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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 JV Football Team takes on Pinellas Park HS away on Wednesday 9/6, our lady Eagles will take on Bishop McLaughlin HS in JV and Varsity Volleyball on Thursday 9/7 away, and our boys Varsity Football Team will take on Pinellas Park HS on Friday, 9/8 at home. We hope to see you there to cheer on the teams this week, good luck Eagles!

### **Upcoming Testing Opportunities**

Due to the storm we have adjusted school-wide testing dates for September. All 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the FAST ELA PM1 assessment next week. Freshmen are scheduled to test on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, and sophomores are scheduled to test on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. All students will test at the start of 2<sup>nd</sup> period through 4<sup>th</sup> period, and they will learn about where they'll test this week.

We will also have testing opportunities for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who still need to meet a concordant score in either their ELA and/or Algebra 1 testing requirements needed for graduation. If your student needs one or both – these testing dates were shifted to begin on Wednesday 9/20. Families of students impacted will receive separate reminder callouts beginning after Labor Day.

Additionally, if your student didn't pass their EOC testing (Geometry, Biology, US History) but are looking to achieve Scholar Designation on their diploma, they can sign up for one of our retake opportunities in September. Have them reach out to their counselor if they are interested.

### **Modified Bell Schedule – Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Like last school year, students will test using their school issued laptop. To ensure that they are ready to go, we will be modifying the bell schedule to extend 4<sup>th</sup> period on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to allow a short period of time for teachers to log into the county testing platform and troubleshoot any issues they may encounter prior to our upcoming testing dates. A copy of the bell schedule can be found in the email.

- <http://tinyurl.com/y855zhvk>

### **Senior Updates**

Attention senior families, if you haven't don't so yet, please pay your grad fees via RevTrak. The cost is \$100 and it covers the cap/gown/tassel, diploma cover, yard sign, venue rental and security, flowers,

programs, and other fees associated with making graduation a memorable milestone for the Class of 2024! A direct link to RevTrak can be found in the email:

- [ELHS Senior Class | Pinellas County Schools \(revtrak.net\)](https://www.revtrak.net/)

Our school counseling team will also be meeting with all of our seniors during designated times this week to discuss Naviance, a college and career exploration tool, to help assist students in their post-secondary planning. Please be sure to ask your senior about what they learned!

### **Free or Reduced Lunch**

Parents, if you believe your student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, please find the word document in the email that walks you through the steps to apply. Those that qualify not only receive free or reduced lunch, they also receive additional waivers for things like ACT and SAT testing.

- <http://tinyurl.com/ybvt3zza>

### **Additional Announcements/Reminders**

- **Ethics Club**: There will be an informational meeting for students interested in joining Ethics club this Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, during lunch in room 3-242.
- **E-Sports Club**: There will be an informational meeting during lunch on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in Mr. Carney's classroom, room 2-141. E-Sports is open to all students throughout the school and this will be the first meeting for info and onboarding.
- **Mu Alpha Theta**: If your student is interested in joining Mu Alpha Theta, our math honor society, applications are due by September 6, 2023. Use the hyperlink to access the different forms:
  - [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1O-HDEiXpiOele6jCVX\\_mtVwMIBeO9M5k](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1O-HDEiXpiOele6jCVX_mtVwMIBeO9M5k)
- **Improv Club**: There will be a meeting on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm after school in the auditorium for interested students.
- **National Art Honor Society**: Applications are due to Mr. Greenwood by Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and the next NAHS meeting will be during lunch on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, in room 3-107.
- **National Spanish Honor Society**: Applications are due Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Science Olympiad**: The club will meet every Monday after school from 2pm to 3pm in room 2-214. The next meeting is Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – all grades are welcome!
- **Fright Night at Folly Farms**: This is a community service event opportunity in Safety Harbor open to all students who love Halloween and want to support a great cause. Meetings are on Mondays during lunch in room 2-214.
- **Stock the Store Fundraiser**: Our school's PBIS team is closing out their fundraiser on Donors Choose. If you'd like to make a donation to help the team celebrate all the amazing things students and staff are doing on the daily, use the link in the email:
  - [https://www.donorschoose.org/project/stock-the-school-store/7378939/?utm\\_source=dc&utm\\_medium=directlink&utm\\_campaign=teacherhub&utm\\_term=teacher\\_6028015&rf=directlink-dc-2023-09-teacherhub-teacher\\_6028015&challengeid=21308025](https://www.donorschoose.org/project/stock-the-school-store/7378939/?utm_source=dc&utm_medium=directlink&utm_campaign=teacherhub&utm_term=teacher_6028015&rf=directlink-dc-2023-09-teacherhub-teacher_6028015&challengeid=21308025)
- **GoFan Ticket Sales and Football Game Parking**: Tickets are on sale for both our first home volleyball game (Wednesday) and varsity football game (Friday) for this week – you can purchase tickets online via GoFan. Tickets to all sporting events are purchased through GoFan. For all JV and Varsity Football games, parking costs \$5 cash, and all proceeds support our program.

- **Tardies, Dress Code, and Cellphones:**

- Our Student Conductor tardy kiosks for the ELHS tardy system is being utilized each period throughout the day. Students are doing a great job getting to class on time, keep it up Eagles!
- As a reminder, we expect students to follow the Pinellas County Schools dress code during the 2023-24 school year at East Lake High School. This includes students not wearing hats indoors. Please make sure to review this with your student – it can be found on page 56 of the Student Code of Conduct <https://tinyurl.com/23-24PCSB-DressCode>
- Continue to remind your students about our cellphones 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.
- For each of these, along with other student expectations, we will continue to follow the ELHS Discipline Matrix throughout the year.

We look forward to 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.*