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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 begin tomorrow, Monday, December 19th and run through Thursday, December 22nd, starting with The schedule for exams may be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/ELHS22-23Exams>. Any missed exam will have the opportunity to be scheduled by the student following winter break. For those that qualified for exam waivers, they were due to be returned back by Friday, December 16th.

PCSB - Stakeholder Survey

East Lake High School and Pinellas County Schools are interested in your feedback and your voice matters! The PCS Stakeholder survey window has been extended and is still open. If you haven't completed it yet, we value your opinion and appreciate you taking time to provide that feedback. 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 is open now until Thursday, December 22nd. 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!**

Student Tardies

We want to reiterate the importance and expectation for students to be on time to all classes throughout the day. Though most do an amazing job with this, please reiterate with your student(s) that it is a vital expectation at school and in life. Sometime during quarter 3, we will be rolling out a new tardy system that will increase both accountability for students and communication with parents surrounding tardies. As we approach that rollout, you will receive more information from the school surrounding those changes. Stay tuned for now.

Senior Cap and Gown

As a reminder, senior families, please make your Cap, Gown, Tassel and Diploma Cover purchase by this Friday, December 23rd if you haven't yet. If you have any questions at all, please reach out to your Senior Class Sponsor/Advisor Ms. Stang or our Graduation Coordinator Mrs. Skinner.

- Direct Link to Cap, Gown, Tassel, and Diploma Cover Purchase: <https://www.balfour.com/graduation-packages-cap-and-gown?smi=91478>

Student Enrollment

Families, if you are moving out of the area during break and your student will be enrolling at another school as a result, please go see Mrs. Robison before Friday. If you have any questions at all please, reach out to Mrs. Robison at robisonj@pcsb.org.

Staff Kudos

Do you want to celebrate a specific ELHS staff member and have been looking for a platform to give them kudos? Now's your chance! Our staff kudos survey will be available all year – 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>

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 has adopted a dress code for students in all district schools that all schools are making a concerted effort to adhere to. 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.