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Good Afternoon Eagle Families,

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal at 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 progress throughout the school year. This week we continue with Fall Sports Playoffs while we transition to Winter Athletics – 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:

- **Varsity Boys Soccer** has three matches this week – Monday 11/6 away at Dunedin HS, Tuesday 11/7 at home versus Seminole HS, and Thursday 11/9 away at Tarpon Springs HS
- **Varsity Girls Soccer** also has three matches this week – Monday 11/6 away at Dunedin HS, Tuesday 11/7 at home versus Seminole HS, and Thursday 11/9 away at Tarpon Springs HS
- **JV Girls Soccer** takes on Osceola HS at home on Thursday 11/9
- **National Technical Honor Society** inductions will take place on Wednesday 11/8
- **Golf competes in the** state championship on Friday 11/10 and Saturday 11/11
- **Cross Country** competes in the in the regional tournament on Thursday 11/9
- **Visual Metaphor Exhibition** opening night is Thursday 11/9 from 6pm to 7:30pm – we have 6 amazing students with work being displayed at the Leepa-Rattner Museum at SPC Tarpon through early December
- **Swimming and Dive team compete in the** state championship Saturday 11/11

We hope to see you there to cheer on the teams and clubs this week, good luck Eagles!

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. Our first Mental Health Lesson of the school year will take place on Monday, November 13th, where students will receive a refresher on the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System as well.

- [Say Something Tips — Sandy Hook Promise](#)
- [FortifyFL \(getfortifyfl.com\)](http://getfortifyfl.com)

Fall Challenges

Starting November 16th through November 28th, 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 midterm testing. These reviews will reinforce all of the learning from their different classes – we highly encourage any and all students to take advantage of these great reviews! We'll also be celebrating individual students and classes with high levels of participation in each of the different core areas.

More information can be found in the attached flyer, and we'll continue to send out reminders as we approach the 16th!

- [HS Fall Challenge 23-24.png](#)

Senior Grad Fees

Senior families, we're doing an amazing job with ensuring senior dues/graduation fees are taken care of – we're currently around 65% complete at this point and THANK YOU to those families that have gone in and taken care this! As a reminder, senior dues/graduation fees can be paid via RevTrak and cost \$100 graduation fee, which covers everything graduation related including caps/gowns/tassels, Tropicana costs, etc. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your counselor, Ms. Stang (stangr@pcsb.org), or Mrs. Skinner (skinnerl@pcsb.org).

- [ELHS Senior Class | Pinellas County Schools \(revtrak.net\)](#)

ACT NCR Make-up Testing

This week we will have make-up testing for students that missed the ACT NCR (non-college reporting). This is for juniors and seniors that still in need of a graduation requirement concordant score in the FSA/FAST ELA and/or the Algebra 1 EOC that also missed the original testing dates the week of October 16th. If you have any questions, please reach out to your counselor or our Assistant Principal over Testing, Dr. Hatfield.

Additional Announcements/Reminders

- **Winter Guard:** Do you want to get your student more involved in the performing arts? Students with an interest in dance, flag, and choreography should stop by the band room to learn more about our award-winning Winter Guard. Auditions take place in the first week of November, but no experience is necessary. You can also email our band director, Mr. Black, with any questions!
- **Underclassman Photo Retakes:** Photo retakes for any underclassman that missed will take place on November 30th at ELHS.
- **Math Tutoring:** This takes place in Ms. Adrian's classroom Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at lunch – all students are welcome and we HIGHLY encourage attendance for students enrolled in Algebra 1 and Geometry.
- **National Technical Honor Society:** MTJS will have their Induction Ceremony, Wednesday, November the 8th, at 6:30 PM in the Theatre. Both returning and new members are required to attend and be in Professional Business Dress attire. There will be a social gathering for students and parents/guardians/family after the ceremony with cake and punch to celebrate your students' achievements in the club. Contact Mrs. Skinner at skinnerL@pcsb.org with any questions.
- **Chorus Department Fundraiser:** This year our chorus department has the amazing opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall in April 2024. The Elks Lodge in Tarpon Springs is graciously hosting a baked ziti dinner on the evening of November 16th at 6pm and is donating all proceeds to help support funding for the trip. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchase via GoFan – the hall seats 200 and we hope they'll sell out. Come out and support the department – chorus students will be serving dinner and entertaining in the evening!
 - <https://gofan.co/event/1180571?schoolid=F15841>
- **Science Tutoring:** Science tutoring occurs every Tuesday and Thursday in room 2-214 during lunch. All students are welcome and can sign up using the QR code in the attached flyer:
 - [tutoringflyer.pdf](#)
- **Cellphones and Dress Code:**
 - Parents, please continue to remind your students about our cellphone 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, please remember that if you need to get in touch with your student during the school day, call the office, not their cellphone. We will ensure that they receive the message or call them down to the office at that time if needed.
 - It was amazing seeing all of the school spirit and creative outfits during each of the themed Homecoming week dress up days! As a reminder, we expect students to be back to our usual dress code expectations on Tuesday and moving forward. Before Tuesday, 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](#)). If a student is out of dress code, they will be sent to the office for a change of clothes, which could also result in a disciplinary referral. These and other discipline incidences are addressed using both the Student Code of Conduct and our ELHS Discipline Matrix throughout the year. Thank you for your assistance and support!

- **Transportation Reminders:**

- If your student rides the bus to or from school, please be sure your student arrives at their bus stop at least ten minutes prior to the scheduled pickup time in the morning. After a bus arrives and leaves, it will not return. Busses are also unable to stop further along their route to pick up a student who is late. Additionally, students are not allowed to ride a bus they are not assigned to – this could result in disciplinary action for your student. As of now, East Lake only has one route without an assigned driver, but it has been covered regularly! Take the stress out of getting your student to school and leave the driving to PCSB Transportation!
- While Transportation is doing well covering our routes at East Lake, there are multiple opportunities throughout the school district for bus drivers and bus assistants. If you, a relative, neighbor or friend are interested in driving, PCSB will train and assist in earning a Class B Commercial Driver’s License (CDL). There are also almost 50 bus assistant jobs available throughout the county, assisting students as they enter and exit the bus.

Visit <https://www.pcsb.org/jobs> and click on *All Available Jobs* for more information or to apply!

- **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 <https://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.

- **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.

- **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>

We look forward to continued great things ahead at East Lake High School! 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!

Dan Schmittiel, Principal
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.