



## **East Lake High School**

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**9/26/25**

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

Only 2 weeks left in the first 9 weeks. Make sure to review your student's grades this weekend. We want to end this quarter successfully so make sure to communicate with your teachers.

As always, we have a lot of information to cover. Please review my email carefully and thoroughly.

### **NEW INFO & UPDATES**

#### **ELA PM1 Scores**

- The results are in! We are already 6pts better than last year. Our English teachers are outstanding and prepared our students for success. Great job to all our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade English students that made gains and scored 3 or higher on the FAST.

#### **Cell Phones and Dress Code**

- Thank you for those that address the bike/spandex shorts this week. We will continue to monitor and will issue disciplinary consequences accordingly.
- We have seen a rise in cell phone usage during class. A simple strategy is for students to keep cell phones in backpacks during class.
  - Moving forward we will be issuing disciplinary consequences for students that violate the school cell phone policy. Please discuss this with your student.

#### **PTLs-Permission to Leave**

- Thank you to those that have followed the process.
- Students are not allowed to leave campus for lunch, even with parent permission. Please, do not request a PTL for lunch with a return to campus.

#### **PTSA:**

- The PTSA's September Membership Drive wraps up next week. Please help us reach our GOAL of 300 members by joining today! You don't have to volunteer! WE PROMISE!
  - By joining, you're not only supporting our students, teachers, and school community—you'll also have the chance to win something fun! Join on or before October 1st and be entered to win a Cabana Beach Set! Click the link below to join: <https://elhsptsa.givebacks.com/shop?category=17060>

#### **Band:**

- The East Lake Silver Sound Marching Band competes this Saturday at 9:15pm at Seminole High School.
  - Tickets are \$17. Come out and cheer on our brass, woodwinds, percussion, and color guard as they take on Clearwater High School.

### **Amazon Wish List:**

- We have created an Amazon Wish List for our student and staff incentives.
- By purchasing directly from this wish list, items will be shipped directly to the school.
- Thank you for your generosity in helping support our staff recognition efforts and PBIS program to reward positive behavior and elevate the student and staff experience at ELHS.
  - [https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/253Q4REJLNTT8?ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_apin\\_ggr-subnav-share\\_NM5Q4XZBVQX8W4JFRKJT&language=en-US](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/253Q4REJLNTT8?ref=cm_sw_r_apin_ggr-subnav-share_NM5Q4XZBVQX8W4JFRKJT&language=en-US)

### **Kona Ice at Lunch:**

- Kona Ice & Tom's Coffee trucks will be here on Tuesday and Thursday next week, 9/30 and 10/2.
- Students can purchase from these vendors during lunch, but once the bell rings at the end of lunch, they are no longer able to make a purchase.

### **Homecoming Week 10/27-11/1:**

- Power Puff is on Tuesday, 10/28, from 5:30-7:30pm.
- Trunk or Treat is on Tuesday, 10/28, from 3:30-5:30
  - Location: Driver's Ed Range (back of parking lot)
  - Trick or treating, haunted house, food trucks and fun activities for the whole community.
- 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.

## **AROUND CAMPUS**

### **Pictures:**

- Picture Day make up is 11/4.
- Senior Eagles – last chance for senior portraits is 10/16. Photo session will be on campus.
  - \$25 sitting fee
  - Sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/eastlakeseniors26#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/eastlakeseniors26#/)
- Contact Mrs. Wall at walln@pcsb.org with any additional questions.

### **Yearbooks:**

- Order your yearbook and senior ad at [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://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

### **After School Tutoring:**

- Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-3 in the media center.
- No registration needed. Just show up to the media center.
- Runs every Mon & Wed through the end of 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.

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> – warning, minor infraction, parent contact
  - 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – lunch detention, parent contact
  - 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – after-school detention, parent contact
  - 8<sup>th</sup> – 1 day consequence IC, parent contact
  - 9<sup>th</sup> – 2-3 days consequence IC/ABS, parent contact conference
  - 10<sup>th</sup> – 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/power-up)

### **Dress Code:**

- Please address with your student and check their attire when coming to school.
  - No bike/spandex shorts, tank tops, shirts that do not cover stomach.
  - 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)

## **PARENTS AND SCHOOL SUPPORT**

### **PTSA:**

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

## **COUNSELORS 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/ACT](#) website (click for links).
  - *Contact your counselor if you have any questions about registering!*

### **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](mailto: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.

