



1300 Silver Eagle Drive
Tarpon Springs, Florida 34688
Office: (727)942-5419
Fax: (727)942-5441

[Directions to East Lake High School](#)

3/19/23

Good Afternoon Eagles Families,

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal of East Lake High School, with some updates for the upcoming week. It's hard to believe that tomorrow begins quarter 4 of the 2022-23 school year – remember tomorrow, Monday March 20th is a hurricane make-up day so it is a normal student school day. Quarter 4 is a busy one, with multiple important assessments, from Industry Certification testing, AICE testing, to FAST ELA, the different EOCs, and AP testing in April and May, our spring sports programs continue to be in full swing, our Spring Musical Mama Mia in April, multiple performing arts concerts, awards ceremonies, prom, senior breakfast, graduation, and much more – let's make quarter 4 our best yet and continue to strive for greatness each and every day! This week let's show our school spirit and cheer on our different spring sports, clubs, and performing arts programs – we have multiple matches and performances this week and hope everyone attends, including the Winter Guard Championships in Daytona on Friday and the FBLA State Competition this weekend in Orlando. Good luck to all students, coaches, and sponsors!

Senior Update (walking fees)

Attention senior families: If your senior hasn't paid their walking fee yet, the deadline has been extended through this upcoming Friday, March 24th. As a reminder, the walking fee of \$40 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 can be found below:

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

Student Service Program (sophomore opportunity)

Attention sophomores: are you looking for an opportunity to grow your leadership skills, volunteerism, philanthropy, and civic responsibility? The Ryan Nece Foundation has a free opportunity in their Student Service Program. It's a two year program during their junior and senior year that centers around serving their community. The application window closes on March 31, 2023, so apply today!

Staff Kudos

Let's take a moment to highlight the amazing things that our ELHS staff do each and every day to ensure your students not only find success but have an amazing high school experience. Take a moment to complete the short "2022-23 Q4: East Lake High School Staff Kudos" Microsoft Forms survey for a quick shoutout to an ELHS staff member:

- <https://forms.office.com/r/KLDiW9d6K9>

Student Tardies

As a quick reminder, student tardies reset with the new quarter. Students will start fresh tomorrow – they've been doing an amazing job, let's keep it up during quarter 4 to finish the year out strong!

Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick Up

Parents, please remember to use only the north parent car line for all drop off and pick up at the start and end of the school day. This is to ensure safety for all stakeholders along with working to minimize disruption to traffic patterns.

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

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>

Electronic Devices

As a reminder, 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, and the use of phones and other devices are also not permitted at all in bathrooms and locker rooms. Know that if they do, they are subject to potential disciplinary action based on the Student Code of Conduct.

No Student Food Orders

As we move into quarter 4, 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.

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/2022-2023PCSBDDressCode>. 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

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.