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Good Afternoon Eagle Families,

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal at 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:

- **Swimming and Dive** team competes in the district tournament Monday 10/23 and Tuesday 10/24
- **Golf** teams compete in the district tournament Monday 10/23 and Tuesday 10/24
- **Bowling** team took 4th place in the PCAC tournament, making it to the semifinals as the #2 seed on Thursday; the team competes in the district tournament Tuesday 10/24 at Seminole Lanes
- **Volleyball** team enters the regional tournament and takes on Winter Haven HS away in the regional quarterfinals on Wednesday 10/25
- **Varsity Football** team takes on our rivals Palm Harbor University HS away on Friday 10/27 away
- **Band** performs at the Tarpon Springs Outdoor Music Festival on Saturday 10/28

We hope to see you there to cheer on the teams this week, good luck Eagles! Parents, as a reminder, tardies did reset at the start of the quarter (October 17th) and the weekly progress reports via email will continue this Wednesday (October 25th).

Quarter 1 Report Cards

Attention parents, Q1 report cards will be posted to your parent Focus account and to your student's account on Thursday afternoon, October 26th. If you have any questions, let us know!

PSAT Reminders

As a reminder, all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be taking the PSAT on Thursday, October 26th. Testing will begin at the start of the school day, 7:25am – students will go directly to their testing site instead of 1st period that day. Testing will go through 5th period, and then students attend their 6th and 7th period classes to follow. It is critical that students bring their school-issued laptops fully charged and ready for testing. If they haven't downloaded the Bluebook application yet, please have them work with their math or English teacher on Monday to ensure it has downloaded properly. They should also bring an approved calculator if they want to use their own, but there will be a digital version available in the application. They should also bring a #2 pencil for testing, along with snacks and water for during breaks. Early College juniors, we will have laptops/desktops available for you at your testing site.

Seniors will be displaced to alternate locations in the gym or auditorium where they'll work on classwork from each of their classes 1st through 5th period. This is also a great day for a college visit for seniors if they'd like – seniors are allowed up to three per year and it's counted as an excused school function absence that does not count as an absence toward exam exemptions. More information on the process can be found via the link below, and please reach out to our College and Career Coordinator, Ms. Gallaty (gallatyn@pcsb.org) with questions:

- <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/39518>

Radium Girls

Our Theatre Department has been hard at work preparing for our upcoming fall show, Radium Girls. Check out during one of the performances, on November 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in our auditorium at 7pm. The department also has both their fall fundraiser and a Chipotle Spirit Night event this week – see both attached fliers for information on how to support the Theatre department.

- [ELHS Theatre Fall Fundraiser.jpg](#)
- [ELHS Theatre Boosters Spirit Night.jpeg](#)

Senior Updates

Thanks to those seniors families that have gone in and taken care of their grad fees! We've surpassed 60% complete – 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 \(revtrak.net\)](#)

Additional Announcements/Reminders

- **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](#)). 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!
- **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!
- **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://youtu.be/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.

- **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>

The Second Quarter is off to an amazing start at East Lake! 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, 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.