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3/23/25

Good afternoon Eagle Families,

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal of East Lake High School, with some important reminders and updates as we move into quarter 4 at The Lake. Looking outside of the academics first, students are always ready to SOAR to success both in and out of the classroom within all of our different extracurricular programs offered throughout the school. Check out this week and major upcoming events below:

<u>Events</u>	<u>Dates</u>												
Baseball	Wiregrass Ranch HS at home Wednesday 3/26, Pinellas Park HS at home Wednesday 3/27, and Neumann HS away Friday 3/28												
Softball	Boca Ciega HS at home Monday 3/24, Clearwater HS away Thursday 3/27, Cherry Hill West HS away Saturday 3/29, and Lake Brantley HS away Saturday 3/29												
Girls Lacrosse	Boca Ciega HS away Monday 3/24, Osceola Fundamental HS at home Wednesday 3/26, and Land O' Lakes HS away Thursday 3/27												
Boys Lacrosse	Palm Harbor University HS at home Monday 3/24, Osceola Fundamental HS at home Wednesday 3/26, and Sickles HS away Friday 3/28												
Flag Football	Pinellas Park HS away Wednesday 3/26 and Bonita Springs HS at home 3/28												
Tennis	Girls and boys will both face Countryside HS away on Tuesday 3/25 and Dunedin HS at home on Thursday 3/27												
Track and Field	FSU Relays @ Florida State University on Friday 3/28 and Saturday 3/29												
ELHS Improv Show	Theatre Arts Department presents their annual improv show, "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind". They'll perform 30 scripted comedic scenes in 60 minute! Join us on April 1 st at 7pm in the auditorium with FREE admission (donations welcomed). - https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/ImprovShowFlier.jpeg												
Prom Tickets	Tickets will go on sale for all seniors and guests on Tuesday 3/25, with junior ticket sales starting the following week on Tuesday 4/1												
5 th Resiliency/Mental Health Lesson	<p>We will facilitate the final Resiliency Lesson of the school year on Thursday 3/27 on "Resilience". We will have a modified bell schedule to accommodate, with a shortened 1st through 3rd period and an extended 4th period for the lesson. The bell schedule can be found here</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Modified Bell Schedule – RESILIENCY LESSON</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>Class Period</th><th>Time</th></tr> <tr> <td>1st</td><td>7:25am – 8:07am</td></tr> <tr> <td>2nd</td><td>8:12am – 8:56am</td></tr> <tr> <td>3rd</td><td>9:01am – 9:43am</td></tr> <tr> <td>A Lunch 4th Period</td><td>9:43am – 10:13am 10:18am – 11:20am</td></tr> <tr> <td>4th Period B Lunch</td><td>9:48am – 10:50am 10:50am – 11:20am</td></tr> </table>	Class Period	Time	1 st	7:25am – 8:07am	2 nd	8:12am – 8:56am	3 rd	9:01am – 9:43am	A Lunch 4 th Period	9:43am – 10:13am 10:18am – 11:20am	4 th Period B Lunch	9:48am – 10:50am 10:50am – 11:20am
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Good luck to all of our Eagles in all of their extracurriculars!

Some reminders for the week:

Start of Quarter 4 and Wrapping Up Quarter 3

It's hard to believe that tomorrow, Monday, March 24th, begins the start of quarter 4! Quarter 4 is busy, with multiple crucial assessments, from Industry Certification testing, AICE testing, to FAST ELA, different End-of-Course exams, and Advanced Placement testing in April and May, our Spring Sports programs continuing in full swing, our Spring Musical Into the Woods, multiple band, chorus, and orchestra performances, art shows, awards ceremonies, prom, senior breakfast, graduation, and much more – let's make quarter 4 our best yet this year and continue to SOAR to greatness each and every day!

As a reminder, quarter 3 ended March 14th. Grades will be finalized and submitted by this Friday, March 28th. If your student still has missing work to submit that their teacher is accepting to bring up a low grade, please have them submit it ASAP. Also, remember that semester grades are determined by a combination of quarter 3, quarter 4, and semester exam grades so it's vital to hit the ground running in quarter 4. Exam exemptions are available to students that qualify again this semester, and recap of the criteria are below:

