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Good afternoon East Lake families,
This is Dr. Smith with your weekly call-out:

We have a short week with no school tomorrow. That's right, tomorrow, Friday 9/19, is a non-student day, so enjoy your 3-day weekend and review your grades. Now is a perfect time to make-up assignments, complete projects, and/or study for those upcoming tests.

As always, we have a lot of information to cover. All new information and updates will be at the top of the list. Additional categories include Around Campus, School Procedures and Processes, Discipline and Student Behavior, Parent and School Support, Clubs/Athletics/Performance, Counselor's Corner, and Permanent References.

Please review my email carefully and thoroughly.

NEW INFO & UPDATES

Congratulations to our Teacher and Support Staff of the Year:

- Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Julie Adrian, Algebra & AP Precalculus
- Support Staff of the Year: Mr. Ray Springer, Plant Operations
- We are incredibly proud of our faculty and staff. These two outstanding individuals truly embody the heart and spirit of East Lake High School, reflecting the values we hold dear. Their dedication and hard work inspire us every day.

After School Tutoring:

- Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-3 in the media center
 - Starts on 9/22 and will run every Mon & Wed through the semester.
 - Mondays will focus on English and Math tutoring.
 - Wednesdays will focus on Science and Social Studies.
 - *Students will still receive assistance in any subject, regardless of the content focus.*
- <https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/1110/TutoringSchoolIdeasPoster.pdf>

Non-Student Day Reminder:

- This Friday, 9/19, is a non-student day.
- Students will NOT report to school.

Bucs Coach of the Week:

- Head Football Coach Robert Hudson has been nominated for our High School Coach of the Week by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.
- Voting ends on **Thursday, 9/18 at 11:59PM EST.**
- The winner will win **\$2,000** towards their school's Athletic Department, a screen-printed football, and a nomination to be our 2025 Coach of the Year.
- VOTE HERE: <https://www.buccaneers.com/community/high-school-coach-of-the-week>

Homecoming Week 10/27-11/1:

- Power Puff is on Tuesday, 10/28, from 5:30-7:30pm.

- East Lake vs. Countryside football game will be on Thursday, 10/30, at 7pm.
- No school sponsored activities on Friday, 10/31.
- The dance will be on Saturday, 11/1, from 7-10pm.
 - Location: Innisbrook (more info to come)
- More information regarding dress up days & activities coming soon.

Driver's Ed Camp:

- A new program offered by the district for students that currently do not have in-class driver's education.
- Camp 1: 9/22-10/3, M-F, 3-6pm, at Pinellas Park High School
- See attached flyer for registration
<https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/110/AfterschoolDriversEdCampFlyer.pdf>

AROUND CAMPUS

Pictures:

- Picture Day make up is 11/4.
- Senior Eagles - it's not too late to schedule your senior portraits to meet the yearbook deadline. Please go to www.leonards.com to schedule your session.
- Contact Mrs. Wall at walln@pcsb.org with any additional questions.

Yearbooks:

- Order your yearbook and senior ad at www.yearbookordercenter.com
- Questions on yearbook, photos, or senior dedication ads? Contact Mrs. Wall at walln@pcsb.org.

Mu Alpha Theta (Math Tutoring):

- Math tutoring offered Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch.
- Room 9211, you may bring your lunch with you.
- Arrive no later than 10 minutes after the bell. A teacher will be at the door to building 9 upstairs

SCHOOL PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES

Absences and Permission to Leave (PTL):

- Thank you to those that have curbed misuse of this process. This new process is a convenience for parents but if students are abusing, we will have to make a change.
 - Students that complete this form will receive disciplinary consequences.
 - Parents may receive school contact to verify the form.
 - Please check your student's attendance regularly.
 - Focus will send daily communication if your student is absent from any period.
- Click the appropriate link on the website (see below) and you will complete a brief form
 - No need to call or email.
 - <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/20925>
 - Please be patient as processing, running passes, and student transitions will take time.

School Entry/Exit & Safety:

- Gates open at 7:00 AM along with the Cafeteria
 - Buildings and classrooms open at 7:15 AM
 - 5-minute warning bell at 7:20 AM
 - 1-minute warning bell at 7:24 AM
- Doors remain locked during the day per safety policy following the 7:25 AM start bell.
 - Students are to never prop open doors or let anyone in on campus.

- Late arrivals must enter through the front office.

