a progressive disciplinary pattern:
 - 1st-3rd – warning, minor infraction, parent contact
 - 4th-5th – lunch detention, parent contact
 - 6th-7th – after-school detention, parent contact
 - 8th – 1 day consequence IC, parent contact
 - 9th – 2-3 days consequence IC/ABS, parent contact conference
 - 10th – Parent conference

Cell Phones and Headphones:

- Cellphones are only allowed before/after school and during lunch.
- Headphones are not allowed to be used during instructional time. They may be used at lunch.
 - Students need to be able to hear information and directives during class transitions. Please discuss this with your student to put away their headphones during passing periods.
- A teacher may approve device use but this will be rare.
 - [Strategic Communications / Power Up \(pcsb.org\)](https://www.pcsb.org/Strategic-Communications/Power-Up)

Dress Code:

- Check your student's attire before coming to school.
 - No bike/spandex shorts, tank tops, shirts that do not cover stomach.
 - PCSB Student Code of Conduct PDF:

- <https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/6122/2025-2026-PCS-Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>
- [Code of Conduct / V. Dress Code \(pcsb.org\)](#)

PARENTS AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

PTSA:

- Beautification committee.
 - Various projects around campus include landscaping and painting.
 - Seeking donations of materials, and volunteers to help with the hands-on work.
 - If you are interested in assisting the committee, please email us, we would love to have your help! Email below:
 - ptsaelhs@gmail.com
- Please visit the PTSA site for more information about joining and participating:
 - <https://www.pcsb.org/domain/2207>

Amazon Wish List:

- Amazon Wish List for our student and staff incentives.
- Items will be shipped directly to the school.
- Thank you for your generosity in helping support our staff recognition efforts and PBIS program to reward positive behavior and elevate the student and staff experience at ELHS.
 - https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/253Q4REJLNTT8?ref_=cm_sw_r_apin_ggr-subnav-share_NM5Q4XZBVQX8W4JFRKJT&language=en-US

COUNSELORS CORNER

School Counselors:

- 10th-12th grade students that are interested in College/Scholarships
Make sure to register for a weekend SAT or ACT at ELHS! This is done directly through the SAT/ACT website (click for links).
Contact your counselor if you have any questions about registering!

College and Career Center:

- Come see Ms. Gallaty in College and Career Center to get started on or get help with your college application, SSAR or scholarships.
 - Parents, email GallatyN@pcsb.org to schedule an appointment to learn more about the college application process. Office hours are from 2:00-3:00 every day.
- Student Volunteer Opportunity:
 - East Lake Library Teen Advisory Board: This group is for students in 9 to 12 grade who want to make a difference in the library by sharing ideas, planning events, and promoting reading among their peers. Please complete the application

below in its fullest to be considered for the 2025-2026 board. The last day to apply is November 7, 2025.

- In-School PSAT/SAT is October 15th.
 - [Free PSAT Prep Information](#)
 - Students also have access to [test prep resources](#) through their Clever accounts.
- Clothing and School Supplies Drive:
 - We are excited to announce that we will be opening a clothing and school supplies closet for our students in the near future! If you would like to make a donation, we are looking for:
 - Gently used or new clothing: pants, shirts, hoodies, sweaters, jackets
 - New socks
 - New underwear
 - Gently used or new shoes
 - School supplies: **Backpacks**, notebooks, composition books, pens, pencils
- College Admissions Info:
 - Students can sign up to attend [information sessions](#) with admissions reps from UF, Florida Poly, University of North Florida, USF and Florida Southern! These sessions are for students only, but parents, please encourage your students to sign up with their PSCB email!
 - [SPC Free Apply Day](#) - October 23rd from 9:30-11:30 in the Media Center. Meet with advisors from St. Pete College, submit your application and have the fee waived!
- Financial Aid
 - Want to learn more about financial aid - FAFSA, Bright Futures, Scholarships? Join us for these upcoming [information sessions and workshops!](#)
 - Financial Aid Night at East Lake - October 22nd from 5:30-7:30. Financial aid advisors from local colleges and universities will be on hand to answer questions and help students and parents with the FAFSA and students will be able to complete the FFAA for Bright Futures.
 - Gently used or new shoes
 - School supplies: **Backpacks**, notebooks, composition books, pens, pencils

Career Exploration Opportunities

Crack the Code: What it Takes to be a Chiropractor: Wednesday, Oct 8th from 6pm-7pm at East Lake Community Library

- Learn how chiropractors help people
- Break down the path from high school to licensed chiropractor
- Perfect for those interested in natural medicine

CLUBS, ATHLETICS, & PERFORMANCE

Clubs:

- Spanish Honor Society and Spanish Club: Permission Slips (TDEs) for the Dalí Museum Field Trip must be turned in with all signatures by October 17 to Sra. Damp.
 - Stop by Sra. Damp's classroom to pick yours up asap.

Band:

- Thank you to everyone that came out to support our incredible band students at the East Lake Classic this past weekend. Your energy and enthusiasm helped make the event a huge success, and our band and volunteers truly appreciate it.
- East Lake Winter Guard auditions are coming! No experience is necessary!
 - If you've ever thought about performing, spinning, or dancing with the team, this is your chance.
 - Come be a part of one of the best performing groups in the state.
 - For more information, see Mr. Black in room 6-115, or visit eastlakeband.com to learn more and get involved.

