

Welcome Back Students! As hard as it is to let go of summer, I hope that you will look forward to this year as either a continuation of previous success, a year to start anew or a year of great change. For me, I am excited to meet you all as this is my first year at Fort Lee High School. I hope to learn as much from you as you will from me.

As your school counselor, I am here to provide guidance and support regardless if you are a senior working on your college applications, a junior overwhelmed by the thought of standardized tests or a sophomore finding their way through school! Specifically, I will be holding classroom lessons with each grade level on how to use Naviance as well as providing information on PSAT/SAT/ACT exams. I will be having meetings with both you and your parents/guardians in the spring of your junior year and fall of your senior year. In addition, as sophomores, I will be meeting with each of you in the first month of school.

Coming from experience as a former college admissions representative, I encourage you to spend these years not only focusing on your studies and becoming a better student academically, but also making yourself into a well rounded person. Think of how you want your resume to look when you are applying to college. Get involved, be active and stay busy!

I plan on meeting all of you over the course of the first quarter but please don't be a stranger and wait until then. Stop in, introduce yourself and ask me any questions you may have. My door is always open! My email is also gbrown@flboe.com in case you need to reach me out to me by those means.

Lastly, please keep the following dates in mind as we navigate through this upcoming year.

September 22nd: Financial Aid/Senior Parent Night, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

September 28th: College Fair with over ninety colleges in attendance, 6:30 p.m.- 9: 00 p.m.

October 20th: 10th Grade Parent/Counselor Breakfast, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

November 3rd: 11th Grade Parent/Counselor Breakfast, 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

April 20th: College Planning Night, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. A panel of college representatives will be discussing college planning and the application process. If you attend this event in your freshmen, sophomore and junior year, you will have heard from twenty colleges.

I look forward to working with you this school year.

Enjoy the last days of summer,

Mrs. Brown