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Good Afternoon Eagle Families,

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal of East Lake High School, with some important reminders and updates as we continue through second semester at The Lake. As always, let's look outside of the academics first to celebrate our students in their various extracurriculars along with events taking place on campus. Students are always ready to SOAR to success both in and out of the classroom within our athletic programs, clubs, performing arts, and visual arts. Check out this week's events below:

- **Boys JV/Varsity Basketball** have a bye for the first round of the district tournament and will face off against either Hollins HS or Steinbrenner HS on Wednesday 2/5 at Sickles HS in the district semifinals
- **Girls JV/Varsity Basketball** face Hollins HS at home on Tuesday 2/4 in the district quarterfinals
- **Girls Varsity Soccer** were crowned district champions with a 4-0 victory over Mitchell HS last week. They move on to the regional tournament as they face Parrish Community HS at home on Tuesday 2/4.
- **Boys Varsity Soccer** were named district runners-up with a close 3-2 loss to Mitchell HS. They move on to the regional tournament as they face Immokalee HS away on Tuesday 2/4.
- **Boys and Girls Wrestling** compete in our Senior Night Quad Tournament here at East Lake HS on Thursday 2/6 where we'll celebrate all of our seniors at SENIOR NIGHT
- **The East Lake Visual Arts Program** will highlight 49 of our art students who will be recognized in the Scholastic Awards event at Gibbs HS on Thursday 2/6, 11 of which earned a Gold Key Award who will compete in the national adjudication in NYC
- **Freshmen Parent University** event will take place on Tuesday 2/4 in the Auditorium from 6:00-7:00pm for all freshmen families.
- **College and Career Fair** will take place at St. Pete HS on Monday 2/3 from 6:00-8:00pm. See the additional announcements below or the hyperlink for more information:
 - <https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/South%20Pinellas%20CC%20Fair%202025.pdf>
- **Pinellas Technical College Open House** will take place at their St. Pete campus on Monday 2/3 from 6:00-8:00pm. See the additional announcements below or the hyperlink for more information:
 - <https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/PTC%20Open%20House%202025.pdf>
- **Parent Master Class** will take place to learn all about how to support your student in preparation for the SAT at Boca Ciega HS on January 27, and Largo HS on February 6, all at 5:30pm to 6:30pm (<https://tinyurl.com/h5ddryym>)

Good luck to all our Eagles in all of their extracurriculars! Some reminders for the week:

2025-26 Course Registration

Course registration for the 2025-26 school year will begin the week of February 10th through student's English classes. Attached below you'll find our Curriculum Guide and Course Request Sheet again – please review if you still need information regarding scheduling for next year!

- *Curriculum Guide* (<https://tinyurl.com/2025-26CurriculumGuide>)
- *Curriculum Request Sheet – Front Page* (<https://tinyurl.com/2025-26RequestFrontPage>)
- *Curriculum Request Sheet – Back Page* (<https://tinyurl.com/2025-26RequestBackPage>)

Freshmen University Event

ELHS will be hosting a 9th grade Parent University Night on February 4 from 6:00pm to 7:00 pm in the theater for all 9th grade families. We hope to see all freshmen families at the Parent University Night to learn more about how you can best support your child's academic goals for high school on February 4.



Resiliency Lesson

Each year we facilitate five separate Resiliency/Mental Health Lessons to students. This month's topic surrounds Suicide Prevention. This will be facilitated in all students' 4th period classes on Thursday, February 6 and will result in a modified bell schedule in the morning. Below is the schedule we'll run that day to accommodate the extended 4th period for that lesson, with shortened 1st through 3rd period classes.

Class Period	Time
1 st	7:25am – 8:07am
2 nd	8:12am – 8:56am
3 rd	9:01am – 9:43am
A Lunch	9:43am – 10:13am
4 th Period	10:18am – 11:20am
4 th Period	9:48am – 10:50am
B Lunch	10:50am – 11:20am

Senior Updates

For those families that haven't done so yet, it's also 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). 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 or concerns, please reach out to Ms. Stang, our Senior Class Sponsor, at stangr@pcsb.org, or Mrs. Blum, our Graduation Coordinator at blumme@pcsb.org.

- Cap & 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/>

Senior Updates

As a reminder, the deadline for the Pinellas Education Foundation Senior Scholarships is Friday 1/31. We recommend every senior take advantage of this opportunity as these scholarships are available only to graduating seniors in Pinellas County. More info below:

- **Pinellas Education Foundation Senior Scholarship**: the senior scholarship application which awards over 120 different scholarships for seniors closes on January 31. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$5,000 to graduating seniors in Pinellas County Schools!
 - o https://pinellaseducation.org/initiatives/multiple-pathways/scholarships/?gad_source=1

Also, the graduation ceremony 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 in the coming months. We can't wait to celebrate the Class of 2025 on May 29! If you haven't yet, it's also 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). 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 which assists with making the day and ceremony special for all 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.

