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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 the year. 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 Calvary Christian HS in Volleyball on Monday 9/11 and Palm Harbor University HS on Thursday, 9/14 – both away, All State Auditions for Chorus on Tuesday 9/12, our JV Football Team takes on Dunedin HS at home on Wednesday 9/13, and our boys Varsity Football Team will take on Boca Ciega HS on Friday 9/15 away. We hope to see you there to cheer on the teams this week, good luck Eagles!

FAST ELA Progress Monitoring Cycle 1

All 9th and 10th grade students will take the FAST ELA PM1 assessment this week. Freshmen will test on Tuesday, September 12th and sophomores will test on Wednesday, September 13th. All students will begin testing at the start of 2nd period through 4th period on their designated day. Teachers are going through testing logistics, including where students will be located during testing, whether it's in the Media Center or classrooms in upstairs building 3 – locators will also be posted throughout the main hallways the morning of testing. We highly recommend your student gets a great night's rest and has breakfast prior to testing. *If your student usually has a release period in the morning past the first period of the day, they'll need to arrive on campus at 8:17am for the start of testing on their designated day for 9th (September 12th) and 10th (September 13th).* It's also vital that your student brings their school issued laptop fully charged on their testing day, as they should each day during the school year. Please make sure to remind them of this.

Modified Bell Schedule – Wednesday, September 13th

To ensure that all 9th and 10th grade students are with all of their teachers at least one of the two testing days, we will be flipping the class period schedule on Wednesday, September 13th, meaning that we will begin the day with 7th period and end of the day with 1st period on Wednesday, September 13th only. The bell schedule will be as follows:

- 7th Period = 7:25 – 8:12am
- 6th Period = 8:17 – 9:06am
- 5th Period = 9:11 – 9:58am
- 4th Period = 10:03 – 10:50am
- Lunch = 10:50 – 11:20am
- 3rd Period = 11:24 – 12:11pm
- 2nd Period = 12:16 – 1:03pm
- 1st Period = 1:08 – 1:55pm

After the end of the first period of the day, students that are testing (9th on September 12th; 10th on September 13th) will go directly to their testing location. If your student has a Dual Enrollment course in the afternoon that will cause them to be impacted by this change on Wednesday, please reach out to your Assistant Principal.

Concordant Score Testing

For juniors and/or seniors requiring either a concordant score for their 10th grade ELA or Algebra 1 EOC graduation testing requirements, we will have retake testing starting Wednesday, September 20th. For students requiring an FSA/FAST ELA concordant score, we will test in the Media Center on Wednesday, September 20th. For students requiring an Algebra 1 EOC concordant score, we will test in the Media Center on Friday, September 22nd. If your student falls into this category and will need to test, you'll receive a separate callout this week from the school.

Senior Updates

Attention senior families, if you haven't don't so yet, please pay your grad fees via RevTrak. The cost is \$100 and it covers the cap/gown/tassel, diploma cover, yard sign, venue rental and security, flowers, programs, and other fees associated with making graduation a memorable milestone for the Class of 2024! A direct link to RevTrak can be found in the email:

- [ELHS Senior Class | Pinellas County Schools \(revtrak.net\)](https://www.revtrak.net)

Our school counseling team met with all of our seniors during designated times last week to discuss Naviance, a college and career exploration tool, to help assist students in their post-secondary planning. Please be sure to ask your senior about what they learned!

College and Career Center Updates

ACE is a free after-school program that dives into Architecture, Construction, and Engineering topics for high school students. See the attached flyer for more information and dates.

- [ACE 2023 Mentor Program.pdf](#)

Is your student interested in applying to one of the service academies? WestPoint, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy? Anna Paulina Luna is hosting her first ever Service Academy Day. It will be on Saturday, September 23rd from 10am to 12pm at Community Bible Baptist Church. See the attached graphic for more details.

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Additional Announcements/Reminders

- **Tardies, Dress Code, and Cellphones:**

- Our Student Conductor tardy kiosks for the ELHS tardy system is being utilized each period throughout the day. Students are doing a great job getting to class 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. This includes students not wearing hats indoors. 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>.
- Continue to remind your students about our cellphones expectations at ELHS (appropriate use during passing time and lunch is permitted). Teachers may utilize them for academic purposes within the classroom but they must be off and put away all other times.
- For each of these, along with other student expectations, we will continue to follow the ELHS Discipline Matrix throughout the year.

- **JV/Varsity Softball:** Anyone interested in 2024 softball, there will be an informational meeting on Thursday, September 14, in room 4-208 in the Media Center during lunch. See Coach Delk for more details.

- **Robotics Club:** The first meeting for the Robotics Club will take place this Monday, September 11, immediately after school in Mr. Green's classroom, room 2-149. Robotics is open to all students

throughout the year, whether or not they have taken or are enrolled in a robotics class. If they aren't able to attend the first meeting, have them reach out to Mr. Green during the school day.

- **Ethics Club**: The next meeting will be Monday, September 11th after school from 2-3pm in room 3-242. Everyone is welcome, no experience is required!
- **National Honor Society**: There will be a meeting for returning senior members of NHS on Tuesday, September 12th during lunch in the Media Center. New member applicants will be notified of their acceptance by Friday, September 15th via an email sent to their R2.D2 email addresses.
- **National Technical Honor Society**: A new member meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13th in Mrs. Skinner's room, 3-122. Junior and Senior Business students that have met qualifications were pinned this week and were invited to attend the first meeting of the year. Congrats on all of your hard work!
- **National Art Honor Society**: There will be an NAHS meeting Thursday, September 14th in Mr. Greenwood's room, 3-107 during lunch.
- **Spanish Honor Society**: We will be accepting applications through the due date of Friday, September 15th.
- **Science Olympiad**: The club will meet every Monday after school from 2pm to 3pm in room 2-214. The next meeting is Monday, September 11th – all grades are welcome!
- **Debate Club and Model UN**: Our first debate club meeting will take place on Thursday after school in room 3-230. Model UN will also meet on Monday at lunch in room 3-230. These are great clubs that work on research and public speaking skills!
- **GoFan Ticket Sales and Football Game Parking**: 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. For all JV and Varsity Football games, parking costs \$5 cash, and all proceeds support our program.

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.