



East Lake High School

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10/24/25

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

Our faculty and students have had such a successful last few weeks. We had a huge number of Honor Roll and Dean's List recipients from quarter 1 and all of our tested content areas outperformed last year's cycle scores. Congratulations to all our Algebra, Geometry, Biology, and US History faculty and students. Families, take the time to celebrate your student's academic success this weekend and thank their teachers for a job well done.

Next week is **Homecoming Week**, and we have a great lineup of fun events planned. Details are included in my email, so be sure to check them out and join in the festivities. We love seeing school spirit during dress-up days, but please remember that all outfits must follow the dress code.

As always, there's a lot of important information to review this week, so please read the full message carefully.

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful weekend.

NEW INFO & UPDATES

Graduation 2026:

- Graduation dates have been announced by PCS.
- East Lake HS 2026 graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, May 22 at 3:30 pm and we are back at Tropicana Field.
- Further information will be provided as we move closer to the date. You can always review the district site below as information will be updated as well.
 - <https://www.pcsb.org/graduation>
- Attention Class of 2026:
 - Graduation fees are now live! Please visit the senior weebly page (<https://elhssenior.weebly.com/>) to pay both your walking fee and order your cap & gown.
 - Please reach out to Mrs. Blum if you have any questions.

Testing Calendar:

- We have created a comprehensive testing calendar and it is currently live on our website (link below).
- While the majority of dates are set, there is always the possibility of a change (e.g. weather, facility issues, etc...). Any changes will be announced to the school community and updated on the calendar.
- Please review and if you have any questions, reach out.

- <https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/ELHSTestingCalendar2526.pdf>

PSAT/SAT

- Just a reminder that PSAT (9th-11th graders) and SAT (12th graders) Make-Ups will be held on October 29th in the Media Center at 7:25am.
- Any student who was absent/late and **did not** test is eligible if they would like to sit.
- Students who tested already during this window are not eligible to sit again as this is a make-up **NOT** a re-take.

District Application Program (DAP) Fair:

- The county's annual DAP fair will be held at Pinellas Park High School tomorrow, Saturday 10/25 from 9-11am.
 - If you know any potential students/families interested in East Lake High School, please share the message. We will have a host of information and representation at the fair.

Playoffs for Fall Sports:

- All fans attending are required to purchase tickets for state playoffs series in all sports. Even if the event is held at our home court/field. Students will be required to pay for a ticket during the playoffs.

Homecoming Week 10/27-11/1:

- 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.
 - Turn forms in to student services office
- Ticket sales: in auditorium lobby during lunch
 - Seniors: Thursday 10/23
 - Juniors/Seniors: Friday 10/24
 - All grade 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.
- Powder Puff is on Tuesday, 10/28, from 5:30-7:30pm.
 - Volunteers needed for Powder Puff
 - Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844A9AB28A3FF2-59244074-copy?useFullSite=true#/>
 - ELHS Students - tickets on GoFan
 - <https://gofan.co/event/5076101?schoolId=FL5841>



EAST LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

POWDER PUFF 25-26

Tuesday, October 28

5:30 PM - Freshmen v Juniors
6:30 PM - Sophomores v Seniors
7:30 PM - Winner v Winner



SIGN UP >>

pcsb.revtrak.net

\$30

**MUST HAVE
SCHOOL
ACCIDENT
INSURANCE**

**ELHS Students
FREE Entry**

Guest Tickets on ~~ONLINE~~ \$6

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FOR SALE WHILE
SUPPLIES LAST

**INTERESTED
COACHES
SEE COACH
KHAN**







**COACH KHAN
KHANA@PCSB.ORG
ROOM 3-132**



East Lake High School Presents

TRUNK OR TREAT

Haunted Houses, trick or treating, & Fun Activities!

Join Us for a Halloween Celebration!

◆ candy & prizes included ◆

Date : **October 28th**

Time : **3:30-5:30pm**

Venue : **ELHS Driving Range**

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SPONSORED BY **ELHS NTHS & FBLA**

- 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=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI1MTAwNy4wIKXMDS0ASAFAQaw%3D%3D
 - Venue Info:
 - Klosterman gate is now open. All students and chaperones encouraged to utilize both gates when entering the property to limit the traffic! Gates at both Klosterman and Belcher.
 - Carpool if possible. Students being dropped off in Limos, please have limos pull up in front of the Edinburgh Hall as close to the stairs as possible and pull off as soon as guests get out.
- Dress up days:
 - Monday 10/27 – Country vs. Country 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

AROUND CAMPUS

Business Dept:

- A huge congratulations to our Business Management and Visual Design Students who completed their first round of Industry Certification Testing on Thursday.
 - 60+ students earned industry certifications in a variety of business topics including; Data Analytics, Premier Pro, Project Management, Photo shop, Entrepreneurship, and Adobe Illustrator.

