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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 the 4th and final quarter of the 2024-25 school year 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:

Events	Dates
Baseball	Compete in the district semifinals on Tuesday 4/15 at home against Mitchell HS
Softball	Face Manatee HS away on 4/15, Seminole HS at home on 4/17 as we celebrate our seniors at SENIOR NIGHT, and wrap up the regular season the following week against Hollins HS at home on Tuesday 4/22
Flag Football	Compete in the district semifinals on Tuesday 4/15 at home against either Pinellas Park HS or Largo HS (<i>they face off on Monday</i>)
Track and Field	Compete in the district meet on Tuesday 4/22 at Sickles HS
Tennis	Compete in the district meet on Tuesday 4/15 at Hillsborough Community College
ELHS Spring Musical: <u>Into the Woods</u>	Our theatre department has been working diligently to prepare for our upcoming spring musical, Into the Woods. Come and support the program and see an amazing performance April 24 through April 26 . Tickets are live today!
Walker's Rising Stars	Walker's Rising Stars Scholarship Competition is an initiative that helps students hone their audition, portfolio, and performance skills. The event takes place at Mahaffey Theater on Monday, May 5. Tickets are free and East Lake High School will be represented by four extremely talented students in Theater and Visual Arts where they'll be competing for college scholarships – go out to support their outstanding work! <ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://tinyurl.com/fttffefv

Good luck to all of our Eagles in all of their extracurriculars! Also, as a reminder, students will not have school this upcoming Friday 4/18 or the following Monday 4/21. Some additional reminders for the week include

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>

Spring Musical – Into the Woods

Get your tickets now for our Spring Musical “Into the Woods” on GoFan. Performances will be in the East Lake High School auditorium on April 24th, 25th, and 26th at 7pm, along with a matinee on the 26th at 1pm. We hope to see you there to see the culmination of all of our student’s and staff’s hard work!

Class of 2025 Reminders

- 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 & 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/>

College and Career Center and Guidance Updates

Saturday SAT Opportunities: For students in 10th through 12th grade focusing on college and/or scholarship prep, make sure to register for a weekend SAT at ELHS! This is done directly through the <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration> Upcoming tests are below:

- May 3 SAT
- June 7 SAT (digital testing only)
 - o *Contact your counselor if you have any questions about registering*

SPC Off Campus Summer/Fall Registration: Additionally, if your student is wanting to take Dual Enrollment classes off campus at SPC this summer, registration is now open and due by April 30. Fall Dual Enrollment registration for off campus SPC classes begins on April 76 with a deadline of May 29. Please have your student reach out to their counselor if they are interested.

SPC Day: SPC will be on campus on April 10 from 9am to 11am in the Media Center for graduating seniors that have already been accepted to SPC. Please have your student attend so they can receive a welcome packet and instructions on next steps!

Below you’ll find a variety of College and Career Center updates relevant to students in different grade levels as they plan for their post-secondary journey (<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/43646>):

Elevating Excellent Summer Seminars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Road to College Senior Seminar (click hyperlink)<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Calling all Class of 2026! This FREE workshop will assist rising Seniors in the college application process. Students will create their FAFSA ID and Common Application account, complete their SSAR/SRAR, work on BigFuture Scholarships and CSS account, if needed. Conveniently located at East Lake High School for the first time! Join Ms. Gallaty this summer to get a head start on the college application process. Two 3-hour sessions offered each day July 21st-24th.- Road to College Underclass Seminar (click hyperlink)<ul style="list-style-type: none">o The Elevating Excellence Road to College is a FREE 3-hour seminar that will assist your student in the college readiness process. Students will engage in activities that will explore Career Matching, College Matching, Financial Aid, College
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	<p>Budget and Planning and Bright Futures. Two 3-hour sessions offered each day July 16th and 17th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Money Smarts for Teens - East Lake Community Library 6:00-7:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o We're excited to share a valuable opportunity for high school students to build essential financial skills with <i>Money Smarts for Teens</i>, a three-part financial literacy series at the East Lake Community Library in collaboration with Pinellas County Consumer Protection. Open to grades 9-12. o Session Dates & Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ April 7th – Budgeting & Saving Basics ▪ April 14th – Credit Cards & Credit Scores ▪ April 21st – Avoiding Scams & Renting 101 ▪ Incentive: Students who complete all three sessions will earn a certificate of completion and a \$10 gift card (Amazon, Starbucks, etc.) to celebrate their commitment to financial literacy!
<p>Explore Your Potential - Careers in Healthcare with Johns Hopkins Medical Explorers Program and Orlando Health Pathway Summer Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have you ever thought about a career in healthcare? Did you know there are dozens of different professions in healthcare that vary from direct patient care to business administration to leadership and management? The Medical Explorers Program offered by Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital will help high school students explore the myriad professions within healthcare. If you have ever thought about a career in healthcare, apply for the Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital Medical Explorers Program today! - 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. We hope you will share this exciting opportunity with your students! Please reach out if you have any additional questions.
<p>Spectrum Internship (hyperlink)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ***THIS INTERNSHIP IS SPECIFICALLY FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS ENTERING THEIR SENIOR YEAR*** - This is a learning-intensive High School Internship program designed to give you essential business insights and hands-on experience in the technology field. Training is a full-time, 8-week commitment from June 7, 2024, through August 2, 2024, with the possibility of extending on a part-time basis through your final year of high school. Part-time scheduling during your senior year includes 1 full day each weekend and 2-3 evenings per week, totaling a minimum of 20 hours. - As a Spectrum Intern, you will have access to full benefits, including medical, 401K, and comp services, with potential for tuition assistance once you graduate.

<p>Student Volunteer Opportunities (https://www.pcsb.org/Page/37909)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summer Camp Assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Volunteer to become a summer camp assistant. Assist with fun & creative activities for boys and girls ages 5-12. Hours volunteering can be used towards Bright Futures! - Egg-stravaganza <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Volunteers wanted to help setup/breakdown, hide eggs, support the rock painting table, face paint and more! Saturday, April 12th from 8am-1pm at R.E. Olds Park. Sign up.
<p>Scholarships (https://www.pcsb.org/Page/39425)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students can also look in Xello (through their Clever account) to find other scholarships. - Bright Futures - complete the FFAA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home - SPC Open Door Scholarship for work force training - SPC offers scholarships to help prepare you for your dream job or develop your career. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Through the Open-Door grant program, you can complete short-term training for high-demand jobs in as little as six weeks for FREE. o 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. https://padlet.com/gallatyn/east-lake-college-and-career-center-idyrvtlk9okb080m/wish/XGyBQbkL2ql0ZL6K - Closing soon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 2025 Paul Toomey IT Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deadline 4/7/2025 ▪ \$3,000 Scholarship. Criteria for the scholarship includes above-average achievement and motivation towards advancing his/her education in a computer-related field, outstanding service to school and the community, involvement in extracurricular events, and admirable leadership. Failure to submit ANY of the requested documents and information will warrant immediate scholarship disqualification.
<p><u>Have questions? Need help?</u></p>	<p>Book an appointment via the hyperlink.</p>

Additional Reminders

- o **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 \(getfortifyfl.com\)](#)

○ **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**

- The ELHS PTSA is seeking nominations for the 2025-26 school year and will have open elections in May. Are you interested in making a difference in our school community? Join the PTSA Executive Committee. Please submit your interest for our four open board positions to our three nomination committee co-chairs listed on Instagram and Facebook. Voting will take place at our May General Meeting directly before the SAC meeting May 13th at 6pm in the ELHS Media Center. ALL ARE WELCOME! If you have any questions, email ptsaehs@gmail.com
- 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/>

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.