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Good Evening Eagle Families,  
**Exam Waivers**

As you might have read in today's Tampa Bay Times, Pinellas County Schools has temporarily dropped the attendance requirement to the exam waiver policy to allow students who are sick to stay home. Please remember the requirement of earning an A or B in a class is still in effect. Attendance is still the key to success, so please encourage your students to attend school if they feel well.

### **Social Media**

Our students often use social media (snapchat, twitter etc.) to keep in contact with friends, and update others on their newest activities. Unfortunately, many students misuse social media by posting untrue rumors, hurtful comments about others, and items purposely meant to frighten others.

Here is some advice for our students from the Cyberbullying Research Center. Please partner with me in helping our students use social media responsibly.

Assume that EVERYONE has access to your profile (parents, teachers, future employers, and law enforcement) even if you have your profile restricted to "friends only." Don't discuss things you wouldn't want them to know about. Don't use language you wouldn't use in front of your parents. Finally, make sure you set your profile to "private" so that you can control who has easy access to your information.

USE DISCRETION when putting pictures (or any content for that matter) on your profile. Your friends might think that picture of you acting silly at the party last night is hilarious, but how will your parents or a potential employer react? Also remember that when your friend (or a stranger) takes your picture it may end up on their profile for all to see.

Assume people WILL use the information on your profile to cause you harm. Don't put anything online you wouldn't want your worst enemy to know. Also, don't add people as "friends" unless you know them in real life. Even if you think you know them, be skeptical. Kids often think it is cool to accumulate and have thousands of "friends." Just remember that these people have open access to all of your posted content and information. Assume there are predators out there trying to FIND YOU based on the information you provide on your profile. Think like a predator. What information on your profile identifies who you are, where you hang out, and where you live? Never post this kind of information anywhere online. Your friends know how to find you.

You may be held responsible for inappropriate content on your profile that is in violation of the Terms of Service or Acceptable Use Policies of the Internet Service Provider or web site(s) you use. Moreover, school districts across the country are revising their policies to allow them to discipline students for online behavior that can be linked to a disruption in the classroom environment – even if you wrote or posted the content at home from your own computer.

### **FAFSA**

At this time, if you **and your senior** have not completed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), please do so at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. There is additional information on FAFSA through PCS at <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/318>. Please complete as soon as possible.

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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.*