- How many can a student exempt:
 - o Students can exempt up to three exams that they qualify for
 - o *Seniors can exempt all classes that they qualify for (semester 2 only)*
- What classes can a student exempt:
 - o Students cannot exempt any AICE, Advanced Placement, Algebra 1 EOC, Geometry EOC, Biology EOC, US History EOC (*they will sit for all of these prior to final exams*), or Dual Enrollment exam
 - o Each year, qualifying exams exempted semester 1 can also be exempted semester 2
- When will exemption forms be distributed:
 - o One week prior to final exams – the date will be sent out to students and families closer to the end of the semester
- How do absences impact qualifying:
 - o Absences are tracked course-by-course this year and moving forward and they cannot have more than 4 absences in a class to qualify
 - o For example, if they have 5 absences in one class and 4 absences in another, they can exempt the class with 4 absences if they have qualifying grades as well
 - o *If they exempt the exam but get greater than 4 absences in that course prior to the final exam schedule, they will no longer be able to exempt the exam*
- How are grades impact qualifying:
 - o Students must earn a C or higher in Q3 and have a provisional grade of a C or higher to qualify
 - o *If they exempt the exam but their grade drops below a C in that course prior to the final exam schedule, they will no longer be able to exempt the exam*

April and May Testing Calendar

As we move into quarter 4, we have many very important testing dates ahead, with AICE, Advanced Placement, FAST ELA PM3, End of Course exams (Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, and US History), Industry Certification testing, and final exams. Attached you'll find a few documents that outline the calendar and schedule for major testing dates for the remainder of the school year:

- *Spring Assessment Schedule 3/24/25 Update* <https://tinyurl.com/2xxmu2wk>
- *May Calendar / Final Exam Schedule* <https://tinyurl.com/yyz9ms8x>

Prom Updates

This year, Prom will take place on Friday, April 4th at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Tickets will go on sale for seniors and guests on Tuesday March 25 and on Tuesday April 1 for juniors and guest tickets. As in past years, students can't have any major discipline infractions or be failing any courses to purchase a ticket. For more information, please reach out to our Junior Class Sponsor, Mr. Reisinger at reisingerri@pcsb.org.

Class of 2025 Reminders

- Friday 4/4: Prom @ Ruth Eckerd Hall
- Friday 4/11: Grad Bash @ Universal Studios
- Monday 4/22: Senior Breakfast @ Ruth Eckerd Hall, Mandatory Senior Assembly @ ELHS, and Senior BBQ @ ELHS
- Tuesday 5/20 to Friday 5/23: Senior Exams
- Thursday 5/29: Class of 2025 Graduation @ the Yuengling Center in Tampa at 9am
- *A reminder to visit <https://elhssenior.weebly.com> to keep up with all things Senior Class!*
- *If you haven't paid for A) your Cap and Gown and B) your Grad Walking Fees, use the links below:*

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://getfortifyfl.com)

○ **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>

○ **PTSA Updates**

- ELHS PTSA needs you! PTSA will have elections in May and will be looking for new board members and committee chairs, along with new memberships as of July 1st. If you are interested in learning how PTSA works and what each position entails, please listen in on the Advocacy Zoom meeting hosted by ELMS with our Pinellas County PTA Treasurer on Feb 26th at 8pm. The information for the call is on our FB/Insta and E-mail.
- Share some LOVE and APPRECIATION TO OUR AMAZING TEACHERS AND STAFF! The ELHS PTSA is beginning an ongoing year-round request to "FUEL THE FACULTY". We are looking for small snack and drink donations for a snack cart which rolls around the office and halls. PTSA is kicking off this effort in February with their Sign-up Genius posted on their Facebook and Instagram pages. Please see the links below to access the social media pages on how to sign up: <https://bit.ly/4jsZuaQ>
- Consider starting your membership off with the PTSA or making a donation this month - both assist 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 check out their Facebook and Instagram pages for more information!
 - <https://www.facebook.com/EastLakeHSPTSA>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/eastlakehighptsa/>

- **College and Career Center Updates**

- **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.
- **SPC Open Door Scholarship** for work force training - SPC offers scholarships to help prepare you for your dream job or develop your career.
 - Through the Open Door grant program, you can complete short-term training for high-demand jobs in as little as six weeks for FREE.
 - This opportunity covers 100% of tuition and fees for eligible programs after all other federal and state financial aid is applied. To qualify, you must be a Florida resident. Scholarships are offered on a first come, first served basis while funding is available. <https://now.spc.edu/open-door>
- **Pinellas Technical College** - Earn free tuition for the first term by attending National Technical College Signing Day April 10th. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/4hpt4h8z>
- **Orlando Health Bayfront Hospital** is excited to welcome you for our 2nd Annual Healthcare Pathway Summer Program. This free, two-day healthcare introductory program is open to high school students entering their junior or senior year. Introductions to careers in radiology, respiratory care, surgical technology, phlebotomy, nursing, laboratory, are available and so much more. The second day, the students are broken up into small groups where they gain hands-on experience in various departments, behind the scenes. <https://tinyurl.com/54cwp4sn>
- **East Lake Community Library** - We're excited to share a valuable opportunity for high school students to build essential financial skills with Money Smarts for Teens, a three-part financial literacy series at the East Lake Community Library in collaboration with Pinellas County Consumer Protection. <https://tinyurl.com/2p9mbpun>
- **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 continue SOARing to new heights this semester 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.