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Good afternoon East Lake families,
This is Dr. Smith with your weekly call-out:

Quarter 2 is officially underway and what a great start to the first week. Our programs and academics are producing at elite levels and I can't be prouder. Algebra, Geo, Bio, US History, all came in with high marks on their cycle 1 tests this week and PSAT/SAT was a great success (scores will drop in a few weeks).

Fall sports are nearing their end and we have some heavy hitters that could make a long run post season. Football, Volleyball, Cross County, Bowling, Swimming, and Golf will all make the next round and I am so excited to see what they can do. Performing arts (Band, Chorus, Theatre, Orchestra,) have also made a splash with their accomplishments as we wind down the semester with still more performances to come (see below).

So much is around the corner and we appreciate your involvement with all our events and activities on campus. Stay plugged in to all our announcements and communications over the next few weeks.

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

NEW INFO & UPDATES

PSAT/SAT

- There will be a makeup later this month for students who missed their test.

Theatre:

- The Theatre Program Presents the Classical Comedy *The Importance of Being Earnest*.
 - Location: Auditorium
 - Show times: 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!

Homecoming Week 10/27-11/1:

- Court application due: Monday 10/20 by 2pm
 - Court voting is Wednesday
- Homecoming registration and Guest forms are on the school website and are needed to get their ticket.
 - Guests from other schools need to get their form signed by their administrators, so they need to make sure they get it to their guest in time.
- Ticket sales: in media during lunch
 - Seniors: Thursday 10/23

- Juniors/Seniors: Friday 10/24
 - All grades levels: Monday 10/27 through Friday 10/31
- 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.
- Power Puff is on Tuesday, 10/28, from 5:30-7:30pm.
- 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=EgoyMDI1MTAwNy4wIKXMDSoASAFQAw%3D%3D
- Dress up days:
 - Monday 10/27 – Country vs. County Club
 - Tuesday 10/28 – Decades Day
 - Seniors: 80s
 - Juniors: 90s
 - Sophomores: Y2K
 - Freshmen: 2010s
 - Teachers: The Future
 - Wednesday 10/30 – Generations Day
 - Seniors: Senior Citizens
 - Juniors: Working Age Adults
 - Sophomores: Young Kids
 - Freshmen: Babies (no diapers)
 - Teachers: High Schoolers
 - Thursday: Red, White, and Blue Crue
 - Friday: Character Day

Graduating Seniors

- Attention Class of 2026-
 - Graduation fees are now live! Please visit the senior weebly page (<https://elhsenior.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.
- 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.

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:
 - [Code of Conduct / V. Dress Code \(pcsb.org\)](https://www.pcsb.org/Code-of-Conduct/V.-Dress-Code)

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:
 - ptsaehs@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

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

School Counselors:

- **COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK (October 20th – 24th):**
 - **October 20th: Money Monday!** Seniors can come down to the new College/Career Center (room 4160 – next to Student Services) to complete scholarships (*not during an academic class and/or a test*)
 - **October 21st: Trivia Tuesday!** Students can come to the Media Center during lunch to complete college/university trivia. Students that complete the trivia and/or get the most correct will be put in a drawing to receive a gift card!
 - **October 22nd: We love free money Wednesday!** Financial Aid Night at ELHS 5:30 – 7:30pm. Families and students can come to get detailed information on Bright Futures, scholarship opportunities, completing the FAFSA, etc.
 - **October 23rd: Thrifty Thursday!** SPC Apply Free Day! SPC will be in the Media Center 9:30am – 11:30am. Any Senior who applies on this day gets the application fee waived! (*See attached flyer for more information*)
 - **October 24th: Favorite University Friday!** Wear your college gear!

College and Career Center:

- **College Admissions Info:**
 - Students can sign up to attend [information sessions](#) with admissions reps from 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! **Juniors and Seniors.**
 - [SPC Free Apply Day](#) - October 23rd from 9:30-11:30 - **Seniors only** - in the Media Center. Meet with advisors from St. Pete College, submit your application and have the fee waived!
- **Financial Aid - Seniors Only**
 - 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.
 - [Pinellas Ed Foundation Senior Scholarships](#) - Each year, they award more than \$700,000 in scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$20,000 to graduating Pinellas County. Deadline to apply is January 31st.
- **Career Exploration Opportunities**

- [Pinellas Technical College Career Pathways Showcase](#) - Meet instructors, counselors and financial aid specialist. Explore career tracks, enrollment and financial aid.
- [BayCare Healthcare Apprenticeship - Seniors Only](#).
Email workforce@bgctampa.org for more information.
- [Register to take the ASVAB](#) for Career Exploration or Military entrance. Nov 13th at 8:00 am
- **Student Volunteer Opportunities:**
 - [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.
 - Keep Pinellas Beautiful - multiple events: <https://www.kpbcares.org/upcoming-events>
 - [Haunted Happenings](#) - Friday, October 24, 5-10 pm at R.E. Olds Park.

