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Good Afternoon Eagle Families,

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal of 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 through the year. This past week our girls Varsity Volleyball team became PCAC Champions for the 2023-24 school year as they defeated St. Pete High School – 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:

- **Volleyball** team takes on Indian Rocks Christian HS in Volleyball on Monday 10/9 (away)/Tarpon Springs HS on Tuesday 10/10 (home)
- **JV Football** team takes on Largo HS Wednesday 10/11 (away)
- **Swim and Dive** team compete in the Eagle Invite at Northshore Pool
- **Bowling** team takes on Seminole HS at Liberty Lanes on Thursday 10/12 at 3:20pm
- **Golf** teams compete in the PCAC's on Monday 10/9 and Tuesday 10/10
- **Cross Country** team competes in the PCAC's on Tuesday 10/10
- **Friday the 13th Lip Sync** on Thursday 10/12 in the auditorium which has free admission and all are welcome
- **Varsity Football** team takes on Sickles HS in our homecoming game this Friday.

We hope to see you there to cheer on the teams this week, good luck Eagles! Parents, we'll also host our monthly SAC meeting on campus on Tuesday at 6:30pm.

Homecoming Week and Dance

Homecoming week is upon us! Some of the events this week include the Powder Puff game Tuesday evening, our Homecoming football game on Friday, October 13th against Sickles HS with our Pep Rally during the school day, and our Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 14th at East Lake High School from 7pm to 10pm to close out the week. Tickets will be on sale in the Media Center during lunch each day this week for all students that meet the grade and discipline requirements. Students need to be passing all classes and not have major or multiple disciplinary referrals to qualify. You can find the Homecoming Forms on the school's website for more information. Attached to the email is a copy of the modified bell schedule for Friday, to accommodate time for the pep rally.

- [ELHS 10-13 Modified Bell Schedule.pdf](#)

Additionally, each day this week will have a student and staff dress up theme day in the spirit of homecoming. We encourage all students to participate but expect that all that do will remain in dress code and that everything is appropriate and is in absolutely no way offensive. Remind your students to show their school spirit but to also ensure that they stay appropriate with their attire and the message it sends. We can't wait to see the school spirit this week!

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>

Upcoming PSAT and SAT

PSAT details will be sent out to freshmen, sophomore, and junior families in the next few weeks as well as testing occurs the last week of October (9th = 10/24, 10th = 10/25, 11th = 10/26). Senior families, please refer to the callout you received Friday for reminders regarding the upcoming in-school SAT this Wednesday.

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>

ESOL Community Fair and Tutoring Opportunities

Attention families: there will be an ESOL Community Resource Fair on October 12th from 5:30-7:30pm. They will cover a variety of topics surrounding things like college and career opportunities, tutoring, health services, and more. Additionally, there are upcoming virtual tutoring opportunities after school for our English Learners in both English and Algebra. No registration is necessary. For both the fair and tutoring opportunities, please see the attached fliers for more information!

- [Flyer Eng-Spa ESOL Community Resource Fair Oct2023.pdf](#)
- [HS Tutoring Flyer 23 24 English.pdf](#)

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.

Additional Announcements/Reminders

- **Cellphones and Dress Code:**
 - Parents, please continue to remind your students about our cellphones 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, if you need to get in touch with your student during the school day, please call the office, not their cellphone. We will get them the message or call them down to the office if needed.
 - Additionally, we expect students to follow the Pinellas County Schools dress code every day at East Lake High School. 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](#)).
 - As a reminder, these and other discipline incidences are addressed using both the Student Code of Conduct and our ELHS Discipline Matrix throughout the year.
- **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.
- **Underclass Picture Day:** This will take place on October 20th. More information to come soon in 4th period!

- **FBLA Fundraiser:** Future Business Leaders of America is raising money to help lower the cost of local, state, and national conference. If you're interested in donating, use the link in the email: <https://raise.snap.app/donors/east-lake-high-school-fbla-2023>
- **National Technical Honor Society:** There will be a general meeting on Monday, 10/9 during lunch in Ms. Skinner room, 3-122.
- **Key Club:** Our Key Club will meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at lunch in room 3-119 – if you're interested in leadership opportunities, stop in to join the club and learn more!
- **Boys Soccer:** Those interested in trying out for the team, there is a mandatory meeting on Monday and Thursday during lunch in Coach Brook's room, 2-204. Please plan on attending.
- **Senior Updates:** If you haven't don't so yet, please pay your grad fees via RevTrak, a cost of \$100 everything graduation related, including the cap/gown/tassel ([ELHS Senior Class | Pinellas County Schools \(revtrak.net\)](#)).

We having an amazing school year 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!

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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.