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Good afternoon Eagle Families,

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal of East Lake High School, with a mid-summer callout filled with some reminders and updates relevant as students enjoy their summer and we approach the start of the 2024-25 school year. First off, welcome to all of our new students and families – we can't wait to see our current and future Eagles exemplify what it means to SOAR like an eagle at the Lake!

Summer Athletics, Band, and Color Guard

Is your student interested in getting involved this summer? The East Lake High School band and color guard, along with several of our different fall and winter sports teams have rehearsals and workouts throughout the summer, continuing as early as this upcoming week.

Summer band and color guard rehearsals continue this week. For families of all incoming freshmen joining or interested in joining band, find out more information on our band booster's website, Eastlakeband.com. Looking for a way to get your student physically active and involved in campus life? Come check out our award winning color guard program this Tuesday night from 5pm to 8pm at ELHS. No experience is necessary. Reach out to Mr. Black at blacki@pcsb.org for more information or if you have any questions.

Any student athlete interested in sports throughout the school year must have all paperwork uploaded and CLEARED through <https://AthleticClearance.com> to participate in tryouts and workouts. To find more information, please visit the athletics page on the East Lake High School website – a link can be found below:

- [2024-2025 ELHS Athletics](#)

For students interested that have approved paperwork through [AthelticClearance.com](https://AthleticClearance.com), summer workouts have already begun or will shortly for multiple fall and winter sports. The summer workouts are as follows:

- Football has summer workouts continue for the next two weeks from 7am to 9am Monday through Thursday, with official practices beginning Monday 7/29 – reach out to Coach Hudson at hudsonr@pcsb.org for more information.
- Flag Football workouts continue for the next four weeks from 8am to 10:15am Monday through Thursday, with the fall practice schedule TBA – reach out to Coach Khan at khana@pcsb.org for more information.
- Girls Soccer summer workouts begin on 7/10 and will run every Wednesday and Friday until the school year begins from 8am to 9:30am at Lansbrook Commons.
- Cross Country conditioning begins this Tuesday 7/9 through Thursday 8/8 at 8am, running every Tuesday and Thursday at ELHS; students will meet the coaches in the gym lobby at ELHS. Tryouts will be held after school on 8/12 – reach out to Coach Taylor at taylorbrit@pcsb.org for more information.

Senior and Underclassman Updates

The start of the 2024-25 school year is only a little over a month away. With that, senior and underclassman parking, along with an opportunity for students to reserve a locker and speak with their counselor if they want to request a schedule change, will be available for seniors and juniors on Tuesday, July 30th. Seniors will have specific times set up in the morning with juniors in the afternoon. Sophomores will have times available in the morning on Wednesday, July 31st, and we will host our Freshmen Orientation Event at East Lake High School from 5:30pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday, July 31st. More information in the coming weeks for each of these dates.

2024 Paris Olympics

We are so proud to announce that three of our East Lake High School alumni are Paris bound where they will compete in the 2024 Olympics! Nathan Harriel will represent Team USA in soccer, Parker Valby will be competing for Team USA in track and field, and Sydney Pickrem will represent Team Canada in swimming. We'll be cheering them on while they represent both the United States and Canada later this month. Good luck!

Additional Announcements/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 that helps us identify and intervene in a proactive way. Please remind your student(s) that this is in place to assist with addressing a concern and also a way for someone get any help that may be needed – tips are passed along to appropriate law enforcement and school personnel. FortifyFL is also another reporting system that is available to report suspicious activity which 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)

If you have any questions at all, as always, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school. Always remember that Life is Better at the Lake. Have an amazing rest of your weekend and summer - 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.