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- GRAD WALKING FEES: <https://pcsb.revtrak.net/hs/east-lake-high/elhs-senior-class/elhs-graduation-walking-fee/>

Upcoming Senior Scholarship Opportunities

As a reminder, deadlines for the Pinellas Education Foundation Senior Scholarships and the CFY Pinellas youth scholarships available for graduating seniors are fast approaching. CFY Pinellas closes this Thursday 1/23, and the Pinellas Ed Foundation scholarship applications are due Friday 1/31. More info below:

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- **CFY Pinellas Scholarship**: CFY provides over 45 scholarships to graduating seniors in Pinellas County ranging from \$3,500 to \$10,000, along with additional scholarships which cover two years of tuition and books at St. Pete College! The application window closes January 23.
 - o <https://cfypinellas.org/>

Additional Reminders

(Anonymous Reporting and College, Senior Updates, and Career Center Updates)

- **Anonymous Reporting**
 - o 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 which helps us identify and intervene in a proactive way. Please remind your student(s) this is in place to assist with addressing a concern and also a

way for someone get any help they may need – tips are passed along to appropriate law enforcement and school personnel. FortifyFL is also another reporting system which is available to report suspicious activity and allows Florida students and the community to relay any safety concerns. Both links can be found below.

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

- **PTSA Updates**

- You BELONG! The ELHS PTSA will kick off their January Membership Drive from January 20th to January 31st. Please consider starting your membership off or making a donation this month – your membership or donation assists with supporting the teachers and students at The Lake each day! 100% of all membership fees and donations go directly back to the school, and during the membership drive, the PTSA will be giving away several prizes – check out their Facebook and Instagram pages for more information and we hope you join today!
 - <https://www.facebook.com/EastLakeHSPTSA>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/eastlakehighptsa>

- **Student Computer Flash Drive Update**

- Beginning yesterday February 1st, student laptops will no longer be able to access portable flash drives. There have been a number of security issues across the district which have impacted users in all areas of the district, students and staff included. The function of reading a flash drive will be disabled on all student laptop computers. There are a number of methods available to share files and continue to collaborate with peers in classrooms. The district has developed a quick reference illustrating how to share files in Microsoft *OneDrive*, *Canvas*, and through student's *PCSB E-mail*. Student e-mail accounts are unable to receive messages from outside of the district, only internally. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/PCSBFileTransferMethods> to view and download this reference sheet.

- **College and Career Center Updates**

- Upcoming SAT/ACT Testing – Make sure to register for a weekend SAT or ACT at ELHS! This is done directly through the [SAT/ACT](#) website (click for links). Upcoming testing includes the February 8 ACT (paper-testing only) and March 8 SAT (digital-testing only). Contact your counselor with any questions and see attached for the schedule for the remaining testing dates for the school year:
 - <https://tinyurl.com/4ya49nsm>
- **Bright Futures** - complete the FFAA: <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>
- **Scholarship Opportunities:** <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/39425>. Students can also look in Xello (through their Clever account) to find other scholarships.
- **Save the Date: February 3rd from 6-8pm.** 901 34th St. South, St. Pete.
 - **College and Career Fair:** University recruiters, financial aid information, career/internships, military recruiters all in one place! [https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/South Pinellas CC Fair 2025.pdf](https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/South%20Pinellas%20CC%20Fair%202025.pdf)
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- **Internship Opportunity:** The Bank of America Charitable Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2025 Student Leaders® program. We will be selecting four local high school students to represent Tampa Bay in 2025. In light of your role at a local high school, we would like your help spreading the word. [Learn more and apply.](#)
- **Pinellas Opportunity Council:** Youth Development Program - This exciting initiative is designed to equip academically talented youth aged 14 to 18 with skills in workforce readiness, leadership, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. Students will receive job training and a \$1500 stipend. Must be 14-18 and in 10th-12th grade, enrolled in high school with a 2.5 GPA or higher. Application and Information flyers attached.
- **The Pinellas Youth Development Program** The Pinellas Opportunity Council has a number of resources for students to receive job skills training, educational training and even a financial incentive. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/52dfdmxa> to view the flyer and <https://tinyurl.com/4aprfjn5> to view/download and complete the application!
 - Program Flyer (<https://tinyurl.com/52dfdmxa>)
 - Program Application (<https://tinyurl.com/4aprfjn5>)
- **Have questions?** Need help? [Book an appointment](#) with College and Career Center Director Mrs. Gallaty!

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Assistant Principal or Counselor. Let's SOAR to new heights during semester 2 at The Lake! Have an amazing rest of your weekend and GO EAGLES!

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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.