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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 boys Golf Team competes against Hollins HS and Pinellas Park HS at Mainlands on Monday 9/18, our girls Golf Team competes against Tarpon/ Palm Harbor/Countryside HS on Tuesday 9/19 at Wentworth, our JV/Varsity Volleyball team takes on Osceola Fundamental HS in Volleyball on Tuesday 9/19 (away)/Seminole HS on Thursday 9/21 (home)/Volleyball Invitational at Springstead HS on Friday 9/22, our JV Football Team takes on Clearwater HS away on Wednesday 9/20, our Varsity Swim and Dive Team compete against Dunedin HS on Wednesday 9/20, our Varsity Bowling Team takes on Dunedin HS at Maple Lanes on Thursday 9/21, our boys Varsity Football Team will take on Tarpon Springs HS on Friday 9/22 away, and our Cross County Team competes on Saturday 9/23 at the North Port HS Invite. We hope to see you there to cheer on the teams this week, good luck Eagles!

#### **Parent Car Line Reminders**

As a quick reminder, our gates do not open until 6:55am – any drop off prior to that time will not have someone in the car line crossing students at the cross walk. As always, please remember to stay in the lane that you entered throughout the entire car line to ensure to avoid any unsafe circumstances.

#### **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 20<sup>th</sup>. For students requiring an FSA/FAST ELA concordant score, we will test in the Media Center on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. For students requiring an Algebra 1 EOC concordant score, we will test in the Media Center on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. If your student falls into this category and will need to test, you'll receive a separate callout this week from the school.

#### **FAST ELA Progress Monitoring Cycle 1 Make-up Testing**

For any student that missed FAST ELA PM1 testing this past week, we will make-up testing on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in the Media Center at the start of the school day.

#### **Upcoming PSAT and SAT**

Attention families of all grade levels: we have upcoming SAT and PSAT testing in October. This year, all seniors have been scheduled to take the October 11<sup>th</sup> SAT free of charge. This is a paper-based assessment that will take place on campus during the school day for all seniors. Additionally, all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors have been registered for PSAT testing for later in the month of October free of charge. This will be a computer-based assessment that will also take place on campus during the school day for each grade level. More information regarding logistics will be sent out throughout the month of September, but we wanted to ensure families were aware that students will not need to opt-in this year.

## Cellphones and Dress Code

Parents, please 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. Additionally, if you need to get in touch with your student during the school day, please call the office, not their cellphone. We will get them the message or call them down to the office if needed. Additionally, we expect students to follow the Pinellas County Schools dress code every day at East Lake High School. Please make sure to review this with your student – it can be found on page 56 of the Student Code of Conduct [2023-2024-Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf](#)

As a reminder, these and other discipline incidences are addressed using both the Student Code of Conduct and our ELHS Discipline Matrix throughout the year.

## 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 \(revtrak.net\)](#)

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!

## Additional Announcements/Reminders

- **GoFan Ticket Sales and Football Game Parking:** Tickets are on for this week's events – you can purchase tickets online via GoFan. Tickets to all sporting events are purchased through GoFan. Additionally, for all JV and Varsity Football games, parking costs \$5 cash, and all proceeds support our program.
- **SADD Club:** We will hold our first meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> at lunch in Student Services. The club is open to any student interested!
- **Fright Night:** Continued service hours opportunities – meetings every Monday at lunch in room 2-214.
- **Science Olympiad:** The club will meet every Monday after school from 2pm to 3pm in room 2-214. The next meeting is Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – all grades are welcome. Dues are being collected on RevTrak until Friday, September 29.
- **Blood Drive:** Our first blood drive is on September 29. Any 16-year-old or older may sign up by filling out a donor card. Get the donor card at the front office, Student Services, or in room 2-214 – return the completed form to room 2-214 to reserve a spot and save 3 lives!
- **Science National Honor Society:** Our next meeting will be on September 20 during lunch in room 2-214. All meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.
- **Ethics Club:** The next meeting will be Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> after school from 2-3pm in room 3-242 and then again during lunch on Thursday in room 3-242. Everyone is welcome, no experience is required!

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.*