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Good afternoon, Eagle Families,

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal of East Lake High School, with your last Sunday callout of the 2024-25 school year! This week is filled with final exams, the White Coat Ceremony for our Academy of Biomedical Sciences, and Graduation for the class of 2025! We can't wait to celebrate all of our graduates at the Yuengling Center at 9am this Thursday, May 29 as they walk across the stage – detailed reminders can be found in this callout! Below you'll find several different reminders for the week. Let's finish the year out strong as we SOAR into the summer at The Lake!

Closing Out Quarter 4

As a reminder, there is no school tomorrow in observance of Memorial Day. As we approach the last day of the 2024-25 school year, which is this Thursday, May 29 for students, it is imperative students wrap up any coursework which may still need to be submitted, along with giving it their all on their last set of finals. Grades will be finalized no later than Friday, May 30 by the end of the day, before teachers wrap up their final day before the summer. If your student hasn't done so yet, they'll need to clean out their locker and take their lock with them for the summer. They'll also need to return their textbooks to each of their teachers if this hasn't happened yet. Seniors who still need to return their laptops have received emails and calls from Mr. Anderson. Please complete this prior to graduation on Thursday.

ELHS Semester 2 Final Exams

We'll wrap up final exams Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week, which includes 3rd and 6th period exams on Tuesday, 2nd and 1st period on Wednesday, and 7th period plus make-ups on Thursday. Remember Thursday, the last day of the 2024-25 school year, is a full day this year. Students will dismiss at the usual 1:55pm end on Thursday. Attached to this callout you will find a reminder on the schedule for the exams.

- <https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/5-29-25Schedule.png>

As a reminder, students are expected to stay in class during the entire review and testing block, as to avoid any disruption to the testing environment for all students within the classroom. If your student does need a PTL (Permit to Leave) for the end of the first testing session (10:15am each day), please ensure you call into the office at least one day in advance and have your student collect their pass in the office when they arrive.

- <https://tinyurl.com/Spring25ExamSchedule>

Summer Program Reminders

On June 2nd, we will begin our Summer Edmentum Credit Recovery Program, which runs Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 12:00pm until July 17th in the ELHS Media Center. If your child has at least one core failure, you've been receiving reoccurring callouts from Ms. Godwin since last week. If you've been receiving this call, please ensure you sign your student up for the program so they can get back on track for the start of the 2025-26 school year. They're already registered, however filling out the survey confirms they'll be attending. Please refer to her callout/email for more information and don't hesitate to reach out to the school with any questions, and we'll see them on Monday, June 2nd at 8am!

- Credit Recovery Sign-up Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/eLah1rPHnC>

We will also be running various other Summer Bridge programs, including Algebra 1 Credit Recovery/EOC Retake Preparation and ACT ELA and Math Preparation. These are intended for current 10th, 11th, or 12th grade students who are still in need of a testing graduation requirement (begins June 30th). If your child is still in need of a testing graduation

requirement, you've been receiving calls from Ms. Godwin on how to register for the program. Please know students requiring their FAST ELA concordant score for graduation have been enrolled in reading for the 2025-26 school year at this point to support their work to meet graduation requirements. If they earn a concordant score by the end of the summer, they can be moved out of the course for the start of the year. We will also have concordant score testing through an in-school CLT on June 18 at ELHS. Students will be registered if they are a rising junior or senior in need of either graduation testing requirement. They should arrive for the 8:30am start time, and we'll send reminders as the date approaches for those this applies to.

Finally, if your student failed Algebra 1, we will be running an Algebra 1 Credit Recovery Program through Summer Bridge which begins June 16th. Families with students still needing to make up this credit will receive a call this week on how to register.

If you have any questions about any of the programs, Edmentum Credit Recovery or the various Summer Bridge options, please don't hesitate to call the school. We do also have transportation available for families if needed.

Class of 2025 Reminders

Graduation is just four short days from today - we can't wait to celebrate the Class of 2025 on Thursday, May 29th, at the Yuengling Center at 9am! Remember, graduates need to arrive an hour early, entering through the Corral Entrance to the left of Gate A. We'll see them at 8am on Thursday! Attached you'll find a One Pager with a variety of reminders. Additionally, below are some quick reminders regarding graduation:

