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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 and girls Golf Team compete against Seminole HS/Northeast HS and Dunedin HS/Seminole HS at Wentworth on Tuesday 9/26, our JV/Varsity Volleyball team takes on Countryside HS in Volleyball on Tuesday 9/26 (home)/Clearwater HS on Wednesday 9/27 (home)/Largo HS on Thursday 9/28 (home), our JV Football Team takes on Tarpon Springs HS Wednesday 9/27 (home), our Varsity Swim and Dive Team compete against Clearwater HS on Wednesday 9/27, our Varsity Bowling Team takes on Tarpon Springs HS at Dunedin Lanes on Thursday 9/28, and our boys Varsity Football Team will take on George Steinbrenner HS on Friday 9/29 (home). We hope to see you there to cheer on the teams this week, good luck Eagles! Also, as a quick reminder, there is no school for students on Monday, September 25th. We will see them to start the week on Tuesday, September 26th!

### **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 make-up retake testing this week. If your student missed testing this week, they'll be scheduled to take the assessment this week. If your student tested last week on the FAST ELA PM3 assessment for concordant score retakes but unfortunately didn't pass, we will have an additional testing opportunity for the FSA ELA retakes, which is a three day assessment, this week.

### **Upcoming PSAT and SAT**

As a reminder, we have upcoming SAT and PSAT testing in October, free of charge for all students. 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.

### **College and Career Center Updates**

The Countryside College and Career Fair will take place on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will take place at Countryside HS from 6-7:30pm with over 140 Colleges and Universities and 60 employers on campus. This is free admission for all - in the attached flyer, you can find more information.

- [Oct 2 2023 COLLEGE CAREER FAIR AT CHS.pdf](#)

Additionally, College Admissions Advisors are coming to East Lake High School! The school dates and times are listed in the attached flyer. Please have your junior or senior sign up for any that they are interested in!

- [College Admission Visits.pdf](#)

## Cellphones and Dress Code

Parents, please continue to remind your students about our cellphone 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 \(pcsb.org\)](#))

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.

## 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.
- **National Art Honor Society:** NAHS will meet Thursday in room 3-107. Please see Mr. Greenwood regarding dues which should be paid ASAP
- **National Honor Society:** The NHS Induction ceremony will be held on Wednesday October 4th at 6pm. Students are asked to arrive by 5:30pm for check-in and seating. Dress is business casual and attendance is not mandatory and will not affect acceptance, but is highly encouraged. New member acceptance emails were sent via R2.D2 email addresses. Congrats!
- **Senior Updates:** If you haven't done so yet, please pay your grad fees via RevTrak, a cost of \$100 includes everything graduation related, including the cap/gown/tasses. Visit [ELHS Senior Class | Pinellas County Schools \(revtrak.net\)](#).
- **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.
- **Forensics Club:** There will be a Forensics Club meeting in room 9-120 after school on Wednesday from 2-3pm. This will begin with a fun trivia challenge.
- **Wrestling:** There will be a mandatory informational meeting on Tuesday in Mr. G's room, 3-114 during lunch. This is for boys and girls and open to all potential athletes, including those currently in fall sports. Please encourage your student to attend if they're thinking of wrestling this year. For more information regarding please see Coach G or Coach Marzo.
- **Powder Puff:** All powder Puff coaches and players, there will be an informational meeting at lunch in the gym on Tuesday. All potential participants need to attend.

We're having 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.***