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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 JV/Varsity Soccer** faces Land O' Lakes HS on Monday 11/18 at home, Osceola Fundamental HS on Wednesday 11/20 away, and Clearwater HS on Thursday 11/21 away
- **Boys Varsity Soccer** faces Tarpon HS on Tuesday 11/19 at home and Clearwater HS away on 11/21
- **Girls Basketball** starts their season against Pinellas Park HS away on 11/21 and Osceola Fundamental HS away on Friday 11/22
- **Boys Basketball** starts their season against Seminole HS on Tuesday 11/19 at home and compete in the Battle at the Lake tournament hosted at East Lake High School on Monday 11/25 and Tuesday 11/26 during Thanksgiving Break where we face Springstead HS and Osceola Fundamental HS

Some of our students also participate in the local East Lake Hockey Club – they face Tampa United and Bloomingdale on 11/23 and 11/24 at TBSA. Good luck to all of our Eagles in all of their extracurriculars!

Some reminders for the week:

### **Fall Challenges**

Starting next week, November 18<sup>th</sup> through December 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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>

## **Senior Updates**

The date is in: graduation for the Class of 2025 will take place on Thursday, May 29 at 9:00am at the Yuengling Center at USF Tampa. More information will be released as we get closer to the event. We can't wait to celebrate the Class of 2025 on May 29!

Also, 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](mailto:stangr@pcsb.org).

- CAP AND GOWN: <https://hub.jostens.com/ls/7ed522a8-6ef6-433e-a669-a571dd80545b/sf-NdDkQWd6joHAF#/>
- GRAD WALKING FEES: <https://pcsb.revtrak.net/hs/east-lake-high/elhs-senior-class/elhs-graduation-walking-fee/>

## **College and Career Center and Guidance Updates**

Our amazing Guidance Team and College and Career Center continues to provide student supports surrounding planning for their post-secondary journey. Some reminders on items like upcoming SAT and ACT testing opportunities, Financial Aid Information Night, The Pinellas Education Foundation Senior Scholarships, Bright Futures, Financial Readiness with the USF Pathe Program, and Take Stock in Children Scholarships can be found below:

### **- Saturday Testing Updates:**

- 10th-12th grade students that are interested in College/Scholarships
- Make sure to register for a weekend SAT or ACT at ELHS! This is done directly through the SAT/ACT website (links included here).
- Upcoming: December 7 SAT (digital testing only), December 14 ACT (paper testing only)

- Registration deadline for both: November 22
- *Contact your counselor if you have any questions about registering!*
  - Flyer with Testing Dates: <https://tinyurl.com/w42kmwuu>
- Financial Aid Information Night: On November 20th at 6:00 pm in the Media Center, Pinellas County School's Financial Aid Advisor, Brooke Pair, will be here to discuss Financial Aid for the 2024-2025 school year. Topics will include Bright Futures, Pinellas Ed Foundation Scholarships, the Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA) and other financial aid opportunities.
- The Pinellas Ed Foundation Senior Scholarships – the application is now open for seniors. Students submit one application to be considered for over 300 scholarships! Last year over \$710,000 in scholarships were awarded to graduating Pinellas County Seniors. Fill out the application before it's too late!
  - <https://pinellaseducation.awardspring.com/>
- Bright Futures – The Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) is now open. Every graduating student must complete the FFAA in order to be eligible for state grants and scholarships, including Bright Futures
  - <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/>
- Financial Readiness with USF Pathe - Learn the basics of finance and start saving. Open to all high school students and parents, Nov 20 at 5:30 at East Lake Community Library.
  - Financial Readiness Flyer: <https://tinyurl.com/yym442r3>
- **Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program** is now accepting applications from students in grades 6-9. The deadline to apply is December 15th. This program offers a unique opportunity for students who aspire to attend college but face financial challenges. Participants receive a college scholarship, mentoring, and guidance from a dedicated college success coach. See the attached flyer to apply.
  - Take Stock in Children Flyer (English): <https://tinyurl.com/TakeStock24-25English>
  - Take Stock in Children Flyer (Spanish): <https://tinyurl.com/TakeStock24-25Spanish>

## **Additional Reminders**

*(Anonymous Reporting, Student Parking, and National Honor Society)*

- **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 \(getfortifyfl.com\)](https://getfortifyfl.com)
- **Student Parking**
  - Attention student drivers! We have noticed a growing number of students parking in our parking lot without displaying valid parking permits in both the senior and underclassmen parking lots. To park on campus, seniors should have purchased a senior parking permit to park in the closer senior reserved parking, and underclassmen or seniors not using reserved parking need to purchase the \$5.00 hangtag. These must be hung from the rear-view mirror when parked on campus. Both senior reserved and underclassmen parking can be purchased by visiting <https://pcsb.revtrak.net/High-Schools/east-lake-high/#/list> If your student is found parking without a valid tag, the car could be booted, and parking privileges can be revoked. Please take care of this as soon as possible.

- **National Honor Society**

- National Honor Society New Member Induction will be Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium. New members are asked to arrive by 6pm for check-in and seating. Preferred attire is business casual. Light refreshments will be served. Attendance does not impact membership.
- First semester service hours for both returning and new members are due by December 20<sup>th</sup> to Mrs. Munson in room 4222 or Mr. Eustace in room 3222. As a reminder, at least two of the ten required hours must come from in-person opportunities. Information on current and future volunteer opportunities can be found on the NHS Instagram, the LinkTree, the Remind, and outside Mrs. Munson's room in the media center.

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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.*