- **FLYER:** <https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/ELHS-GraduationGuideforYuenglingCenter.png>
- **TICKETS:** You do NOT need a ticket for graduation. Graduates are allowed to invite as many guests as they would like. There is a parking fee, but again, no ticket cost or limits on guests.
- **SEATING:** The event is open seating.
- **PARKING:**
 - Fee - \$15.00 and CREDIT CARD ONLY, per CAR. ALL graduates, students, parents, and friends/community members attending must pay the \$15 fee at the parking lot entrances.
 - Gates: the open gates will be Gates A and B, with graduates entering through the Corral Entrance to the LEFT of Gate A.
- **HANDICAP/HEARING ACCOMMODATIONS:** Parking is available for all ADA guests in all parking lots on a first-come, first-served basis. Please make sure to display official placards. Also, there will be hearing accommodations section, should you require these services, please let our Graduation Coordinator, Mrs. Blum via email.
- **FOOD:** There will be a few concessions stands open with food and drink items for sale. Card purchases only.
- **BACKPACKS, BAGS, and STROLLERS:** No bags exceeding 12"x12"x12" are permitted and all are subject to search upon entry. Backpacks are not permitted, outside of diaper and medical bags. Strollers which are too large to fold under your seat have to be checked in at Guest Services at the Gate A entrance.
- **NO BALLOONS ALLOWED**
- **GATE ENTRY:**
 - Graduates are to arrive at 8:00am through the Corral Entrance to the LEFT of Gate A – No exceptions. No early arrivals without a staff member with a school ID.
 - Public gates (A and B) open at 8:00am as well.
- **GRADUATION DIPLOMA COVERS AND PROGRAMS:** When students exit the graduation, they will be escorted to receive their diploma covers as well as a brand-new event program for your keeping as they exit the arena.
- **GRADUATION DAY PICTURES:** All students attending graduation will have 3 pictures taken as they graduate (Plain background, American Flag, and with the principal during diploma hand off). You will receive information regarding purchasing after the event from Grad Images and Balfour.
- **LIVE LINK/GRADUATION PROGRAM:** Closer to the day of the event, we will communicate the LIVE YouTube link as well as the link to the online Graduation Program for those not attending.
- **QUESTIONS:** Please email Graduation Coordinator, Mrs. Blum at blumme@pcsb.org with any questions.

College/Career Center and Guidance Updates

Saturday SAT Opportunities	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 7 SAT (digital testing only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Contact your counselor if you have any questions about registering</i>
SPC Off Campus Summer/Fall Registration	<p>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 16 with a deadline of May 29. Please have your student reach out to their counselor if they are interested</p>
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 will assist your student in the college readiness process. Students will engage in activities to explore Career Matching, College Matching, Financial Aid, College Budget and Planning and Bright Futures. Two 3-hour sessions offered each day July 16th and 17th.
BayCare - High School Graduate Career Expo – (Hyperlink) June 13 th 10am-1pm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BayCare will be hosting a hiring event for graduating high school seniors. This event will be structured as a career expo, giving students the opportunity to explore various career paths within BayCare and gain hands-on experience in a supportive, informative setting. This is a great way for students to discover rewarding opportunities in healthcare and beyond—right out of high school. • Attendees can register on the following link: https://events.blackthorn.io/4PhhY86/5a2gKh11JB3
Spectrum Internship (hyperlink)	<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.
AMSKILLS Manufacturing Career Discovery Bootcamp (Hyperlink)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn entry level manufacturing skills such as soldering, electricity, precision measurement, & robot building. • Resume Guidance, Interview Coaching, and Mock Interviews

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guaranteed job interviews on the last day of BootCamp!
Student Volunteer Opportunities https://www.pcsb.org/Page/37909	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summer Camp Assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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! - https://www.pcsb.org/Page/37909: Ruth's Promise Adult Day Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The organization is looking for high school students to volunteer to interact with seniors doing various activities like arts & crafts, exercise programs, trivia, and many other exciting activities. Do you have a talent, musical background, or other special skills you'd like to share with us? Our participants enjoy being around students and love to be entertained by your talent. Please contact Terri Ziegler, Ruth's Promise Volunteer Coordinator, at (727)365-1866 or by email at ruthspromiseadp@gmail.com
Scholarships https://www.pcsb.org/Page/39425	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final FAFSA Completion event of the school year and College & Career Mini-Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you're still not sure what your next steps are, join us to meet with local colleges and organizations offering scholarships and other opportunities. ○ June 7 from 9am-12pm ○ SPC Midtown 1300 22nd St. South, St. Petersburg, FL • 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"> ○ 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"> ○ 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 • Closing Soon - Deadline 6/1/2025 - 2 \$500 Scholarships 1 male, 1 female. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The DOS Crescent Foundation Inc. provides scholarship opportunities to the youth and young adults of Pinellas County to attend colleges and universities or vocational institutions. Scholarship opportunities are available throughout the academic year for elementary, middle, and high school students and collegians. <p>For more information and to apply: https://www.pinellascountysigmas.com/scholarship-doscrescentfoundation</p>
Free SPC Class (Current Seniors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take American Government and fulfill your Civic Literacy requirement in just 7 weeks! This is a great opportunity to get a head start and knock out the Civic Literacy Requirement, no matter which college/university they plan on attending this fall. Please see the attached flyer and the bullets below for more information. - This class will be offered in person at the following locations:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Downtown Center ○ Clearwater Campus ○ Seminole Campus ○ St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus ○ Tarpon Springs Campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is a 7-week class which begins on June 8th and ends on July 25th. - The class meets two days a week in person from 11am-1:15pm. - There is only one class on each of these campuses, so seats are limited. - Students can register for this class at Titanhub.spcollege.edu, or by speaking with an advisor (on campus or virtually) - Any student who would like to take this class and hasn't applied yet can do so for FREE at Explore SPC: https://now.spc.edu/explore25
Have questions? Need help?	Book an appointment via the hyperlink.

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)
- **PTSA Updates**
 - Consider starting your membership off with the PTSA or donating 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.*