Parking:

- The senior parking lot is for 12th grade students ONLY. Underclassmen can NOT park in the senior parking spaces.
- Parents, do NOT pull into the senior parking lot or park in spaces. You must use the car line to drop off.
- Parking tags must be purchased to park on campus.
- Park ONLY in the space you were assigned.
- Tag pickup is in student services. Please see Mrs. Ramos before/after school or during lunch.
- Use this link to purchase a parking tag:
 - <https://pcsb.revtrak.net/High-Schools/east-lake-high/elhs-underclassmen-parking/>

Car line (drop off and pick up):

- All drop off and pick ups need to move through the car line.
 - Please, DO NOT drop off in neighborhoods, in the student parking lot, or on the side of the road.
- Leave a little earlier to ensure you get to school on-time.
 - School will start at 7:25am and the north gates will close to all students to maintain security of our campus.
 - All late arriving students will report to the front gate at the main office and will receive a tardy pass.

DISCIPLINE & STUDENT BEHAVIORS

Tardies:

- Continue to discuss the tardy process with your student. We hold students accountable for being late to class. See disciplinary consequences below.
- Tardies follow a progressive disciplinary pattern:
 - 1st-3rd – warning, minor infraction, parent contact
 - 4th-5th – lunch detention, parent contact
 - 6th-7th – after-school detention, parent contact
 - 8th – 1 day consequence IC, parent contact
 - 9th – 2-3 days consequence IC/ABS, parent contact conference
 - 10th – Parent conference

Cell Phones and Headphones:

- Cellphones are only allowed before/after school and during lunch.
- Headphones are not allowed to be used during instructional time. They may be used at lunch.
- Students need to be able to hear information and directives during class transitions. Please discuss this with your student to put away their headphones during passing periods.
 - A teacher may approve device use but this will be rare.
 - [Strategic Communications / Power Up \(pcsb.org\)](https://www.pcsb.org/Strategic-Communications/Power-Up)

Dress Code:

- We will be addressing bike/spandex shorts next week. These are inappropriate for school per PCSB policy and we will be issuing disciplinary consequences.
- Please address with your student and check their attire when coming to school.
 - PCSB Student Code of Conduct PDF:
 - <https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/6122/2025-2026-PCS-Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>
 - [Code of Conduct / V. Dress Code \(pcsb.org\)](https://www.pcsb.org/Code-of-Conduct/V-Dress-Code)

PARENTS AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

PTSA:

- Please visit the PTSA site for more information about joining and participating:
 - <https://www.pcsb.org/domain/2207>

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

School Counselors:

- **10th-12th grade students that are interested in College/Scholarships**
Make sure to register for a weekend SAT or ACT at ELHS! This is done directly through the SAT and ACT websites
 - SAT - <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration>
 - ACT - <https://my.act.org>*Contact your counselor if you have any questions about registering!*
- AP acknowledgement form: All students in AP courses must complete the AP acknowledgement form.
 - The form is available in all AP classes (also attached in the email).
 - One form per student is required.
 - Please complete and submit to your AP teacher as soon as possible.

College and Career Center:

- Come see Ms. Gallaty in College and Career Center to get started on or get help with your college application, SSAR or scholarships.
- Parents, email GallatyN@pcsb.org to schedule an appointment to learn more about the college application process. Office hours are from 2:00-3:00 every day.
- Student Volunteer Opportunity:
 - **East Lake Library Teen Advisory Board:** This group is for students in 9 to 12 grade who want to make a difference in the library by sharing ideas, planning events, and promoting reading among their peers. Please complete the application below in its fullest to be considered for the 2025-2026 board. The last day to apply is November 7, 2025.
- In-School PSAT/SAT is October 15th.
 - Underclassmen can register for in-person PSAT prep on Saturday, Sept 20th and 27th from 8:30-11:00 at PHU.
 - [Free PSAT Prep Information](#)
 - Students also have access to [test prep resources](#) through their Clever accounts.
- Clothing and School Supplies Drive:
 - We are excited to announce that we will be opening a clothing and school supplies closet for our students in the near future! If you would like to make a donation, we are looking for:
 - Gently used or new clothing: pants, shirts, hoodies, sweaters, jackets
 - New socks
 - New underwear
 - Gently used or new shoes
 - School supplies: **Backpacks**, notebooks, composition books, pens, pencils

- College Admissions Info:
 - Students can sign up to attend [information sessions](#) with admissions reps from FSU, UCF, LSU and more! These sessions are for students only, but parents, please encourage your students to sign up with their PSCB email!
- Financial Aid
 - Want to learn more about financial aid - FAFSA, Bright Futures, Scholarships? Join us for these upcoming [information sessions and workshops!](#)

CLUBS, ATHLETICS, & PERFORMANCE

National Honor Society:

- NHS new member inductions will take place Tuesday September 30th at 6:00 pm in the auditorium.
- Students are asked to please arrive by 5:30.
- Please ensure all NHS member dues (new and existing) are paid by Thursday, September 25th.
- Contact Mrs. Campbell with any questions at campbellaman@pcsb.org.

