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Good afternoon, East Lake families,

This is Dr. Smith with your weekly call-out:

What an amazing homecoming week. We had so much fun with all your students. The events and dress-up days were well attended, and our students had such a great time. Trunk or treat was a huge success as so many community members came out to enjoy the festivities. We had over 50 trunks, ballon animals, games, food trucks, music, and a haunted house. This was all student produced and every representative from our school participated. Very proud of our school community.

We capped off our homecoming game with a big victory over Countryside HS. We still have the dance to go, tomorrow night, Saturday 11/1 from 7-10 at the Innisbrook Resort. Please review the details below.

Tonight is Halloween and we hope all our students have a fun and safe evening.

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 safe Halloween.

NEW INFO & UPDATES

Homecoming Dance 11/1:

- No school sponsored activities on Friday, 10/31.
- The dance will be on Saturday, 11/1, from 7-10pm.
- Students need to have their transportation in order prior to the event. Students need to be picked at 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=tu&g_ep=EgoyMDI1MTAwNy4wIKXMDSoASAFQAw%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.

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/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=110&ModuleInstanceID=66823&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=170167&PageID=213>

ESOL Tutoring:

- Tutoring on Teams for ELs starts Monday, November 3rd! This year, we will offer the following sessions:
 - English Test Prep for high school students on: Monday and Wednesday
 - 5:30 p.m. - 6:30pm.
 - Algebra Test Prep for high school students on Tuesday and Thursday
 - 5:30 p.m - 6:30 p.m.
 - English Flyer - https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/HS_TutoringFlyer2025-26English.pdf
 - Spanish Flyer - https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/HS_TutoringFlyer2025-26Spanish.pdf
- Any newcomers on Tuesday and Thursday 5:30pm-6:15pm — these sessions will provide additional practice in reading, writing, listening, and speaking, and will *not* be test-prep focused. The sessions will also be shared with middle school students.
- Please note, we will have two separate links: one for newcomers and another for English and Algebra sessions. See attached flyers
 - English Flyer - <https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/NewcomerTutoringFlyer2025-26English.pdf>
 - Spanish Flyer - <https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/NewcomerTutoringFlyer2025-26Spanish.pdf>
- Tutoring is free, and no prior registration is required.

District Application Program (DAP) Fair:

- The county's North DAP fair will be held at Countryside High School on Wednesday, 11/5 from 6-7:30pm.
 - 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.

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:

- Families of 9th, 10th and 11th graders - Picture Day retakes are on November 4th. Photographers will be available in the Media Center, Room 4208 ALL DAY. Please advise your student to check their schedule and attend when most convenient with their teachers.
- Contact Mrs. Wall at walln@pcsb.org with any additional questions.

Yearbooks:

- Don't miss out on placing your senior dedication ad! Deadline is in two weeks!
 - Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com to design your ad, **before it's too late**
 - Deadline to place your ad is November 11th!

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

Performance:

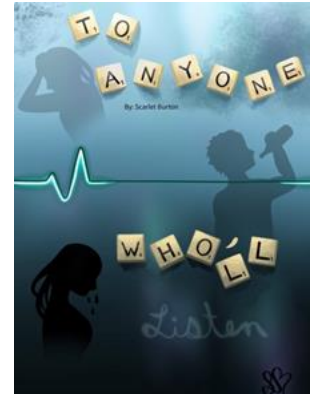
Band:

- You have one last chance to catch the competition show of our Silver Sound Marching Band. Their final performance is Saturday November 1st at 3pm at PHUHS. Come out and support your Eagles!
- East Lake's award-winning Winter Guard is holding auditions on November 17 from 4–6pm and November 18 from 5–7pm in the cafeteria. Winter Guard combines athletic movement, teamwork, and performance into one exciting, high-energy activity—perfect for students who love to stay active and perform under the lights. No prior experience is needed, just a great attitude and willingness to learn. Come see what makes this one of East Lake's most dynamic programs! For more information, see Mr. Black in the band room.

Theatre:

- ELHS Troupe 4356 is excited to invite you to our first ever Staged Reading of an original student written play on Tuesday, November 4th @ 6:30pm.

- This will be the preview of the production “To Anyone Who’ll Listen” with the opportunity for audience feedback in this rehearsal/performance blend that will have a full performance in January.
- Come join us for this intimate “sneak peek”!



