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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 progress throughout the 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:

- **Golf teams compete in the regional tournament Monday 10/30**
- **Swimming and Dive team** compete in the regional tournament Thursday 11/2 and Friday 11/3
- **Radium Girls** performances will take place on Thursday 11/2, Friday 11/3, and Saturday 11/4 in the auditorium
- **Varsity Football** team takes on Countryside HS at home on Friday 11/3 for the 2023-24 Senior Night
- **East Lake Silver Sound Marching Band** performs Friday night 11/3 at our ELHS Senior Night and at the Pinellas County School's assessment held at Palm Harbor University HS on Saturday 11/4 at 7:45pm – tickets are available at the gate for \$10. Come out and support your Silver Sound in their final performance of the season!

We hope to see you there to cheer on the teams this week, good luck Eagles!

Radium Girls

Our Theatre Department has been hard at work preparing for our upcoming fall show, Radium Girls. Check out this amazing performance November 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in our auditorium at 7pm!

College Application Week

This upcoming week is College Application Week. This Thursday evening, we will have our annual Financial Aid Night at 6pm in the Media Center – all senior families are welcome and encouraged to attend! Additionally, with it being College Application Week, our amazing School Counselor team has something planned with the students and staff each day, along with a College Door Decoration competition throughout the week!

- Monday: We'll have an "Ask Me About" scavenger hunt, centered around staff college information for students to participate in.
- Tuesday: Wear your College Gear Day.
- Wednesday: College trivia at lunch.
- Thursday: SPC Free Application Day – students will go to room 4-225 between 10am and 1pm, followed by Financial Aid Night at 6pm in the Media Center. To apply FREE to SPC, students will need their social security number and two forms of FL ID from a parent or guardian (i.e. Driver's license, car registration, voter ID).
 - [23HS Drive flyer-EastLake Update.pdf](#)

- Friday: Announcing winners for Door Decorations, the Scavenger Hunt, and Trivia.

PSAT Make-ups

PSAT test day was a big success! If your student missed their testing opportunity, have them head to the Media Center at the start of the day on Monday 10/30.

Winter Guard

Do you want to get your student more involved in the performing arts? Students with an interest in dance, flag, and choreography should stop by the band room to learn more about our award-winning Winter Guard. Auditions take place in the first week of November, but no experience is necessary. You can also email our band director, Mr. Black, with any questions!

Additional Announcements/Reminders

- **Girls Basketball Tryouts**: Tryouts for girls basketball will take place on Monday 10/30 at 6pm and Tuesday 10/31 at 2:30pm. You must have all of your athletic paperwork completed and turned into athletic clearance in order to tryout.
- **Boys Basketball Tryouts**: Tryouts for boys basketball will take place on Monday 10/30 and Tuesday 10/31 at 4:00pm. You must have all of your athletic paperwork completed and turned into athletic clearance in order to tryout.
- **Math Tutoring**: This takes place in Ms. Adrian's classroom Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at lunch – all students are welcome and we HIGHLY encourage attendance for students enrolled in Algebra 1 and Geometry.
- **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 <https://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.
- **Senior Grad Fees:** 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)**
- **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>

We look forward to an amazing second quarter here 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 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.