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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.

First and foremost, we want to express our heartfelt condolences and support to all families affected by Hurricane Helene. We recognize many members of the East Lake High School community, as well as residents of Pinellas County and surrounding areas have faced significant challenges due to the storm. Our thoughts are with you, and we hope you and your loved ones are safe. For those whose families or homes were severely impacted, please know that our deepest sympathies are with you. We are here to help—don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance. We'd also like to extend a huge thank you to our Plant Operations staff, who have worked tirelessly to ensure our campus is in excellent condition and ready to welcome students back on Monday, September 30. Their dedication to the East Lake community is truly commendable!

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:

- **Varsity Football** will make up last Friday's game against Steinbrenner HS at home tomorrow, Monday 9/30 at 7:00pm
- **JV/Varsity Volleyball** faces Dunedin HS away on Tuesday 10/1, we'll celebrate our seniors for SENIOR NIGHT versus Pinellas Park HS at home on Wednesday 10/2, and face George Jenkins HS at home on Friday 10/4
- **Swim and Dive** face Clearwater HS at Clearwater HS on Wednesday 10/2
- **Girls Golf** faces Clearwater HS, Largo HS, and Hollins HS at Bellair on Tuesday 9/24
- **JV Football** faces Clearwater HS away on Wednesday 10/2
- **Boys and Girls Bowling** faces St. Pete HS at Liberty Lanes on Thursday 10/3
- **Cross Country** travels to Land O Lakes for this weekend's race on Saturday 10/6

Some of our students also participate in the local East Lake High School Hockey Club – they face Freedom on 10/4 at Center Ice and Jesuit on 10/5 at Nest.

Good luck to all Eagles in all extracurriculars! Some reminders for the week:

ELHS Community Hurricane Relief and Theater Updates

As a reminder, the theater department will host their Student Led Fashion Show for FREE on October 3rd. Entrance and VIP seating is available for purchase on the theater website, which includes local business swag bags for 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. Part of the proceeds will be donated to hurricane relief.

Additionally, we'll be sending out communication this week on an upcoming hurricane relief drive through ELHS and our amazing PTSA. In the meantime, if your family was majorly impacted by the storm, please let us know what we can do to help!

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. 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.

Our annual Powder Puff Tournament will continue this school year as well on Thursday, October 17, with the first kickoff at 6pm. Please email Coach Khan with questions or go see him in his classroom, room 3-132.

Additional Reminders:

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

- Anonymous Reporting

- 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 \(getfortifyfl.com\)](http://getfortifyfl.com)

- Clothing Donations

- 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.