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

Flag Football Preseason Informational Meeting

- Wednesday, November 19 @ 6 PM
- Room 3-132
- Email Coach Khan with questions - Khana@pcsb.org

Updates:

- Volleyball finished an incredible season Wednesday night in the regional final. They boast an impressive 26-4 record. Congratulations on an amazing season!
- The Eagle Boys and Girls golf teams competed in the district tournament this week, both teams finishing 3rd place and both teams earning bids to the Regional Tournament next week @ Heritage Harbor in Lutz. The girls compete on Monday, and the boys will compete on Tuesday.
- Varsity Football (7-2) defeated Largo HS last week to claim the District Championship! They hosted senior night last night against the Countryside cougars and completely dominated the Cougars with a 49-8 victory.
 - Playoffs start Nov 14th. The Eagles will host a playoff game against a seeded regional opponent TBD by the FHSAA next week.
- The XC team had a week off preparing for Districts next week. They will compete at North Port HS Nov 8th.
- Boys & girls Swim: Districts will compete in Districts tomorrow morning 10 am at Jesuit HS.

Our Eagle Winter Sports begin their seasons next week:

- Boys and Girls Soccer will host Countryside next Tuesday, Nov 4th @ 6/8 pm.
 - Girls are home again Thursday 11/6 hosting Cypress Creek at 7.

This week's Athletes of the Week are..

- Swimming - Michael Dawson, Maria Caballero, and Sophie Roberge
- Football - The entire Varsity Team, District Champions!

DISCIPLINE & STUDENT BEHAVIORS

Dress Code:

- Please address this 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 \(pcsb.org\)](https://www.pcsb.org/code-of-conduct/v-dress-code)

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)

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/Community:

For families affected by the government shutdown:

Pinellas County Restaurants

The following Pinellas County restaurants are providing free meals/food for children & families in need and affected by the SNAP/EBT pause beginning Nov 1*:

- Gigglegaters, Safety Harbor (ask for "GiggleBag" - free to go bagged lunch for all children present)
- Jack Willie's Bar, Grill & Tiki, Oldsmar (ask for a Jacks bag - free to go kids meal for any child present)
- The Living Room, Dunedin (free bagged lunches for kids, two meal options)
- Orange Blossom, Dunedin (Free kids meals)
- Our Place, Clearwater (Free bagged meals for kids)
- The Dunedin Smokehouse, Dunedin (ask for "Dunedin kid bag"- free to go lunch for all children present)
- Pisces, Dunedin (free kids meals from noon - 6:30pm daily)
- Parlor House Bistro, Dunedin (ask for a "Parlor Bag" - free bagged lunch with two meal options)
- Fusion Street Eatery, Dunedin (free kids meals for those in need)
- The Violet Stone, St. Petersburg (4pm - 5pm daily, order the "Shutdown Special" for a free meal to families in need)
- Orange Cycle Creamery, Tarpon Springs (free junior cup or cone)
- Pia's Trattoria, Gulfport (Wed - Sun, 5pm - 6pm pickup - ask for "Shutdown To-Go Special" and receive Pasta Pomodori, Bread, and Salad for your family)

*While we have done our best to check and provide accurate details above for each restaurant, please check each restaurant's social media/website for specifics before providing information to your families.

<https://unitedwaysuncoast.org/government-shutdown-resources/>

Turkey/Thanksgiving Dinner Assistance

- Clearwater/Upper Pinellas -Clearwater Salvation Army
 - <https://clearwater.salvationarmyflorida.org/clearwater/holiday-assistance/>
 - <http://www.saturkey.com/> (Oct 15 - Nov 15: first come, first serve - must register in advance)
- St. Petersburg/All Pinellas County - ICare St. Pete
 - <https://allevents.in/st-petersburg/thanksgiving-turkey-dinner-giveaway/200028931652930>
 - Nov 24 - Just City of St. Pete residents
 - Nov 25 - All Pinellas County
- Veterans & Active Military Only - Harvest for Heroes
 - Nov 20 from 11am - 2pm at 1401 Court Street, Clearwater
 - Meal kits free to first 400 veterans and active military in attendance
 - <https://floridavets.org/event/harvest-for-heroes/>
- Pinellas Park - Thanksgiving Giveback
 - Free Thanksgiving meal at the event
 - Nov 15, 11:30am - 1pm

- Flyer attached -
<https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/PParkThanksgiving.jpg>

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

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.

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>



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