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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 into quarter 2 of the 2023-24 school year. Let's continue show our school spirit and cheer on our different sports teams, clubs, and performing arts programs this week – a list of events can be found below:

- **Volleyball** team enters the district tournament and takes on Alonso HS at home in the district quarterfinals on Monday 10/16
- **JV Football** team takes on Palm Harbor University HS on Wednesday 10/18 at home
- **The Fall Pop Concert** will take place in the auditorium on Wednesday 10/18 in the auditorium
- **Bowling** team competes in the PCAC Championships on Thursday 10/19 at Seminole Lanes – Districts will take place on Tuesday 10/24 at Seminole Lanes as well
- **Varsity Football** team takes on Clearwater HS on Friday 10/20 away.

We hope to see you there to cheer on the teams this week, good luck Eagles! And parents, remember that students do not have school on Monday the 16th, so we'll see them back on Tuesday, October 17th, for the start of quarter 2!

Cellphones and Dress Code

Parents, please continue to remind your students about our cellphone 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, please remember that if you need to get in touch with your student during the school day, call the office, not their cellphone. We will ensure that they receive the message or call them down to the office at that time if needed.

It was amazing seeing all of the school spirit and creative outfits during each of the themed Homecoming week dress up days! As a reminder, we expect students to be back to our usual dress code expectations on Tuesday and moving forward. Before Tuesday, 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 \(pcsb.org\)](#)). If a student is out of dress code, they will be sent to the office for a change of clothes, which could also result in a disciplinary referral. These and other discipline incidences are addressed using both the Student Code of Conduct and our ELHS Discipline Matrix throughout the year. Thank you for your assistance and support!

Modified Bell Schedule WEDNESDAY – PSAT Laptop Prep

On Wednesday, October 18th, we will have a modified bell schedule to allow for additional time in 4th period for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to prepare their laptops for the upcoming PSAT that they have the following week (modified schedule attached below). During that time, they will download and ensure that the application BLUEBOOK is functioning properly, as they will be utilizing that profile to take the PSAT digitally this year. Please remind your student that they need to bring their laptop charged and ready to go Wednesday, as they should each day.

- [East Lake High School MODIFIED SCHEDULE \(10-18-23\).pdf](#)

Additionally, PSAT details will be sent out to freshmen, sophomore, and junior families this week as Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will be testing the week of October 23rd (9th = 10/24, 10th = 10/25, 11th = 10/26).

ACT NCR (Non-College Reporting)

This week we will have our next round of concordant score testing for juniors and seniors that are still in need of a concordant score for either the FSA/FAST ELA and/or the Algebra 1 EOC for graduation. This will occur on Thursday and Friday. If your students falls into this category, you will receive an additional callout this evening and will also receive a reminder on Wednesday for when and where they will be testing.

Underclass Picture Day

All underclassman pictures are schedule for Friday, October 20th. Information is being shared in 4th period classes – for more information, please reach out to our Yearbook Sponsor Mrs. Wall at walln@pcsb.org.

Elevating Excellence Writing Workshop

Looking for assistance with essay writing for college application or scholarship essays? Join other students in the county at Dunedin High School or St. Petersburg High School Saturday, October 21st, from 8am to noon. Teachers will be present to assist. See the flyer for more information.

- [Essay Workshop.pdf](#)

Transportation Reminders

If your student rides the bus to or from school, please be sure your student arrives at their bus stop at least ten minutes prior to the scheduled pickup time in the morning. After a bus arrives and leaves, it will not return. Busses are also unable to stop further along their route to pick up a student who is late. Additionally, students are not allowed to ride a bus they are not assigned to – this could result in disciplinary action for your student. As of now, East Lake only has one route without an assigned driver, but it has been covered regularly! Take the stress out of getting your student to school and leave the driving to PCSB Transportation!

While Transportation is doing well covering our routes at East Lake, there are multiple opportunities throughout the school district for bus drivers and bus assistants. If you, a relative, neighbor or friend are interested in driving, PCSB will train and assist in earning a Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL). There are also almost 50 bus assistant jobs available throughout the county, assisting students as they enter and exit the bus.

Visit <https://www.pcsb.org/jobs> and click on *All Available Jobs* for more information or to apply!

Additional Announcements/Reminders

- **ESOL Community Fair and Tutoring Opportunity:**
 - [HS Tutoring Flyer 23 24 English.pdf](#)
 - There are upcoming virtual tutoring opportunities after school for our English Learners in both English and Algebra. No registration is necessary. For both the fair and tutoring opportunities, please see the attached fliers for more information!
- **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 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.
- **East Lake Softball Strike Out Cancer Event:**
 - Each year, Coach Delk takes lead on an amazing event called Strike Out Cancer. Not only does the event raise awareness, Coach Delk, the team, and partners raise money to support local families in need. Take a moment to check out the video from last year's event, along with this month's county newsletter. We hope that you're able to take part in this amazing event this upcoming Softball season!
 - Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sF8LoTn6iLg>
 - Newsletter: <https://www.pcsb.org/togetherpcs>

- **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:**
 - Thanks to those seniors families that have gone in and taken care of their grad fees! We've almost reached 60% paid – please take the time this weekend to log into RevTrak to pay your \$100 graduation fee, which covers everything graduation related. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your counselor, Ms. Stang (stangr@pcsb.org), or Mrs. Skinner (skinnerl@pcsb.org).
 - [ELHS Senior Class | Pinellas County Schools \(revtrak.net\)](http://revtrak.net)
- **PTSA Membership and Support:**
 - Families and staff, if you haven't yet, please take a moment to join the East Lake High School PTSA. Membership is only \$15 for individual (\$5 for staff), or you can buy a bundle for the family at a lower cost. You can also make a donation and/or buy some ELHS gear. Please visit the site below and thank you for taking the time to support of our amazing PTSA as they support the outstanding staff and students at ELHS!
 - <https://elhsptsa.memberhub.com/store?limit=21&live=true>

We're looking forward to an amazing second quarter at East Lake High School. If you have any questions at all, as always, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Assistant Principal or Counselor. Always remember, 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.