



September 29, 2015

October Greetings to Our Middle School Parents and Guardians,

School is well underway and we are continuously getting settled into the 2015-2016 school year. We have much to be thankful for and are grateful for all of the new facilities we received. Our superintendent and board of education will soon be announcing an official ribbon-cutting ceremony as well as a weekend open house for all of our community members. I will keep you posted when dates for those events become official.

October is always a busy month of the school year filled with lots of theme weeks and character education programs. Throughout this month, we are setting time aside to teach your children about the importance of respecting others, accepting differences and staying away from the pressures of drug and alcohol use. These are themes that are prevalent in all of our course curricula and will remain with us for the remainder of the school year. We thank all of you, our parents and guardians, for reinforcing these themes at home and supporting us in our initiatives to keep your kids safe and healthy throughout their lives.

In order to also promote pride in our school and community, we are asking all students throughout our district to wear black and orange each Friday. This can include but is not limited to recreation sports jerseys, sweaters or T-Shirts. We also ask all students at the middle school to wear orange on Wednesday, October 21st in order to support our anti-bullying campaign.

Our first PTA meeting of the school year will take place on Thursday, October 1st at 7 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend. If you plan on attending, please enter the cafeteria through the side entrance doors located directly adjacent to the athletic field.

Fort Lee High School is also announcing its open house for all parents and guardians of 8th grade students on October 28th at 6 p.m. Our goal is always to keep our kids in the Fort Lee Public Schools throughout high school. This night will give you the opportunity to tour Fort Lee High School and meet the school's administration and support staff. You will be provided with information regarding the school's programs in order to make an informed decision about your child's high school choice. We hope to see all of our 8th grade parents that evening.

Friday, October 30 is our Halloween Dance at LFCMS. This event will take place immediately after school from 3-5 p.m. in our gymnasium. Students are not permitted to wear costumes to school but will have the opportunity to change into them after school hours in the locker rooms or bathrooms. More specific details will be determined at our PTA meeting and delivered to you as soon as they are available. This will include cost and costume parameters.

Along with this letter, you will be receiving an October Middle Years publication and the October events calendar. Please read all of the information enclosed in order to help your child have a productive and successful October at LFCMS. I thank all of you for your continued support and hope to see you throughout the month at all of our parents and guardian events.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Daniello", is written over the printed name.

Robert Daniello

Principal

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