- [Countryside College & Career Fair](#) - October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm
  - Representatives from colleges and universities
  - Information from career and technical schools
  - U.S. military branches will be present
  - Opportunities for employment, internships, and apprenticeships
- 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.
  - [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 UF, Florida Poly, University of North Florida, USF and Florida Southern! These sessions are for students only, but parents, please encourage your students to sign up with their PSCB email!
  - [SPC Free Apply Day](#) - October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30-11:30 in the Media Center. Meet with advisors from St. Pete College, submit your application and have the fee waived!
- Financial Aid
  - Want to learn more about financial aid - FAFSA, Bright Futures, Scholarships? Join us for these upcoming [information sessions and workshops!](#)
  - Financial Aid Night at East Lake - October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-7:30. Financial aid advisors from local colleges and universities will be on hand to answer questions and help students and parents with the FAFSA and students will be able to complete the FFAA for Bright Futures.
  - Gently used or new shoes
  - School supplies: **Backpacks**, notebooks, composition books, pens, pencils

## **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](mailto:campbellaman@pcsb.org).

### **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.
  - Air horns are not permitted in the stadium. Please do not bring them, you will be asked to leave.
  - Display sportsmanship – no taunting refs or the other team, no foul language
- Volleyball is now 11-2 on the season after a convincing 3-0 defeat of the Dunedin Falcons on Senior Celebration night and a tough away loss to the Palm Harbor Thursday night. Eagles will travel to St. Pete Catholic Monday.
- Eagle Boys Golf team faced off against Northeast and Seminole defeating both the Vikings and Warhawks to stay undefeated at 4-0. Girls' golf played Dunedin and Seminole. Next Wednesday the boy's face off against Clearwater and St Pete then will play again Thursday at the Mustang Invite. The Girls team who is 3-0 in match play will travel Tuesday vs Countryside Cougars at Countryside CC
- Varsity Football continued their domination over Tarpon Springs last week defeating the Spongers 35-6. They take on the Steinbrenner Warriors tonight at 7 pm. Next week Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> is the bye week.
- JV Football traveled to Lakewood HS Wednesday losing a close, well played football game. They will host Clearwater next Wednesday, Oct 1st.
- XC team had a great meet down at North Port including several personal bests led by Truman Houk who set a new school record with his finishing time of 15:57.61. Katelin Wilcox led the girls' team with a time of 17:49.84 which now moves her up to the 2nd fastest school time ever, only behind U.S. Olympian Parker Valby. The next meet is this weekend at the Hammock Invite held at Highlander Park, Dunedin
- Our Eagle Boys, Girls, and JV Bowling teams captured wins over Countryside Thursday night. They face off against SPC at Seminole Lanes next Thursday.
- Boys & girls competed at the PCAC championship last weekend. East lake came in 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of 14 teams. Diver Kyril Skotarenko is the 2025 PCAC dive champion. The

boys came in 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200-yard freestyle relay, 4<sup>th</sup> in the 400-yard freestyle, and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 200-yard medley relay overall. The girls came in 5<sup>th</sup> in the 400-yard freestyle relay and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 200-yard medley relay overall. Special shoutouts to Sully Smith making 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the 100 backstroke and Sebastian Troconis making 6<sup>th</sup> overall in the 100-yard breaststroke. This Wednesday they faced off against Dunedin, winning both meets.

- **Tryout/Preseason start dates:**

- Boys/Girls Wrestling Pre-Season conditioning 10/16
- Boys Soccer tryout 10/13-10/15, 2:30-4:30, Tarpon Springs Soccer Complex – 150 N Jasmine Ave Tarpon Springs
- Girls Soccer tryout 10/13-10/15, 3-5pm, Oldsmar Sports Complex – 3120 Tampa Rd. Oldsmar
- Boys Basketball tryouts 10/27, 4pm, gym
- Girls Basketball tryouts 10/28, 4:30-6:30, gym

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

- Alyson Smith- Cheer
- Ashley Bancroft- Cheer
- Zachary Wolosynski- Bowling
- Victoria Gonzalez- Bowling
- Karina McSoley- Swim
- Sebastian Troconis- Swim
- Chloe Wong- Swim
- Luke Savage- JV Football

### **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 expired on Sept. 23.
  - A new application must be submitted for the 2025-26 school year to continue receiving meal benefits.
- 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](mailto: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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