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Good afternoon Eagle Families! This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal of East Lake High School, with some important reminders for this upcoming week.

### **Lost and Found**

Parents, if your student has lost something at school, please have them stop by the front office to see if it has been dropped off at Lost and Found. We have many items that students have not claimed at this point and want to ensure that each get back to the proper owners.

### **Junior and Senior Testing Graduation Requirements (ACT prep opportunity)**

Attention families of juniors and seniors that are working toward meeting their testing requirements, either the FSA ELA and/or Algebra 1 EOC, for graduation: we will have a variety of required concordant score testing opportunities for your student in the next month, including FSA ELA retakes, Algebra 1 EOC retakes, the in-school SAT, along with the in-school ACT NCR (non-college reporting). Students have been working through a variety of test prep resources on campus, but there are some great opportunities available for ACT prep on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 9am to noon at both Countryside High School and Gibbs High School. Attached you'll find a flier for each of these opportunities where your student can sign up using the QR code. They will focus on test strategies in preparation of the upcoming ACT, and we highly recommend your student take advantage of this opportunity if they are still in need of their concordant score for graduation.

- Countryside HS Boot Camp Flyer --- <https://tinyurl.com/3hua43y3>
- Gibbs HS Boot Camp Flyer --- <https://tinyurl.com/3639htaw>

### **Senior Update (walking fees, FAFSA, and scholarship opportunities)**

Attention senior families: as we prepare for our Graduation ceremony on May 16, 2023, at 5:30pm at Tropicana Field, students are now able to pay their graduation fees of \$40. This covers the cost of the graduation ceremony including but not limited to the venue, decorations, security, and everything else that goes into making graduation special for our Class of 2023 and their families & friends. The link to pay grad fees has been sent to you in an email.

- <https://pcsb.revtrak.net/hs/east-lake-high/elhs-senior-class/#/f/elhs-sr-class-graduation-walking-fees>

If you have not completed the FAFSA yet, this is your chance! Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Clearwater High School, financial aid advisors from local colleges will be available to answer questions and help complete the FAFSA. Explore opportunities with St. Pete College, Pinellas Technical College, and other local schools. Plus, breakfast will be provided and there will be chances to win Chick-fil-A gift cards and more! Additionally, there are multiple scholarship opportunities available to your senior. Please check out our College and Career Center page on the school's website for more information surrounding these great opportunities, some of which have an application deadline as soon as February 28, 2023.

- <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/39425>
- Link to FAFSA Flyer <https://tinyurl.com/bdhp62rm>

### **Junior Update (in-school SAT)**

Attention parents with juniors: your student will be taking the in-school SAT this Wednesday. This a free test for all juniors, and it can be used for college admissions as well as to meet graduation requirements. You received a standalone callout on this today as well with more information.

### **Electronic Devices**

A reminder about the use of electronic devices: students are not permitted to use devices to take photos or record audio/video of other students or staff without the consent of that person. The use of phones and other devices are also not permitted in bathrooms and locker rooms.

### **No Student Food Orders**

As we move into semester 2, this is a quick reminder that food orders from any food delivery service/restaurant is not allowed. Students are expected to either take advantage of school lunch or bring their own each day. Please make sure to continue to remind your student(s) of this expectation.

### **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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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**

Senior families, don't forget to complete the FAFSA (federal scholarships, grants, loans) and the FFAA (Bright Futures and other state financial aid) both ASAP. Links to each of these can be found below – if you need more help working through the various opportunities, schedule an appointment with our College and Career Coordinator, Natasha Gallaty, at <https://bit.ly/ELCCC-Booking>.

- FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- FFAA: <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/>
- Pinellas County Schools Scholarship Opportunities: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/39425>

### **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/2022-2023PCSB DressCode>. 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 rest of your weekend, stay safe, and GO EAGLES!

Dan Schmittiel, Principal  
East Lake High School

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*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.*