Pictures:

- Picture Day make up is 11/4.
- Contact Mrs. Wall at walln@pcsb.org with any additional questions.

Yearbooks:

- SENIOR FAMILIES: Senior dedication ad space is filling up! Get yours now at www.yearbookordercenter.com/job1232
 - Deadline to place your ad is November 11th!
- 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.

CLUBS, ATHLETICS, & PERFORMANCE

Clubs:

- Fright Night in Safety Harbor at Folly Farms is tonight and Saturday.
 - Come out for some spooky good fun for the little ones. Or come brave the haunted trail for those willing to get jump scared!
 - East Lake Fright Night Crew have put together scary scenes to send chills down your spine.... All proceeds go to charities.

Performance:

Band:

- If you haven't had the chance to experience the pageantry of our award-winning Silver Sound Marching Band, you still have time!
 - The East Lake Silver Sound Marching Band competes this Saturday at the Tarpon Springs Outdoor Music Festival, performing at 5:20pm.

- Next Saturday November 1st, the band performs at 3:00pm at Pinellas' Marching Music Performance Assessment event held at PHUHS.
- Come cheer on your Eagles!

Theatre:

- Auditions for the senior musical, Little Shop of Horrors, will be held in the auditorium Wednesday, October 29th, and Thursday October 30th!
- To audition, you must fill out an audition form, sign up for a time slot, and come with 60-90 second song prepared in the style of the character you are interested in!
- For more info, email Dr. Power at powert@pcsb.org.

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

Updates:

- Volleyball is now 25-3. Dominating Mitchell 3-0 in a Regional Quarterfinal contest, the #2 Seed Eagles are well on their way in post season play. They will host #6 seed Largo this Saturday at 2 pm for the Regional Semi-Final game. The Regional Final will be Oct 29th @ 7pm.
- The Eagle Boys Golf team finished 2nd at the CCC invitational this week. The Eagle Girl's Golf team finished 6th out of the 14 team CCC invitational.
 - Both teams will compete in Districts next week October 27-28 at Countryside Country Club
- Varsity Football (5-2) is hosting a big District game tonight against Largo HS @ 7:30 pm. With a win the Eagles would secure a district championship. Next week's game is another home game. The game is on THURSDAY against the Countryside cougars.
- The XC team competed in the PCAC championships Thursday morning. Kaitlyn Wilcox is the girl's PCAC champions with a time of 18:13. Both teams finished in the top 5 of Pinellas County. East Lake boys finished 5th with Theo Houk earning a 6th place individual finish and Truman Houk with an 8th place finish. The girls team earned a 4th place finish overall.
- Our Eagle Boys and Girls Bowling teams ended a successful season this week with the Boys finishing 9th, just missing out on a state appearance. Both teams competed strong all season. Congratulations on a successful season!!!
- Boys & girls Swim: Districts will start next week, October 27th at Jesuit HS.
- **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..*

- Cross Country: Katelin Wilcox won the PCAC Championship, time of 18:13.
- Bowling: Addison Post
- Cheerleading: Gabby Eckardt for JV and Kamryn Padinske for Varsity.
- Volleyball: Alyson Hayes, Britain Taylor, Sydney Price
- Football: Kyle Grimm, Cater Arellano, Desmond Lee
- Swimming: Dana Hernandez, Reid Karagozian, & Zuzanna Jaworska

DISCIPLINE & STUDENT BEHAVIORS

Dress Code:

- Please address with your student and check their attire when coming to school.
 - No bike/spandex shorts, tank tops, or shirts that do not cover stomach.
 - PCSB Student Code of Conduct:
 - [Code of Conduct / V. Dress Code \(pcsb.org\)](http://pcsb.org)

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 \(pcsb.org\)](http://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:
 - 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

College and Career Center:

- **Financial Aid - Seniors Only**
 - [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.
 - [FAFSA](#) is open! Email Ms. Gallaty - gallatyn@pcsb.org - for completing it.
- **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>

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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