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This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal at East Lake High School, with some important reminders and updates for the week. As always, let's look outside of the academics to support and celebrate our students in their various extracurriculars – our students are always ready to SOAR to success as we progress throughout the school year both in and out of the classroom. This week we continue with our Fall Athletics season. Let's show our school spirit and cheer on our different sports teams, clubs, and performing arts programs throughout the year – a list of this week's events can be found below:

- **JV/Varsity Volleyball** faces Clearwater HS on Tuesday 8/27 away
- **Swim and Dive** face St. Pete HS at the YMCA on Wednesday 8/28
- **JV Football** faces Dunedin HS at home on Wednesday 8/28
- **Boys and Girls Bowling** face Palm Harbor at Maple Lanes on Thursday 8/29
- **Varsity Football** faces Pinellas Park HS away on Friday 8/30
- **Boys and Girls Cross Country** compete in the Falcon Invite in Dunedin on Saturday 8/31

ELHS Open House – Tuesday, August 27

We will host our 2024-25 East Lake High School Open House on Tuesday, August 27. The event will run from 6pm to 8pm. Parents, you'll spend 10 minutes in each of your student's classrooms during the night, with the 5-minute warning bell the begin at 6pm. The schedule can be found below. Parents should park in the bus circle and enter through the gates by the front office. We hope to see each of you at the school Tuesday evening!

Period	Time
<i>5-minute warning bell</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>
1st Period	6:06pm-6:16pm
2nd Period	6:22pm-6:32pm
3rd Period	6:38pm-6:48pm
4th Period	6:54pm-7:04pm
5th Period	7:10pm-7:20pm
6th Period	7:26pm-7:36pm
7th Period	7:42pm-7:52pm

- [ELHS Open House Student Schedule.pdf](#)

Parent Portal Information

Parents, please have students double check the spelling of their name in Focus when you have a moment for any spelling errors. If you need to make corrections, students should stop by the front office and ask to see Mrs. Robison. Names are based off of the birth certificate and only incorrect spellings can be corrected.

Additionally, attached you'll find a document that provides instructions on how to create a parent account, link your student to your parent account, resetting your password, and how to change your address. Please use the attached if you have any need for assistance in these areas before calling the school as many are quick fixes you can do from home.

- [Parent Portal Information 2024-2025.pdf](#)

Parent Drop Off and Pick Up

As a reminder, the only location parents should be dropping off and picking up students is the parent car line north end of the school near the Silver Eagle Dr and Bryan Lane intersection. Parents, please ensure that you are not using the staff parking lot or the bus circle on the south end of the school near Northfield Dr or the student parking lot, as both creates bus exit and traffic flow issues along with creating safety concerns in both areas. Attached is a reminder on the one location for the parent car line that students must be picked up at. Thank you for your attention to this and to the many families that are using the correct method to drop off and pick up!

- [ELHS 2024-25 Car Circle.pdf](#)

Anonymous Reporting

As many 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 <https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/say-something-tips/>
- FortifyFL <https://getfortifyfl.com/>

Additional Reminders:

- **ELHS PTSA**

- The ELHS PTSA would like to thank everyone that came to the meeting on Tuesday! We will be posting meeting information on the school website under the Get Involved/PTSA tab – come check it out! Next week we will begin our Membership Drive from August 19th to August 30th. We will be giving some comp tickets to an ELHS home football game this season. This will go to one family that has already signed up for the PTSA this year and another family that signs up during the Membership Drive! Please help us meet our goal of 300 members this year. The PTSA's annual budget is using this number to meet their support proposals but would love to exceed that. Also, if you are considering becoming a family or business sponsor, there's also an opportunity to join our sponsorship tiers listed on our membership site, see the link below. Additionally, you can buy spirit wear on the site below to support our PTSA and rep the school!
 - ELHSPTSA.givebacks.com
 - <https://east-lake-high-school-class-of-gear.itemorder.com>

- **Student Expectation Reminders**

- We will continue to focus on Powering Up Learning to assist with removing the distractions of cellphones and headphones throughout the year. To learn more, see the links below:
 - <https://tinyurl.com/w59wevby>
 - <https://www.pcsb.org/PowerUp>
- Please continue to review the ELHS and PCS dress code with your students. We do expect that all students are in dress code each day. For more details on the dress code, please use the link below:
 - <https://www.pcsb.org/dresscode>
- We want every student to have an amazing high school experience and be involved in any and all of the extracurricular activities that we have on campus, but some discipline infractions could get in the way of that. Any major offense including infractions like vaping, use or possession of an illegal substance, fighting, etc. will result in your student not being able to participate in certain after school events, including homecoming, prom, etc. Multiple repeat referrals may also result in a loss of that privilege at all. Please make sure to review this with your student as well.

- **College and Career Center**
 - The College and Career Center is open! Contact Ms. Gallaty, gallatyn@pcsb.org or visit our [virtual resource center](#) for help planning for life after high school. Whether it's college, career or military we have resources to help.
- **East Lake Silver Sound Marching Band – DC Trip**
 - We're excited to announce that the East Lake Silver Sound Marching Band has been accepted to represent the State of Florida in the 2025 National Independence Day Parade in Washington D.C. There is still time to join our marching band, and the group is looking for piano players and dancers that want a way to get involved with one of our largest organizations on campus. See Mr. Black in the band room during lunch or after school to find out more or email him at blacki@pcsb.org.
- **Clothing Donations**
 - In the south end of the school within the teacher parking lot, there's a clothing donation bin. If you have any clothing you're giving away, feel free to drop it off at any time – not only is it for a good cause, ELHS also receives some funding to support the school!
- **Yearbook Sales**
 - Please order your yearbook before our Back to School Sale is over. www.yearbookordercenter.com/job/1232 or contact Mrs. Wall at walln@pcsb.org with any questions. She can also answer questions about senior portraits, senior dedication ads, and our upcoming picture day.
- **Flag Football**
 - There will be a Flag Football new player interest meeting on Wednesday after school on August 28th in room 3-132. See Coach Khan for more information!

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Assistant Principal or Counselor. We look forward to the amazing year ahead! Always remember that Life is Better at the Lake where we SOAR together – 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.