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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. Looking outside of the academics, our students are always ready to SOAR to success as we move through quarter 1. Let's show our school spirit and cheer on our different sports teams, clubs, and performing arts programs throughout the year – this week our lady Eagles will take on St. Pete HS in JV and Varsity Volleyball on Thursday, 8/31 and our boys Varsity Football Team will take on Mitchell HS on Friday, 9/1, both at home. What an amazing turnout at both events last week – we hope to see you there to cheer on the teams this week, good luck Eagles!

Upcoming Testing Opportunities

All 9th and 10th grade students will take the FAST ELA PM1 assessment after Labor Day. Freshmen are scheduled to test on Wednesday, September 6th, and sophomores are scheduled to test on Thursday, September 7th. All students will test at the start of 2nd period through 4th period, and they will learn about where they'll test in the coming week.

We will also have testing opportunities for 11th and 12th grade students who still need to meet a concordant score in either their ELA and/or Algebra 1 testing requirements needed for graduation. If your student needs one or both of these, they'll be scheduled for testing as early as Tuesday, September 12th. Families of students impacted will receive separate reminder callouts beginning this week.

Additionally, if your student didn't pass their EOC testing (Geometry, Biology, US History) but are looking to achieve Scholar Designation on their diploma, they can sign up for one of our retake opportunities in September. Have them reach out to their counselor if they are interested.

Tardies, Dress Code, and Cellphones

As you are aware, we began using our Student Conductor tardy kiosks for the ELHS tardy system on August 17th. We will begin using it at the start of 1st period as well, beginning tomorrow, Monday, August 28th. Students have been doing an amazing job ensuring they get the most out of every period by starting off strong and getting there on time. Keep it up Eagles!

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 <https://tinyurl.com/23-24PCSB-DressCode>.

And please continue to remind your students about our cellphones expectations at ELHS. They are allowed to use them 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. For each of these, along with other student expectations, we will continue to follow the ELHS Discipline Matrix throughout the year.

Additional Announcements

- **Fright Night at Folly Farms**: This is a community service event opportunity in Safety Harbor open to all students who love Halloween and want to support a great cause. Meetings are on Mondays during lunch in room 2-214.
- **Mu Alpha Theta**: If your student is interested in joining Mu Alpha Theta, our math honor society, applications are due by September 6, 2023. A QR code to access information and forms can be found below.
- **GoFan Ticket Sales**: Tickets are on sale for both our first home volleyball game (Wednesday) and varsity football game (Friday) for this week – you can purchase tickets online via GoFan. Tickets to all sporting events are purchased through GoFan – you can find tickets for Thursday’s home Volleyball game versus St. Pete HS and Friday’s home Football game versus Mitchell HS. We hope to see you there!
- **Blue Crue**: Club membership is now available – if your student is interested in joining the club to show off their school spirit, have them sign up on revtrak. For more information, see Mr. Hynes in room 2-213. The Blue Crue tailgate will continue at this Friday’s home Varsity Football game!

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.