CLUBS, ATHLETICS, & PERFORMANCE

Clubs:

- The ELHS Fright Night Crew will be at Folly Farms in Safety Harbor on 10/24 and 10/25 to help raise funds for Charities and will receive Bright Futures hours.
 - All family and friends are welcome to join our scare areas for the event.
 - Please take a look at the Fright Night flyer for more details.
 - The next meeting is at Folly Farm on October 22nd at 6:00 p.m.
- Science National Honor Society is having its October General meeting on Tuesday, 10/21, during lunch in room 2214.
 - The agenda will include Science hour opportunities, November 12th Blood Drive information, and future Clean-Up Dates.
- Science Olympiad Team Placement testing has almost concluded.
 - Make sure to see Mrs. Crum or Claire Ray in room 2214 to ensure your spot in one of the 23 different events.
 - Teams BLUE and SILVER rosters will be announced soon, and the prep will begin for the Western Regional Tournament at Hillsborough Community College on Saturday, February 28th.

Band and Performance:

- Parents: Do you have younger students in middle school band, dance, or color guard?
 - If so, we invite them to come be a part of the next Friday Night lights experience as a part of our Silver Sound Band.
 - We will be welcoming students from East Lake Middle, Carwise, Safety Harbor, Tarpon Springs, and Dunedin Highland Middle to perform Friday October 24th.
 - Speak to your student's band director to find out more, or email Mr. Black at blacki@pcsb.org
- 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.
- Orchestra: On October 5th, our orchestra students had the honor of performing in the atrium of The Mahaffey Theater before The Florida Orchestra concert. Their exceptional musicianship impressed concertgoers, and our students received many compliments! What an inspiring night for our students!



Academic Team:

- We routed St Pete IB, Dunedin, and Tarpon yesterday afternoon in our second competition of the season with a whopping 330 points. It was the highest score in the county.
- It will be our turn to host an Academic Team Competition on Thursday, Dec 11th at 3:30PM in our media center.
 - We will be up against Tarpon, Seminole, and Pinellas Park.



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

Wrestling:

- Boys and girls wrestling season is officially underway.
- If you are not currently in a fall sport you must be in attendance.
- We will meet in the wrestling room on Tuesday at 2:15.
- Contact Coach G. with any questions or concerns, golombekr@pcsb.org

Updates:

- Volleyball is now 24-3. Dominating Steinbrenner in 3-0 district semi-final on Tuesday. The Eagles then traveled to Sunlake Thursday night to face off in the district championship. They battled in a 5-set thriller coming out on top as the 6A-9 Districts Champions! They will watch the FHSAA selection show this Saturday at noon (youtube live) to find out who they match up with in the Regional Quarterfinal on Wednesday Oct 22nd.
- Boys Bowling finished 3rd overall at PCAC on Thursday at Seminole Lanes.
- Eagle Boys Golf team are your 2025 PCAC champions. Both teams had the week off in preparation for post season play. Boys will compete in one last regular season event as they attend the CCC invitational Tuesday at Cove Cay Country Club. Eagles Girls Golf will attend the same invite Monday. Both will then compete in Districts October 27-28
- Varsity Football (5-1) is coming off a district win against Rival Palm Harbor beating the Hurricanes at their own place. The Eagles are now 2-0 in 6A-10 district standings. They will travel to non-district host Clearwater at 7:00 pm tonight.
- JV Football enjoyed a successful learning season as they closed out with a tough loss to Boca Ciega. Congratulations on an excellent season
- The XC team with some milder weather on hand last weekend had many great performances at the Wild Bulldog Invitational. Our girls JV team brought home the championship trophy with their overall team victory! Individual medal winners included Katelin, John H., Cooper, Julia and Addison S.! Next up, PCAC's.
- Our Eagle Boys and Girls Bowling teams competed in the PCAC championships Thursday. Eagle Varsity Boys finished in 3rd place defeating Pinellas Park in the consolation bracket 3-1. Our Eagle Varsity Girls finished the night up in 10th place and the Boys JV ended up in 5th place. One spot from the championship bracket.

- Boys & girls Swim competed at an Invite this past week. The girls took 1st place while the boys came in second. Districts will start October 27th.
- **Tryouts/Preseason start dates:**
 - 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..*

- JV Cheerleader: Charlotte Heinrich
- JV Football: Shane Nolan
- Cross Country: Theo Houk
- Boys Golf: Chase Crawford
- Varsity Cheerleader: Elena Tickner
- Bowling: Andrew Stoskus finished 2nd overall in PCAC
- Volleyball: The entire Varsity Volleyball team. District Champs!!!

SCHOOL PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES

Absences and Permission to Leave (PTL):

- Parent/guardian to complete form ONLY. 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.

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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