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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:

Events	Dates
<i>Baseball</i>	Tarpon Springs HS away on 3/5 and Palm Harbor University HS at away on Friday 3/7
<i>Softball</i>	Largo HS at home on 3/4, Countryside HS away on 3/6, and Berkley Prep HS at home on Friday 3/7
<i>Girls Lacrosse</i>	Wiregrass Ranch HS at home on Monday 3/3 and Alonso HS at home on Friday 3/7
<i>Boys Lacrosse</i>	Land O' Lakes HS at away on Friday 3/7
<i>Flag Football</i>	Clearwater HS at home on Monday 3/3, Largo HS away on 3/5, and Seminole HS away on Thursday 3/6
<i>Tennis</i>	Girls and boys will both face Northeast HS away on Tuesday 3/4 and Palm Harbor University HS at home on Thursday 3/6
<i>Track and Field</i>	Shorecrest Invite @ Shorecrest HS on Friday 3/7
<i>Rising Freshmen Curriculum Fair</i>	The event will take place on Tuesday 3/4 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm for all rising freshmen families
<i>ELHS Talent Show</i>	Takes place right after school on Friday 3/7 in the auditorium

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

Wrapping Up Quarter 3

As a reminder, next Friday, March 14th, is the last day of quarter 3. As we wrap up the last two weeks before spring break, if your child has any missing work or currently has a low grade in any of their classes, have them speak with their teachers early this week. There may be opportunity in the next two weeks and during spring break to work on not only improving their grade but also to master the missed material and have a great jumpstart to quarter 4! Also, remember that semester grades are determined by a combination of quarter 3, quarter 4, and semester exam grades, with the exam exemption process fully reinstated this semester.

Driver's Ed Program – Summer

East Lake High School, along with multiple other schools throughout the county, will be hosting our usual Summer Driver's Ed Program. Below you'll find a link to register. The program costs \$250 and seats are limited to first come first serve basis.

- Summer Driver's Ed Link: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/43586>

In-School SAT – All Juniors

All juniors will sit for the FREE in-school SAT on Wednesday, March 12th. Students will test using the Bluebook application. This free testing opportunity is available to all juniors and can be used for A) testing concordance, B) college admissions, and/or C) Bright Futures.

Prom and Senior Updates

This year, Prom will take place on Friday, April 4th at Ruth Eckerd Hall. More information surrounding tickets will be announced as we move through the month of March.

Senior breakfast will take place on Tuesday, April 22nd this year. The breakfast is an optional ticketed event at Ruth Eckerd Hall, which is followed by a mandatory graduation assembly later in the day at East Lake High School to discuss the graduation ceremony, including cap and gown distribution. The day will wrap up with our senior barbeque on campus for the Class of 2025. More information to come as we progress through semester 2 for both senior breakfast and the mandatory graduation assembly for seniors on April 22nd! And graduation for the class of 2025 is fast approaching! As a reminder, graduation is at the Yuengling Center at USF Tampa on May 29th at 9am.

Also, for 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 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/>

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 \(getfortifyfl.com\)](https://www.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/>
- PBIS and ELHS Soar Survey
 - We would love to receive your feedback on our positive behavior system we utilize at East Lake High School. Take a few minutes to complete our survey to provide feedback and suggestions on how we can continue to grow! Use the Microsoft Forms survey below:

- https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb_3ye_PH_3bKI mNJPslLrAydoDTHjNVUNkUyN0ZOM1UwQldTMEtITkpZNjZPMVhFMS4u&route=shorturl
- **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>
- **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.
 - **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.
 - **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.