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This is Dan Schmittiel, Principal of East Lake High School. I am excited to have the opportunity to send this message to welcome everyone to the Lake for a great start to the 2024-25 school year! The East Lake High School staff has worked diligently to prepare for an amazing start to the school year! I want to give another special shout-out to our Plant Operations team for all of their hard work preparing the campus throughout the summer. There will still be a Sunday callout tomorrow, but I wanted to ensure that you had time to plan for things like morning and afternoon drop off and pick up, student schedules, safety updates, and more.

In two short days on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> will begin our new year. As a reminder, school begins at 7:25am and runs until 1:55pm. Please be cognizant of the fact that the middle school does have the same start time again this school year. With any year, please be patient as families become familiar with traffic patterns for both before and after school. We highly recommend planning ahead and leaving home 5-10 minutes early for day 1.

As a reminder, students will enter through the gates at the north end of the campus by the car circle and student parking lot or the southeast gate near the bus circle and auditorium and gates will open at 6:55am. Students will have access to the main hallway, cafeteria, and seating outside of the cafeteria at that time until 7:15am, and breakfast is free for all students! Please remember that the middle school lot and staff parking lot on the south end of the school are not for parent drop off or pick up – attached you’ll find the parent car circle map which begins on the north end of the campus near Bryan Lane and Silver Eagle Drive. Please know that there are now additional “No Parking” signs on Bryan Lane and that road, along with surrounding neighborhoods and 7-Eleven are not appropriate drop off and pick up locations. Please also remind your students to only cross the roads at the designated locations with crossing guards, which can be found at the south and north end of campus.

On Monday, students will go directly to their 1<sup>st</sup> period class, not a homeroom. With that, it is critical that you check your student’s schedule Sunday evening to verify they know where they are going in the morning. We will have copies of student schedules in their 1<sup>st</sup> period class if they would like a hard copy, along with multiple adults throughout the building to assist any student that needs guidance to 1<sup>st</sup> period or any other classes throughout the day. Families, if you haven’t done so yet, please also complete/acknowledge each of the online required forms in Focus, including forms like acknowledgement of the Student Code of Conduct, the Media Release Form, and more.

This year based on the state’s safety changes in HB 1473, we are shifting to two lunches. Attached you’ll find another copy of that schedule that was sent out last Sunday. Lunch A and lunch B will be determined based on the building students’ 4<sup>th</sup> period teachers are located in and can be found below:

- **A Lunch:**
  - Building 9
  - Building 4

- Performing Arts (Building 5 and 6)
- **B Lunch:**
  - Building 2
  - Building 3
  - Gym (Building 1)

[The 2024-2025 ELHS Bell Schedule \(https://tinyurl.com/yc6s9bd2\)](https://tinyurl.com/yc6s9bd2)

Students that have questions for their counselors regarding questions can send an email. Our goal is that 100% of our students have a full schedule on day 1, but if for whatever reason they are missing one of their class periods on Monday, please have them head to the Media Center the period that they are missing (*i.e. if they have all but 3<sup>rd</sup> period in their schedule, they will head to the Media Center to have a counselor assist during 3<sup>rd</sup> period*). Please know that student requests for schedule changes based on teacher, period, or lunch won't be able to be approved, but counselors will work through requests for reasons centering around missing a graduation requirement, having a duplicate class, or adjusting the rigor of the class.

Stay tuned for our Sunday callout tomorrow as well for some additional reminders for the week and some repeat items from today. Always remember that Life is Better at the Lake – 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.***