

Fort Lee Public Schools Fort Lee High School

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Dear Students & Families,

The School Counseling Department of Fort Lee High School would like to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year! We hope that you had a restful summer and took time to do something fun. My name is Ms. Drumgoole and I am the new Director of School Counseling Services for Fort Lee Public Schools. I am excited and honored to be joining an amazing team of educators!

Our school counselors are committed to encouraging, supporting, and empowering students to become their best selves. The primary task of our school counselors is to assist all students in becoming better learners by providing a comprehensive and developmental counseling program that meets students' academic, personal/social, and career development needs. School counselors will meet with students individually, in small groups, conduct classroom lessons, collaborate with parents/guardians, administrators, faculty, and staff to benefit and meet the needs of our school community.

Student school counselor assignments can be viewed in Genesis and are as follows:

- Mrs. Acosta (dacosta@flboe.com; ext. 6516):
 - Grade 10: FR-KWA
 - o Grade 11: FEL-KR
 - Grade 12: GO-LEE
- Mrs. Brown (abrown@flboe.com; ext. 6515):
 - Grade 10: KWE-PA
 - o Grade 11: KU-PA
 - Grade 12: LEV-RI
- Ms. Caddell (<u>lcaddell@flboe.com</u>; ext. 6518):
 - Grade 10: A-FI
 - Grade 11: A-FEA
 - Grade 12: A-GIR
- Mrs. Lawlor (tlawlor@flboe.com; ext. 6513):
 - Grade 10: PE-Z
 - Grade 11: PE-Z
 - Grade 12: RO-Z
- Mrs. Serulle-Green (<u>Iserullegreen@flboe.com</u>; ext. 6514):
 - o Grade 9: A-Z



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School counselors will schedule appointments with students however students are encouraged to contact their school counselor as needed. This includes students stopping by to introduce themselves, re-connect, and/or ask any questions they may have. As another means of communication, students should join the following Google Classrooms:

- The School Counseling Department '22-'23 Announcement (all students): kjkaaou
- Mrs. Serulle-Green's Classroom (grade 9 only): vxpu5wt
- Senior Class (Class of 2023 grade 12 only): eyjwlw4

The School Counseling Department will offer various events throughout the school year. Below you will find information on some of these. Remember to save the dates!

Virtual College Fairs:

We strongly encourage all students to sign up for virtual college fairs.

- The National Association of College Admission Counseling hosts three virtual college tours, 9/11, 10/9, and 11/6. Visit https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/attend-virtual-college-fairs for more information and to register.
- College Fairs Online hosts virtual fairs, 9/12-9/17, 10/3-10/8, 10/24-10/29, and 11/14-11/19. Visit https://collegefairsonline.com/calendar/ for more information and to register.

Senior Night: Monday, September 19th at 7:00 PM in the FLHS Auditorium

Information on the college application process as well as important dates and deadlines to look out for will be shared. It is recommended that seniors and their parents/guardian attend this event. Additional information is forthcoming.

Financial Aid Night: Wednesday, September 28th at 7PM - Virtual Event

An informative webinar, given by College Aid Pro, which will review everything you need to know about applying for financial aid. You will be provided with a step by step process for achieving the best possible results for your family. There will be a Q&A portion at the end of the live webinar. More information is forthcoming.

Grade 9 School Counselor and Parent/Guardian Meet & Greet: Thursday, September 29th at 9:00 AM in the FLHS Media Center

This meeting will provide an overview and introduction to high school. Grade 9 parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend. Additional information is forthcoming.



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PSAT/NMSQT: Wednesday, October 12th at 7:45 AM

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered to students in grades 10 and 11 during the school day. Additional information, including practice tests, can be found at https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt

Grade 10 School Counselor and Parent/Guardian Meet & Greet: Friday, October 14th at 9:00 AM in the FLHS Media Center

This meeting will discuss the extracurricular activities that are available and the importance of student involvement. Grade 10 parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. More information is forthcoming.

Grade 11 School Counselor and Parent/Guardian Meet & Greet: Friday, November 4th at 9:00 AM in the FLHS Media Center

The focus of this meeting will be to introduce parents to the online tool that supports the college search and application process. Parents/guardians of grade 11 students are encouraged to attend. More information is forthcoming.

College Panel Event: Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 PM in the FLHS Auditorium A panel of college representatives will discuss college planning and the application process.

Academic Awards Ceremony: Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:00 PM at The Fiesta

A special event to celebrate the Class of 2023 and their accomplishments! Last year over \$120,000.00 in scholarships was distributed to our graduating seniors. Seniors, be ready, the scholarship application is sent via e-mail in February/March.

We look forward to working together to provide you with every opportunity you need to be successful! Wishing you a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

Kate Drumgoole

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