Athletics:

- GameDay Reminders:
 - No back packs or large bags
 - Small clear bags ok
 - No unsealed beverages or outside food
 - No re-entry
 - There will be no crossing over between home and away. Home fans enter/exit at the south gate as normal. All visitors will enter/exit at the north gate from the basketball courts.
 - Air horns are not permitted in the stadium. Please do not bring them, you will be asked to leave.
 - Display sportsmanship – no taunting refs or the other team, no foul language
- eSports: Congratulations to all of our Esports teams for sweeping this week's intermural games against Lakewood, Countryside, and Seminole.
 - We dominated the competition in Chess, Super Smash Bros, Splatoon, and Mario Kart.
 - Additionally, we took on Jupiter High in Rocket League and won handily.
- Volleyball is now 22-3 on the season after a successful weekend tournament going 4-1 and hard-fought mid-week wins over tough Largo, Geroje Jenkins, and Indian Rocks Christian. East Lake finished in a 3-way tie for the top spot in the PCAC north. The next match will be in the district tournament.
- Eagle Boys Golf team are your **2025 PCAC champions**. They defeated the PCAC peers Monday afternoon with several notable performances- Kyle Brock and Chase Crawford were 2nd overall in the PCAC shooting a 71.
- Eagles Girls Golf placed 4th out of 16 at the PCAC golf championships.

- Varsity Football (4-1) is coming off a bye week. They will travel to our crosstown rival for 7:00 pm start tonight at Palm Harbor. This is an important district game as the Eagles are 1-0 in the district.
- JV Football traveled to Northeast High School Wednesday, winning 13-8 -a close, well played football game. They will close out the season with a home game next Wednesday vs Osceola Fundamental at 7 pm.
- The XC team had several outstanding performances at the ASICS Invite (outside Atlanta) against many of the top runners in the southeast. Katelin Wilcox continued her impressive season with a top 15 performance. The boys were led by Theo Houk who ran the second fastest time (16:01) in school history. The next race is the Bulldog Invite this Saturday (Zephyrhills). Post season starts Oct 23rd with PCAC championship up first.
- Our Eagle Boys and Girls Bowling teams competed against Brooks DeBartolo on Thursday night. The Boys varsity won 4-3 while the Boys JV beat Hollins 5-2. Varsity will compete next Thursday in the PCAC championships @ Seminole Lanes. Bowling districts will take place on Tuesday 10/21 @ Maple Lanes. Districts will start at 9 am.
- Boys & girls Swim competed at Palm Harbor Wednesday night. They fell just short of defeating the Hurricanes. They will compete @ Clearwater next Wednesday at the Tornado Invite at 6 pm. Districts will start October 27th.
- Powder Puff Registration Closes Saturday 10/11
 - <https://pcsb.revtrak.net/High-Schools/east-lake-high/elhs-powder-puff/>
- **Tryout/Preseason start dates:**
 - Boys/Girls Wrestling Pre-Season conditioning 10/16
 - Boys Soccer tryout 10/13-10/15, 2:30-4:30, Tarpon Springs Soccer Complex – 150 N Jasmine Ave Tarpon Springs
 - Girls Soccer tryout 10/13-10/15, 3-5pm, Oldsmar Sports Complex – 3120 Tampa Rd. Oldsmar
 - Boys Basketball tryouts 10/27, 4pm, gym
 - Girls Basketball tryouts 10/28, 4:30-6:30, gym

*This week's **Athletes of the Week** are..*

- Swimming: Sophia Baker, Julia Cander, and Alera Michaud
- Cheer: Emma Huzar
- Volleyball: Asa Schrotenboer, Jojo Wheaton

PERMANENT REFERENCE

Focus:

- Check your student's grades in Focus every week.
- Grades are always accessible at any time to view on Focus.
 - Click the letter grade of the course to view details about assignments.
- Please review the link below for additional steps in assisting with Focus needs.

- <https://www.pcsb.org/newfocus>

Student Passwords:

- Students: use a secure password to access your PCSB R2.D2 account.
 - DO NOT use your student number, School name or mascot, favorite teacher's name, or anything easy to figure out as part of your password.
 - DO NOT share your password under any circumstances.
- If you feel your account has been compromised, let a teacher know as quickly as possible and change your password.
 - If you need assistance, let an administrator know.
 - Ultimately, you are responsible for all activity linked to your student account.

Anonymous Reporting:

- The Pinellas County Schools utilizes the See Something Say Something system from *Sandy Hook Promise* as a tool to help keep our campuses and students safe.
- Students and families can submit tips anonymously about concerns so the school can intervene in a proactive way.
- Tips regarding school safety, student welfare etc. can be submitted and a school official or law enforcement will investigate it immediately to get someone the help and assistance they may need.
 - To report a tip to See Something Say Something, visit <https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/say-something-tips/>
 - FortifyFL is another reporting system available to report suspicious activity and allow Florida Students and the community to report safety concerns.
 - To access Fortify Florida visit <https://www.getfortifyfl.com>

Have a great weekend everyone and remember...SOAR High Eagles



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