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Good Afternoon Eagle Families,

This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal of East Lake High School, with some important reminders and updates for the week. As always, let's look outside of the academics to support and celebrate our students in their various extracurriculars as our students SOAR to success as we progress throughout the school year both in and out of the classroom. Let's show our school spirit and support our sports teams, clubs, and performing arts this year! Check out this week's events below:

- **JV/Varsity Volleyball** faces Tarpon Springs HS on Tuesday 9/24 away, Clearwater HS away on Wednesday 9/25, and Pinellas Park HS at home on 9/26
- **Swim and Dive** face Largo HS at the North YMCA on Wednesday 9/25
- **Boys Golf** faces Seminole HS and Northeast HS on Monday 9/23 at Seminole Lakes
- **Girls Golf** faces Dunedin HS and Seminole HS at Wentworth on Tuesday 9/24
- **JV Football** faces Countryside HS away on Wednesday 9/18
- **Boys and Girls Bowling** faces Boca Ciega HS at Liberty Lanes on Thursday 9/26
- **Varsity Football** faces Steinbrenner HS at home on Friday 9/27
- **Cross Country** travels to North Port for this weekend's race on Saturday 9/28

Some of our students also participate in the local East Lake High School Hockey Club – they face Seminole on 9/27 at TBSA.

Good luck to all of our Eagles in all of their extracurriculars! Also, there is no school for students tomorrow, Monday, September 23rd. We'll see them to start the week on Tuesday!

Upcoming SAT/PSAT Testing

We will have a FREE opportunity for all students to take either the SAT or PSAT. On October 9th, all seniors are scheduled to take a free in-school SAT and all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will take the free PSAT. For juniors, this is the year where they'll take the PSAT to potentially qualify for various scholarships, including National Merit. There is no need to opt-in for any of these assessments as all students are automatically registered based on the assessment their grade level takes. Juniors will have an opportunity to take a free in-school SAT in March as well. More information on testing logistics for October 9th will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Homecoming Week

Homecoming is fast approaching and will take place the week of October 14. With that, our annual Powder Puff Tournament will continue this school year on Thursday, October 17, with the first kickoff at 6pm at ELHS. Please email Coach Khan with questions or go see him in his classroom, room 3-132.

- <https://elhsflagfootball.square.site/>

The Homecoming Football Game will take place on Friday, October 18 against Clearwater HS, with the Homecoming Dance at ELHS on Saturday, October 19. We will be sending out more details on the themes for the dance and dress up days in the next few weeks, along with when students can purchase tickets to the dance.

College and Career Updates

As always, the College and Career Center is here to support students as they plan for their post-secondary journey. Below are a few upcoming dates relevant to seniors interested in a free application to SPC and an upcoming volunteer opportunity:

- **SPC Free Application Day:**
 - o Seniors can apply to SPC for Free on Oct 10th from 9:30-11:30 in the Media Center! Bring your social security number and 2 forms of Florida ID from a parent or guardian (driver's license, car registration, voter ID.)
 - <https://tinyurl.com/wz9bvru5>
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
 - o Party in the Park at R.E. Olds Park, Oct 4th 5:30-9:30. Sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/WY3H9>
 - <https://tinyurl.com/VolunteerPartyInThePark>

ELHS PTSA

The ELHS PTSA recently had a very successful membership drive – if you didn't get a chance to join, please consider signing up at <https://elhsptsa.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&li> to support the school. Also, the deadline for our first PTSA Sponsorship Banner located in the front school lobby is coming up September 30th. If your business or family would like to sponsor our PTSA, please check out the PTSA's sponsorship tiers and join the other businesses/families that have already shown their support – our PTSA and the school would love to work with you!

The PTSA member funds chair has officially started distributing member funds through teacher requests. If you are interested in helping out with this process on the committee - please let us know at elhsptsa@gmail.com.

Additionally, you can check out the PTSA's Facebook and Instagram for more information as reminders throughout the year. You can also buy spirit wear on the site below to support our PTSA and rep the school!

- [East Lake High School "Class of" Gear | Mascot Universe | powered by OrderMyGear \(itemorder.com\)](#)

Additional Reminders:

(Anonymous Reporting, ELHS Theatre Program Updates, Clothing Donations, Yearbooks, and Mu Alpha Theta Tutoring)

- **Anonymous Reporting**
 - o As most of you are aware, Pinellas County Schools has partnered with Sandy Hook Promise which allows us to offer the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System. This allows stakeholders to submit a secure and anonymous safety concern that helps us identify and intervene in a proactive way. Please remind your student(s) that this is in place to assist with addressing a concern and also a way for someone get any help that may be needed – tips are passed along to appropriate law enforcement and school personnel. FortifyFL is also another reporting system that is available to report suspicious activity which allows Florida students and the community to relay any safety concerns. Both links can be found below.
 - [Say Something Tips — Sandy Hook Promise](#)
 - [FortifyFL \(getfortifyfl.com\)](https://getfortifyfl.com)

- **Theater Updates**
 - o On October 3, 6pm-8:30pm - Troop 4356 will have a Student Led Fashion Show for FREE. Entrance and VIP seating is available for purchase on the theater website, which includes local business swag bags from Shaker and Peel and Craft Street Kitchen. Men's and Ladies Daily/HOCO/Prom/Halloween Costume clothing and a few donated outfits from Uptown Cheapskate will be available, starting at 10 dollars. Please come out and support the award-winning theater program!
- **Clothing Donations**
 - o In the south end of the school within the teacher parking lot, there's a clothing donation bin. If you have any clothing you're giving away, feel free to drop it off at any time – not only is it for a good cause, ELHS also receives some funding to support the school!
- **Yearbook Sales**
 - o Please place your senior dedication ad before space is gone at www.yearbookordercenter.com/job/1232 or contact Mrs. Wall at walln@pcsb.org with any questions. She can also answer questions about senior portraits, yearbook sales, and our upcoming Picture Retake Day.
- **Mu Alpha Theta Math Tutoring**
 - o Math tutoring is available in the Media Center every Tuesday and Thursday during both lunches.
- **E-Sports Club**
 - o The East Lake's E-Sports Club is accepting dues until October 1st. It's \$15 for the whole year – cash or check can be brought directly to Mr. Mills.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Assistant Principal or Counselor. We look forward to the amazing year ahead! Always remember that Life is Better at the Lake where we SOAR together – have an amazing rest of your weekend and GO EAGLES!

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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.