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Good Afternoon Eagle Families,

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal of East Lake High School, with some important reminders for the week. First off, we had a great start to the 2023-24 school year! A special shout out to our band, led by Mr. Black, for welcoming students and staff into school on the first day! Looking outside of the academics, our students are ready to SOAR to success as we kick off our Fall Sports programs. Let's show our school spirit and cheer on our different sports teams, clubs, and performing arts programs throughout the year – this week we have a pre-season volleyball match at Indian Rocks Christian on Tuesday at 7pm and our Varsity Football Pre-Season Classic at Zephyrhills on Friday at 7:30pm. Good luck Eagles!

### **Weekly Progress Reports and Tardy Communication**

I will begin sending weekly progress reports every Wednesday beginning the second full week of each semester. You can expect this to begin Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. If your student was at East Lake High School last semester, you're familiar with the Student Conductor tardy system that we use at the school. We plan to begin utilizing that system this week and will communicate reminders to families prior to the first day. Students have received reminders on the expectation and policy this week as well.

### **Parent Car Loop/Student Parking Lot**

As we move into next week, there are a few parking reminders that are relevant to families and students which will assist with flow and safety. Parents, please remember that our parent car circle has two lanes – ensure that if you are entering from Bryan Lane, please use the right lane, and if you are entering from Silver Eagle Drive going north, please use the left lane of the parent loop. Additionally, please have your students exit the car along the football stadium and student parking lot, prior to reaching the crosswalk. All students must use the crosswalk that is monitored by East Lake HS and MS staff. Additionally, parents will need to follow the parent car loop throughout the lot – please do not attempt to exit through the student parking lot. All of these will assist with flow and safety both for arrival and dismissal.

We will continue to collaborate with the middle school to determine whether any adjustments need to be made. We appreciate your patience as we start a new year! Parents, please remind students to drive safely and always abide by all school and roadway expectations.

### **Mentors**

Mentors are needed! Only 30 minutes a week could change a student's life – contact Natasha Gallaty at [gallatyn@pcsb.org](mailto:gallatyn@pcsb.org) for more information or see the attached flier.

- [TSIC Flyer.jpg](#)

### **College Application Essays**

There will be a College Application Essay Presentation on Saturday, August 19, from 2pm to 3pm at Countryside Library. More details can be found in the attached flyer.

- [College Essay program 2023.pdf](#)

### **Dress Code and Cellphones**

As a reminder, we expect students to follow the Pinellas County Schools dress code during the 2023-24 school year at East Lake High School. Students have received a reminder on this along with other schoolwide expectations as we've started the school year. Please make sure to review this with your student – it can be found on page 56 of the Student Code of Conduct ([2023-2024-Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf \(pcsb.org\)](https://www.pcsb.org/2023-2024-Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf)). Cellphones were also discussed through the first several days of the school year. Please remind your students that they are allowed to use their cellphones appropriately during passing time and at lunch. Teachers may utilize them for academic purposes within the classroom, but when they are not being used during teacher approved academic lessons, they are to be off and put away.

### **Student Laptops, Lockers, and Locks**

Student laptop distribution will begin this upcoming week through grade level specific courses. Mr. Anderson will send out more information on Monday. If your student is still interested in requesting a locker, please have them stop by Student Services. If they also need to purchase a lock, they'll need to bring \$4.00 with exact change.

We look forward to an amazing school year here at East Lake High School. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Assistant Principal or Counselor. Always remember that Life is Better at the Lake – have an amazing rest of your weekend, stay safe, and GO EAGLES!

Dan Schmittiel, Principal  
East Lake High School

*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.*