October 4, 2022

#### Dear Parents/Guardians:

Fort Lee High School will administer the PSAT/NMSQT and the Start Strong Assessments in October 2022. Please review the below carefully as all students will follow an adjusted class schedule on test days.

### PSAT/NMSQT: Wednesday, October 12, 2022

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered to students in grades 10 and 11. Students should report directly to their assigned test room no later than 7:45 AM. Room assignments are posted in Google classroom and will be posted outside the School Counseling Department prior to testing. Students will not be able to enter the testing area after 8:00 AM. Please note that no make-up exam will be given.

A reminder that if a student would like to use an approved calculator (<u>PSAT/NMSQT Approved</u> <u>Calculators</u>) they must bring one. All calculators must be approved and tagged by your child's math teacher prior to testing.

By taking the PSAT/NMSQT students have the opportunity to practice for the SAT. Students in grade 11 are also competing for prestigious scholarship and recognition programs. Students were provided with a Student Guide (<u>PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide</u>) and can also prepare for the test by visiting <u>PSAT/NMSQT Practice Test</u>.

Students in grades 9 and 12 will report to school at 9:45 AM. Grade 9 students are to report to the Gymnasium and grade 12 students to the Auditorium. Once testing is complete all students will follow the below class schedule:

Period	Start Time	End Time
2	11:33 AM	12:08 PM
4	12:11 PM	12:45 PM
5	12:48 PM	1:22 PM
6	1:25 PM	1:59 PM
7	2:02 PM	2:36 PM

Start Strong Mathematics (Algebra 1, Geometry, & Algebra 2): Monday, October 17, 2022

The Start Strong mathematics exam will be given to all students currently enrolled in an Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II class. Testing will begin at 7:45 AM. Students should report directly to

their test room. Test room assignments will be shared in Google classroom and posted outside of the School Counseling Department prior to testing.

Students are encouraged to use the calculator which is built into the testing system. FLHS will not distribute calculators. If a student prefers to use a handheld graphing calculator they must bring their own. The TI-84 graphing calculator is recommended for Start Strong however others are permitted. *See the attached for more information*. If a student chooses to use a calculator other than the TI-84, it must be approved and tagged by their math teacher prior to testing.

Any student who is not testing should report to school at 9:45 AM and enter through the Auditorium. All students will report to period 1 at 9:45 AM and follow our delayed opening class schedule. *The delayed opening class schedule is attached.* 

## Start Strong English Language Arts (ELA): Tuesday, October 18, 2022

The Start Strong ELA exams will be given to students in grades 9 and 10. Testing will begin at 7:45 AM. Students should report directly to their test room. Test room assignments will be shared in Google classroom and posted outside of the School Counseling Department.

Students in grades 11 and 12 will report to school at 9:45 AM and enter through the Auditorium. All students will report to period 1 at 9:45 AM and follow our delayed opening class schedule. *The delayed opening class schedule is attached*.

### Start Strong Science: Wednesday, October 19, 2022

The Start Strong Science exams will be given to students in grades 9 and 12. Testing will begin at 7:45 AM. Students should report directly to their test room. Test room assignments will be shared in Google classroom and posted outside of the School Counseling Department.

Students in grades 10 and 11 will report to school at 9:45 AM and enter through the Auditorium. All students will report to period 1 at 9:45 AM and follow our delayed opening class schedule. *The delayed opening class schedule is attached*.

For more information on Start Strong Assessments, please visit NJ Assessments Resource Center.

Sincerely,

# Kate Drumgoole

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