Theatre:

- TODAY! September 18th @ 6:30 is a FREE Homecoming & Prom attire/Halloween costume fashion show hosted by the Theatre Department.
 - Students will be modeling Dillard's and Men's Wearhouse dresses, suits and tuxes.
 - Off the rack clothing and silent auction items from the Theatre Costume Closet for sale at deep discounts.
- VIP seating available for sale on the booster website <https://www.elhstheatre.com>

Athletics:

- GameDay Reminders:
 - No back packs or large bags
 - Small clear bags ok
 - No unsealed beverages or outside food
 - No re-entry
 - There will be no crossing over between home and away. Home fans enter/exit at the south gate as normal. All visitors will enter/exit at the north gate from the basketball courts.
 - Display sportsmanship – no taunting refs or the other team, no foul language
- **Wrestling:**
 - Boys and Girls wrestling will hold their pre-season parent meeting this upcoming Thursday, September 25th, at 5pm in the Media Center.
 - If you are a 1st year wrestler, boy or girl, or new to ELHS, please plan on attending this meeting with your son or daughter.
- Volleyball is now 9-1 on the season. The Lady Eagles completed an amazing week with victories over The Villages, Sumner High School, LaBelle, Shorecrest, Mckeel Academy and Countryside. The Lady Eagles won the tournament this past weekend over some quality opponents. Their next match is today at Parrish Community High School.
- Varsity Football defeated Mitchell High School 30-8! Mitchell was undefeated until last Friday. The Eagles were down 8-0 early and then rattled off 30 straight points for the

dominant win. The Eagles are 3-1 on the season with rival Tarpon on deck tomorrow on the road.

- JV Football rebounded nicely with a win over Tarpon last night 24-13. The Eagles knocked off some rust and played a complete game. The next game will be September 24th at Dunedin High School.
- XC - Next meet is Sept 20th at North Port.
- The Bowling teams will square off against Lakewood High School at Sunrise Lanes today. September 25th will be their next match against Countryside High School at Dunedin Lanes.
- Our East Lake swim/dive team(Boys/Girls) was victorious against Countryside High School last Thursday. Several swimmers improved their personal times in their respective events. The next meet will be away on September 24th against Dunedin High School.
- Boys and Girls Golf teams will face Pinellas Park today@ Cove Cay.

*This week's **Athletes of the Week** are..*

- Caleb Witcher – JV Football
- Gianna Fallara – JV Cheerleading
- Savannah Dunn – Cheerleading
- Madelyn Moog – Volleyball
- Rex Ramsey – Swimming
- Shea Farrell – Swimming
- Lucas Guarrero – Swimming

PERMANENT REFERENCE

Student Passwords:

- Students: use a secure password to access your PCSB R2.D2 account.
 - DO NOT use your student number, School name or mascot, favorite teacher's name, or anything easy to figure out as part of your password.
 - DO NOT share your password under any circumstances.
- If you feel your account has been compromised, let a teacher know as quickly as possible and change your password.
 - If you need assistance, let an administrator know.
 - Ultimately, you are responsible for all activity linked to your student account.

Free-Reduced Lunch:

- The application for free and reduced lunch is available by visiting <https://www.myschoolapps.com>
- If your child had an approved free/reduced meal status last year, it will expire on Sept. 23.
 - A new application must be submitted for the 2025-26 school year to continue receiving meal benefits.
 - If a new application is not submitted, then, beginning Sept. 24, your student will need to pay for lunch.
- All students at East Lake High School are eligible to receive a free breakfast every day with no application needed.
- We encourage all families who believe they may be eligible to apply. There are additional scholarship funds and assistance available for standardized testing fees for students from qualifying families.
 - For assistance with free or reduced meals, contact Susie Zufall - zufalls@pcsb.org or 727-547-7151

Anonymous Reporting:

- The Pinellas County Schools utilizes the See Something Say Something system from *Sandy Hook Promise* as a tool to help keep our campuses and students safe.
- Students and families can submit tips anonymously about concerns so the school can intervene in a proactive way.
- Tips regarding school safety, student welfare etc. can be submitted and a school official or law enforcement will investigate it immediately to get someone the help and assistance they may need.
 - To report a tip to See Something Say Something, visit <https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/say-something-tips/>
 - FortifyFL is another reporting system available to report suspicious activity and allow Florida Students and the community to report safety concerns.
 - To access Fortify Florida visit <https://www.getfortifyfl.com>

Have a great weekend everyone and remember...SOAR High Eagles



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