

Dear 10th Grade Students and Parents,

As we begin our 2016-2017 school year I would like to take this time to welcome you all back. My name is Ms. Caddell and I will be your guidance counselor for the next three years at Fort Lee High School. I'm very excited to let you know some of the activities and events that we have planned in the months ahead.

For the first time, we will be hosting a grade 10 parent breakfast on October 20th which will run from 10-12pm. During this time, the various clubs that we offer will be presented--as it is always a good idea for students to get involved whenever they can. It helps students broaden their interests and enhances a college application.

We will be hosting a College Fair on September 28th from 6:30-9:00pm where eighty to ninety colleges will be represented. We encourage the students to attend and begin to take the steps towards the college planning process. Another important night to keep in mind is College Planning Night- which will be held on April 20, 2017. It is during this time that the college process will be discussed and important information will be given. All leading up to the idea that it is never too late to start planning and research your students possible college options.

I will be meeting with each of my tenth grade students by the end of September to introduce myself and put a face to a name. Over the course of the school year I will be working with students on Naviance (our college search program) which gives them the opportunity to take part in a variety of surveys and interest inventories. This will help them as they begin to think about college choices and possibly majors.

As sophomores, students will be taking the PSATs during the school day on October 19th- which will help them target the areas that they need to focus on for the SAT exam. Students will meet with me throughout the school year and will continue to learn about the format of the new SAT as well as the ACT exam. Classroom lessons on SAT/ACT comparisons will also be taking place during the school year to discuss which test is best for each student.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year and in years to come-

Sincerely,

Ms. Caddell

School Counselor