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Good Afternoon Eagle Families,

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal of East Lake High School, with some important reminders and updates for the week. As always, let's look outside of the academics to support and celebrate our students in their various extracurriculars. They're always ready to SOAR to success every day both in and out of the classroom within our athletic programs, clubs, performing arts, and visual arts. Check out this week's events below:

- **Girls Varsity Soccer** faces Durant HS on Monday 11/11 at home at 7pm, Lakewood HS on Tuesday 11/12 at home at 6pm, and Mitchell HS on Wednesday 11/13 away at 6pm
- **Boys Varsity Soccer** faces Lakewood HS on Tuesday 11/12 at home at 8pm
- **Veteran's Day Concert** will take place in the ELHS auditorium on 11/11 at 7pm to celebrate and honor our veterans
- **A Midsummer Night's Dream** will be performed in the ELHS auditorium for our fall play on Thursday 11/14, Friday 11/15, and Saturday 11/16

We'll host our SAC meeting in the Media Center on Tuesday 11/12 at 6pm – we hope to see you there!

Additionally, ELHS will host our Discovery Night to showcase the Engineering Academy for district application along with all of the amazing things we have to offer at East Lake High School for prospective families on Wednesday 11/13 at 6pm.

And good luck to all of our Eagles in all of their extracurriculars! Some reminders for the week:

Dress Code and Cellphone Expectations

Our Homecoming Week was filled with some creative outfits and school spirit, paired with an exciting win over our rivals Palm Harbor University High School to end our Varsity Football season – what a great chance for everyone to come together to show how to SOAR like an Eagle at East Lake High School! Families, please take some time tonight to remind students of our schoolwide expectations, specifically surrounding dress code and cellphones as we return tomorrow.

- We will continue to focus on Powering Up Learning to assist with removing the distractions of cellphones and headphones throughout the year. To learn more, see the links below:
 - [Power Up Learning \(pcsb.org\)](http://PowerUpLearning.pcsb.org)
 - [Strategic Communications / Power Up \(pcsb.org\)](http://StrategicCommunications/PowerUp.pcsb.org)
- Please continue to review the ELHS and PCS dress code with your students. We do expect that all students are in dress code each day. For more details on the dress code, please use the link below:
 - [Code of Conduct / V. Dress Code \(pcsb.org\)](http://CodeofConduct/V.DressCode.pcsb.org)

Fall Play – A Midsummer Night’s Dream

This week our amazing Theatre Department at ELHS will perform their fall play, A Midsummer Night’s Dream. We’ll have performances on Thursday 11/14, Friday 11/15, and Saturday 11/16, at 7pm all three nights along with a 1pm show on Saturday 11/16. We hope to see you there to support the department as they showcase our student’s talents and commitment the arts, led by our phenomenal director, Dr. Power! Tickets can be purchased via GoFan (<https://gofan.co/app/school/FL5841>).

Fall Challenges

Starting next week, November 18th through December 6th, ELHS will be participating in the High School Fall Challenge. This is an extremely powerful opportunity for students to review critical information from all of our tested areas as we approach FAST ELA PM2 and Cycle 2 testing. FAST ELA PM2 will occur in December for all 9th and 10th grade students, and Cycle 2 testing will take place for all students enrolled in Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, and US History after we return from Winter Break.

These reviews will reinforce all of the learning from their different classes – classes will be working on how to access these awesome reviews with students next week. Please ensure that your student(s) takes advantage of this during break! We’ll also be celebrating individual students and classes with high levels of participation and performance in each of the different core areas. More information can be found in the attached flyer, and we’ll continue to send out reminders!



<https://tinyurl.com/y2pab9mx>

Additional Reminders

(Senior Updates, Anonymous Reporting, and College and Career Center Updates)

- Senior Updates

- Seniors, if you haven’t yet, it’s time to look ahead. We’re over ¼ of the way through the school year and graduation will be among us in the blink of an eye! Not only is it crucial to be working hard in their classes and planning for their post-secondary journey, they also need to prepare for the ceremony itself. Though we don’t have a confirmed date yet, it’s time to secure your cap and gown along with paying your senior grad fees. Below you’ll find links to A) purchase your cap and gown purchase (required \$59.81 which includes the cap, gown, and tassel) and B) pay the senior graduation walking fees (required \$50). You’ll also find a flyer with quick QR links to both. Seniors do need to purchase both. The graduation walking fees cover things like the venue rental, event

security and flowers, programs, yard signs, and other aspects that assist with making the day and ceremony special for all of our students walking across the stage. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to Ms. Stang, our Senior Class Sponsor, at stangr@pcsb.org.

- Cap and Gown: <https://hub.jostens.com/ls/7ed522a8-6ef6-433e-a669-a571dd80545b/sf-NdDkQWd6joHAF#/>
- Graduation Walking Fees: <https://pcsb.revtrak.net/hs/east-lake-high/elhs-senior-class/elhs-graduation-walking-fee/>

- **Anonymous Reporting**

- As most of you are aware, Pinellas County Schools has partnered with Sandy Hook Promise which allows us to offer the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System. This allows stakeholders to submit a secure and anonymous safety concern that helps us identify and intervene in a proactive way. Please remind your student(s) that this is in place to assist with addressing a concern and also a way for someone get any help that may be needed – tips are passed along to appropriate law enforcement and school personnel. FortifyFL is also another reporting system that is available to report suspicious activity which allows Florida students and the community to relay any safety concerns. Both links can be found below.
 - [Say Something Tips — Sandy Hook Promise](#)
 - [FortifyFL \(getfortifyfl.com\)](http://getfortifyfl.com)

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Assistant Principal or Counselor. We look forward to the amazing year ahead! Always remember that Life is Better at the Lake where we SOAR together – have an amazing rest of your weekend and GO EAGLES!

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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.