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Good afternoon Eagle Families,

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal of 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 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:

- **JV/Varsity Boys Basketball faces Pinellas Park HS at home on Thursday 12/21**

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

Semester 1 Exams

Starting Tomorrow, Monday, December 18, we will begin our semester 1 exams. Attached to this email, you will find the schedule of exams, which includes the 4th period exam Monday after lunch, 3rd period and 5th period exams on Tuesday 12/19, 2nd period and 6th period exams on Wednesday 12/20, and 1st period and 7th period exams on Thursday 12/21. *As a reminder, if your student qualified for an exam exemption form and you approved its use as a PTL for the exams they qualified to exempt, that will suffice. During exams, students are expected to stay in their period for the entire exam block.*

- [2023-24 ELHS Semester 1 Exam Schedule.pdf](#)

FAST PM 2 Make-up Testing

If your freshmen or sophomore missed FAST ELA PM 2, we'll have make-up testing tomorrow morning in the Media Center. For those that this applies to, you also received an additional callout from me on Friday and earlier today. Please ensure that your student is in the Media Center at the very start of the school day for FAST PM 2 make-up testing.

2023-24 PCS Stakeholder Survey

The 2023-24 PCS Stakeholder Survey is live and your voice matters! Your anonymous opinion describing your experience at ELHS provides us with some essential insight that helps guide our constant improvement as a school! The survey window is open through Friday, December 22. Please visit <https://www.pcsb.org/survey> to view additional information and how to access the survey. For parents, there's a direct link on that page to access your survey. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey if you haven't done so yet and THANK YOU to those that already have provided us with invaluable feedback on what's going well and where we can continue to grow as a school at ELHS.

Additional Announcements/Reminders

- **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)
- **Toy and Canned Food Drive (Student Services and Key Club):** Student Services is collecting new unwrapped toys for our yearly toy drive beginning December 4 through December 20. They'll also have a canned food drive/non-perishables. Either can be counted as community services hours for Bright Futures.
 - Key Club is also running a canned goods drive to donate to a local food pantry for the holidays. Please drop off your items to Mrs. Lightfoot's classroom between December 1st and December 20th. Email her for more information at lightfoote@pcsb.org and please bring cans to room 3-119!
- **National Honor Society:** The ELHS National Honor Society is currently collecting a variety of donated items for service hours in room 4222 or 3222. Those include:
 - Canned goods, no-sew blankets, new or gently used socks and gloves, new and unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 0-16, Holiday Meal in a Bag: canned diced potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, box of stuffing mix, canned fruit, coffee or hot cocoa mix, Gift Wrapping Kit: two rolls of wrapping paper, g, tags, tape, and a pair of scissors
 - Blessing Bag Meals: 1) *Breakfast Bag: orange juice, container of oatmeal, granola bar, and raisins*, 2) *Snack Bag: dried fruit, granola bar, individual drink mix packets, individually packaged cheese and crackers*, 3) *Foot Care Bag: thick socks, Band-Aids, nail clipper set, foot warmers, wet wipes*, 4) *Cold Weather Bag: warm hat, scarf, gloves, poncho, and lip balm*, 5) *Personal Care Bag: lotion, lip balm, razor, wash cloth, body and hand soap, travel-sized shampoo/conditioner*
- **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.
 - Please make sure to review dress code 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!
- **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 www.myschoolapps.com. Not only will this impact lunch for those that qualify, but it will also 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 Gallatyn at gallatyn@pcsb.org.

Let's close out the semester strong and give it our all on each of the final exams, and we look forward to a great semester 2 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.

