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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 Basketball were named district runners-up on Friday and will compete on Wednesday 2/12 in a rematch against Sickles HS away in the regional quarterfinals
- Girls Varsity Soccer compete in the regional finals against Lakewood Ranch HS on Wednesday 2/12 away
- Girls Wrestling compete in the district tournament at Anclote HS on Tuesday 2/11
- Boys Wrestling compete in the PCAC tournament at Osceola Fundamental HS on Saturday 2/15
- ELHS Theatre Program will perform their Troupe 4356 District Thespians performances from December will be showcased on campus this Thursday 2/13 at 7pm
- Jazz Band will perform in MPAs on Thursday 2/13
- East Lake Early Bird Invitational Meet will be hosted by the track team this Friday starting at 3pm

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>)

Stakeholder Survey

The 2024-25 PCS Stakeholder Survey is live and your voice matters! Each year your anonymous opinion and feedback 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 next Sunday, February 16. 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. Students can access the survey via the Stakeholder Survey application in Clever that they all have access to. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey along with your student(s) 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!

Driver's Ed Program – After School

East Lake High School, along with multiple other schools throughout the county, will be hosting an after-school Driver's Ed program from March 31st through April 11th. Attached you'll find the flier attached with a QR code on how to sign up. The program costs \$250 and seats are limited to first come first serve basis.

- FLYER: <https://tinyurl.com/zbxer9p2>

Additional 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 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 \(getfortifyfl.com\)](http://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/>
- Senior Updates
 - For families who 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 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 AND 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/>
- **Student Computer Flash Drive Update**
 - As of February 1st, student laptops are no longer be able to access portable flash drives. There have been several 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/SouthPinellas CC Fair 2025.pdf](https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/SouthPinellasCCFair2025.pdf)
 - **Pinellas Technical College Open House:** Meet instructors, get financial aid information, enter to win a \$500 scholarship. [https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/PTC Open House 2025.pdf](https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/PTCOpenHouse2025.pdf)
- **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/4aprjfn5> to view/download and complete the application!
- Program Flyer (<https://tinyurl.com/52dfdmxa>)
- Program Application (<https://tinyurl.com/4aprjfn5>)
- **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.