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Good Evening Eagle Families!

We welcomed our teachers and staff back this week to prepare for another wonderful school year. Guidance has been working feverishly with schedules and we are all working to ensure every student has 7 periods in their schedule and are properly placed on their progress to graduation.

Class of 2026

Welcome to the Class of 2026! East Lake is excited to have our new 9th graders on campus Monday morning at 8:00 for orientation. If your student is being dropped off, they are welcome to arrive beginning at 7:30 in the front of the school at the theatre where orientation will begin. We anticipate ending around 12:00 noon. If your 9th grader will be purchasing a lock please make sure they have \$5.00 exact change cash. They will purchase their lock and then be able to go to select a locker on the campus.

Parents/families of our incoming 9th graders, please mark your calendars to join us at 6:00 Monday night in the theatre. We will go over important information for you to know as your student begins high school. As I mentioned last week, the theatre is large, but so too is the incoming class. If at all possible please plan to attend without your student as they will likely have heard everything in the morning we will touch on that evening.

PCS Connect4Success Computers

We are anticipating the arrival of over 1,300 new computers to East Lake for our incoming 9th graders and 12th graders. Unfortunately the delivery of these computers from Dell has been delayed until the first part of September 😊. I know we put an online version of the form out last week for new computers. We will not have machines available to distribute until September so if you printed it out, hang onto it and we will organize a distribution time once the computers arrive. Also this form will be available with digital student forms. We have a number of computer labs available for student use if your student needs to turn in work digitally. Teachers will also be flexible with digital work until computers are distributed.

Digital Student Forms

Pinellas County Schools is launching a process to help families get ready for the school year. The district has consolidated all Back-to-School forms, so parents can fill them out in one place - online. Login to Focus at <https://focus.pcsb.org> and complete the Back-to-School Forms packet. You'll be prompted to fill out the forms as you login. Forms are also available at www.pcsb.org/backtoschoolforms .

Student Parking

The senior class of 2023 has a new first. Senior Reserved parking is sold out for the school year. All 339 available reserved parking spaces have sold out for the first time. All other Student parking permits are \$5.00 for general parking (on the right side of the student parking entrance gate) and available for online purchase only. Visit

<https://pcsb.revtrak.net/hs/east-lake-high/elhs-underclassmen-parking/#/list> and fill in the requested information. You will be called down to receive your hangtag after school starts.

School Breakfast/Lunch on Campus

Breakfast will continue to be free for all students at East Lake. It will be served in the cafeteria. Once your student arrives they should go directly there.

- An Important Change to student lunch

East Lake no longer qualifies as a community eligible school for free lunch. The cost of student lunch this year is \$2.75. You can add money to your students' lunch account by visiting <https://www.myschoolbucks.com> If you qualify or think you may qualify for free/reduced lunch, Please make sure to complete the application for free/reduced lunch by visiting <https://www.myschoolapps.com> The deadline to complete this application is Friday August 19th. It is very streamlined and will only take a few minutes. Free/reduced lunch eligibility qualifies students for some scholarships as well as SAT/ACT test waivers so it can be very beneficial to complete. If you have any questions please visit the food service website at <https://www.pcsb.org/food>

First Day of School

I will send another message on Tuesday night with all opening day procedures. If your student rides a bus you should have received a postcard from the school district transportation department in the mail with stop location as well as AM pickup and PM drop-off times. Like in past years we will have an abbreviated homeroom for students to pick up their final printed schedules. (Some are still in flux). They will be finalized and locked in Tuesday evening ready to print for Wednesday morning. The homeroom schedule is available at <https://tinyurl.com/4rrp929p> and will be posted as students walk in for reference.

2022-2023 Bell Schedule

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ELHS22-23BellSchedule> to view this year's bell schedule. It is unchanged from last year.

Student Arrival on campus

Arrival on campus is very simple. If your student rides a bus, they will be dropped off in the front of the school in the bus parking lot. For carline drop-off and student drivers please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2022-2023ELHSCarline> This procedure is unchanged from last year. Student drivers will enter and exit the parking lot at Gate 2 on the map. The carline drop off entrance is located at Gate 3 on the far north side adjacent to Bryan Lane. With the help of our school deputies, we are planning for two lines this year for AM and PM. Once reaching the long road along the front of the football field, your student should exit the car. You may then proceed out of gate 1 which is right turn only. This is marked on the map.

I know there's a lot here, so thank you for reading to the end. All messages are available on the school website and archived so you can re-visit as needed. Have a wonderful weekend, and we're looking forward to the start of the school year next week!

Thank you, and have a wonderful weekend!

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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.