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Good Evening Eagle Families,

All of us at East Lake are hopeful this finds you well after last week's storm came through Florida. I know many in our EL family have relatives and friends who have been greatly affected and our continued thoughts and support are with them.

End of Quarter 1

The end of the first academic quarter is next Friday October 14. Student Semester grades are computed using the grade from Quarter 1, grade from Quarter 2, and the End of Semester Exam. It's very important to finish strong for the quarter. If you need access to FOCUS to monitor your student's progress please reach out to our Data Management Technician Mrs. Fletcher at FLETCHERST@pcsb.org Don't rely on your student's R2.D2 login. You have more information available to you as a parent than your student's login provides.

Important dates for Seniors (Class of 2023)

Senior families it's hard to believe we're almost 25% through 12th grade! A number of you have reached out to us regarding graduation date and time. Unfortunately as of now the school district is still working with The Rays and Tropicana field and is unable to release dates and a schedule. It will be at Tropicana Field once again. The Rays are on the road from 5/8 – 5/18 so graduation will fall within that window. Once the dates are released I will send a message to senior families specific and let you know!

Other important dates for Seniors

- Thursday 11/10: Senior Panoramic during 4th period
- Friday 3/31: Grad Bash @ Universal Studios (seniors will be asked to leave class at 12:45pm)
- Saturday 4/22: Prom @ Ruth Eckerd Hall
- Thursday 4/27: Senior Breakfast @ Ruth Eckerd Hall AND Senior Assembly

Seniors and Senior Parents – Want Money for College?

Complete the FAFSA to apply for federal scholarships, grants or loans. Need help? Come to FAFSA completion night at East Lake on October 18th from 5:30-8pm. <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Eligible for Bright Futures? Fill out the FFAA now and get your eligibility letter!

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/>

Find free money through the Pinellas Education Foundation Scholarships - one application with access to over 100 scholarships.

<https://pinellaseducation.org/initiatives/multiple-pathways/scholarships/>

Need more help? Schedule an appointment with the College and Career Coordinator, Natasha Gallaty.

<https://bit.ly/ELCCC-Booking>

School Picture Re-take Day *Grades 9-11*

School Picture Re-takes are happening on Thursday October 20. For ordering information from Leonard's visit <https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/2022ELPictureRetake.pdf>

Graduating Seniors – Additional Portrait Opportunity

If your Graduating Senior has not had their Senior Portrait done yet, Leonard's will be on campus again on November 3. Visit <https://new.leonards.com> and click on *Seniors* to create an account and schedule a time for this opportunity. Time is running out for pictures to appear in the 2022-2023 Yearbook, so make sure to get this out of the way as soon as possible!

Student Dress Code Reminders

We are noticing an increasing number issues with student dress code. A reminder that the school board and the Superintendent have adopted a dress code for students in all district schools. We are going to making a concerted effort over the coming weeks to further apply the dress code for students. Shorts must be mid-thigh, shirts need to cover shoulders and midriffs etc. Here is a direct link to the dress code page from the student code of conduct for reference. <https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/22-23StudentDressCode.pdf> Families may be contacted to provide a change of clothes if your student does not have something else with them which meets the *Student Code of Conduct* guidelines.

Mental Health Seminar for Students

In an effort to better support our students, ELHS will be offering a mental health seminar for all interested students on Tuesday, October 11th during lunch in the school auditorium. This seminar is optional and will be led by Student Services staff from ELHS and the District Prevention Office. This seminar is focused on increasing student awareness of bullying/cyber bullying issues possibly affecting them and/or their peers. The seminar will include time for student questions and staff will be available during and after the seminar for students who need individual support. ELHS staff look forward to working with you to make this a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

Upcoming PSAT

Our East Lake Students will be taking the PSAT and SAT on October 12th Wednesday starting at 7:25 am. All 9th, 10th, and opt-in 11th graders will take the PSAT. ***A reminder that cell phones are strictly prohibited during the testing session, even during breaks.*** Cell phones must be put away until the conclusion of the test. All College Board Approved accommodations will be applied to the testing day. Testing room assignments will be posted around the school before the testing day. Please eat a healthy breakfast and be on time for the testing day.

SAT School Day – October 12 (Wednesday)

If your senior opted-in to take the October 12 SAT during the school day, please have them check their PCSB email for their room assignments and a list of items they must bring with them to their test. Testing will start immediately at 7:25 and will last until approximately 11:30. Students will be permitted to grab lunch from the cafeteria after the test before heading to their 6th Period. ***A reminder that cell phones are strictly prohibited during the testing session, even during breaks.*** No student will be permitted to leave the test early. Please encourage your student to get a good night's sleep and arrive promptly for the test, as late students will not be permitted to test.

Thank you and have a great weekend,
Shawn Anderson, Asst. Principal
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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.