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Good Evening Eagle Families,

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal at East Lake High School, with some important reminders for the week. First off, I hope that you all had a wonderful weekend! We are indeed in full swing with our final preparations to close out semester 1.

Semester 1 Exams

Semester exams are around the corner. The schedule for exams may be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/ELHS22-23Exams>. Per PCSB Policy early exams are not permitted except in a case where a family is moving and will not return to East Lake. Any missed exam will have the opportunity to be scheduled by the student following winter break. Also, those that qualify for exam waivers received their exam exemption forms in their 4th period on Friday, December 9th. They can return them completed this week in the Media Center during lunch or after school – they must be returned no later than Friday, December 16th at 2:20pm.

F.A.S.T. Cycle 2 Testing

Tuesday, December 13th, we will facilitate the F.A.S.T. cycle 2 assessment. All 9th grade students will test at the start of 2nd period, while all 10th grade students (outside of those who receive testing accommodations) will test at the start of 5th period. This is a multi-period assessment where students will work to display what gains they've made, and areas for growth that still exist, from September until now. Teachers will use the results to help drive their instructional plan moving forward for your student to ensure that they continue that growth and preparation during semester 2 to best prepare for the F.A.S.T. cycle 3 in May. It is vital that students put their absolute best effort forth to give teachers an accurate measure of where they are currently at. We also highly recommend that they eat a well-balanced breakfast in the morning and get a good night's rest to be ready for testing on Tuesday. If they aren't sure where they are testing, please have them check with their English teacher tomorrow, Monday, December 12th.

PCSB - Stakeholder Survey

Pinellas County Schools is interested in your feedback. Your voice matters! We value your opinion and appreciate you taking time to complete this survey. Your anonymous opinion provides guidance to improve your school, identifies things that are working well at your school, and informs its accreditation. The 2022-23 Stakeholder survey window will be open November 28 and closes December 18. Visit <https://www.pcsb.org/survey> to view additional information and access the parent survey. Students will be able to access the student survey via Clever on any computer. **Parents, please make sure to complete this survey ASAP as your feedback is invaluable!**

Staff Kudos

Do you want to celebrate a specific ELHS staff member? Have you been looking for a platform to give them kudos? Now's your chance! We'll send out this survey regularly to provide that opportunity - take a minute to complete it to give an ELHS staff member a shout-out for all of the amazing things they do for our students each and every day. We will share the positive feedback with our staff! Please use the Microsoft Forms survey link in the email from this callout to provide the kudos:

- <https://forms.office.com/r/USeQsGBnE0>

Last Chance Photographs for Seniors

We're doing one LAST CHANCE senior yearbook photo day at East Lake High School for any senior that still needs their photo taken. This will take place on campus this Friday, December 16th from 7:30am to 1:30pm in the auditorium. No need to schedule an appointment, just get a pass from your teacher and head to the auditorium lobby.

Important dates for Seniors (Class of 2023)

- 2023 Graduation: Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 @ 5:30pm
- 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
- A reminder to visit <https://elhssenior.weebly.com> to keep up with all things Senior Class!

Guidance Updates

12th grade students should take advantage of the Pinellas Education Foundation Scholarship opportunity. Seniors can complete this scholarship here: <https://pinellaseducation.org/initiatives/multiple-pathways/scholarships/>. The scholarship deadline to apply is January 31, 2023.

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 midribs 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/2022-2023PCSBDressCode> 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.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Assistant Principal or Counselor. Have an amazing week, 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.