

East Lake High School

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Hello East Lake Families,

This is Dr. Smith with an important announcement regarding open house.

We are excited to welcome you to our upcoming **Open House** on **Tuesday**, **August 26**, from **4:30 PM to 6:30 PM**.

This year, we are trying a new open-format style based on feedback from both staff and previous years' experiences. Rather than following a set schedule or rotating through specific classes, families will be able to freely move throughout the school and visit classrooms at their own pace during the two-hour window.

Here's what you can expect:

Open Format Details:

- Doors open at 4:30 PM, and you may arrive any time between then and 6:30 PM.
- You and your student may visit **any of their classrooms**, meet teachers, and explore the building, as well as access valuable information in our Family and Student Resource Center (see below).
- Teachers will be available to share class expectations, materials, and ways to stay connected throughout the year.
- This is not a parent-teacher conference night. If you'd like to speak more in-depth with a teacher, you are welcome to request a follow-up conversation or meeting at another time with that teacher.

Family & Student Resource Center (Located in the Media Center):

This was added to assist our families with all things high school. We will have several staff members representing a variety of areas to ensure you are supported. We encourage you to stop by for help or information from:

- Counselors' Corner: School Counselor Q+A (e.g. Bright Futures, dual enrollment, advanced coursework, etc...)
- Administration Q+A: admin are available to answer your school related questions
- Focus support: assistance with our student information system Focus (e.g. login, grade access, communications, etc...)
- Technology support: meet with tech specialists for assistance with laptops and educational software
- Athletics information: paperwork, programs, times/dates, boosters
- Schedule Routing: reduce your potential for tardies during the day with a personalized route for your classes.

Helpful Hints:

- Teachers may provide materials through handouts for you to take or may offer QR codes/website links to access class information.
- Some classrooms may offer interactive activities or learning experiences to give you a feel for the curriculum.
- Contact information for each teacher will be provided (email, focus communication)

We'll send a few reminders as we get closer to the date, but we're looking forward to seeing you and your student there!

If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to reach out directly to your student's teachers via email or Focus.

Thank you for your continued support, and we can't wait to see you next Tuesday!

Dr. Eric Smith, 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.