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Good Evening Eagle Families,

East Lake Designated as School of Excellence by FLDOE

Once again East Lake High School has earned the distinction of being a *School of Excellence* by the Florida Department of Education. This designation was given to 697 schools across the State of Florida. For a comparison there are nearly 3,400 public schools considered for this honor ranking East Lake in the top 20% of all schools in the State. To be eligible schools must receive a school grade of “A” or “B” in the most recent three years, and rank in the 80th percentile or higher for their school type for at least two of the last three years. Congratulations to everyone in the East Lake HS Family for their work in achieving this!

Hurricane Make-up Day

While we will not be required to make up any of the four missed school days from Hurricane Ian, Hurricane Nicole forced the closure of schools on Thursday 11/10. I hope everyone weathered the storm with as little disruption as possible. As a result of Thursday’s closure, “the district will have to schedule a make-up date to meet statutorily required instructional hours. Information on a make-up date, which will be scheduled for a day during the second semester, will be announced at a later time.” This will be communicated through the Strategic Communications Department for PCSB and certainly by us at East Lake through the website and direct communication.

10/31/22 Update – Mea Culpa

I wanted to take a quick moment to apologize for forgetting our Eagle Volleyball team in the last update recapping fall sports successes this year! These young women had an incredible season making it to FHSAA Regional play. Way to go Eagles!

Grading Period Updates

As of the writing of this, only 35 class periods remain until a full week off for Thanksgiving. Once we return there are only a couple of weeks before semester exams begin in December and we reach the end of Semester 1. The schedule for exams may be viewed by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/ELHS22-23Exams>. There are also makeup State Exams which will occur and that schedule will be posted to the website once finalized. Make sure to monitor your student’s academic progress through FOCUS. If you do not have your own FOCUS account reach out to Mrs. Fletcher at FLETCHERST@pcsb.org and she will create your account, or re-activate if you have one but do not remember how to access!

I have posted quick access to PCSB Calendars under “News” on the school website. This includes calendars for the 2022-2023 School year as well as 2023-2024. If you’re like me and plan travel and the like out far in advance use these calendars as a guide. I have already consulted the calendar for spring break 2024 which is listed so feel free to scroll down and view!

Important dates for Seniors (Class of 2023)

- *We are still awaiting dates for PCS graduations from the district. It will be sent immediately to senior families once published by the school district*
- 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

Last Chance Photographs for all 9-12th Grade students

There is one last chance for photos to be taken to appear in the yearbook for the 2022-2023 school year. Leonard's has opened up a final time in their studio for Seniors to sit for a photo to appear in the yearbook. There will be no additional opportunity so be sure to sign up as soon as possible!

SENIORS:

Last Chance Senior Retakes at the Tampa Studio

Date: December 3rd

Time: 10am-2pm

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0548aaab2fa1fe3-tampa2>

9-11 GRADERS:

****These are for underclassmen retakes only. Not Seniors****

Underclass Picture Retakes at the Tampa Studio

Date: November 14th & December 1st

Time: 4-7PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/leonardstampa>

Senior Parents: Is your student on Naviance?

College application due dates are starting to approach. Check with Mrs Gallaty (GallatyN@pcsb.org) in our College and Career Center for info on apps, essays, career interest surveys, scholarships, SAT/ACT Prep and more! Visit the new College Career Center web page <https://www.pcsb.org/domain/12746> Also in Naviance there is a College/Career eDocs Orientation and Game Plan Survey to complete. After logging into Naviance, click on Planner>Tasks You Need to Work On>eDocs Orientation. Naviance can be accessed directly through Clever.

Great American Teach-In

Thank you to all who volunteered for The Great American Teach-In. It will be held this week on Wednesday November 16, 2022. This one-day event is an opportunity for parents, business leaders, and members of the community to be invited into our school for an hour, a few class periods, or an entire school day to share information with students about careers, professions, and hobbies. The goal is to encourage students to explore their own hopes and dreams and to get excited about possible future career paths. Thank you to Mrs. Krutchik for her work organizing this wonderful annual event!

Student Cafeteria Accounts

Thank you to all families who have taken care of cafeteria account balances. We still have a number of accounts with a \$20 or more balance. Healthy student lunches are available for \$2.75 each day in the cafeteria. Money may be added to your student's account by visiting <https://www.myschoolbucks.com>. If you haven't applied for free/reduced lunch that application can be completed by visiting <https://www.myschoolapps.com> Let's get this taken care of! A reminder even though lunch is no longer free for all students a healthy breakfast still is. Encourage your students to grab a healthy breakfast on their way to first period!

Student Dress Code Reminders

The Pinellas County School Board and the Superintendent have adopted a dress code for students in all district schools and all schools are making a concerted effort to adhere. Shorts must be mid-thigh, and shirts need to cover shoulders and midriffs etc. Undergarments also must not be visible. Here is a direct link to the dress code page from the student code of conduct for reference. <https://tinyurl.com/2022-2023PCSB DressCode> 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.

PCSB is Hiring!

The Pinellas County School District has a number of support staff openings for varied positions with critical high needs for Plant Operations (Custodial) and bus drivers. There are currently 31 schools looking for plant operators including East Lake as well as a number of bus driver openings throughout the school district's transportation compounds. Numerous other positions are available, many full-time with benefits and include membership in the Florida Retirement System. Visit <https://www.pcsb.org/domain/220> to see all available positions and start the application process. Feel free to share with anyone you may know who may be interested!

If you or someone in your family is interested in becoming a teacher in Pinellas County please join or encourage others to attend a Live event being held on Wednesday November 16 from 4-5:00pm. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2eta9zd4> and register. This particular event is designed for those holding a current/valid in-state or out-of-state teaching license and/or those who have graduated or will graduate from a College of Education. Further details are available at <https://www.pcsb.org/talent>. We can't wait to meet our next generation of educators!

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend!

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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.