

# JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

**VOL 2 ISSUE 2** 



We would like to welcome our new administrators to the JFK Family.

Principal-Dr. James Parry Vice Principal- Dr. Kayla Lott





# **Dr. James Parry**

Dr. Parry attended and graduated JFKMHS in 1995. He started his career as a social studies teacher at AMS in 2000. He then became the VP of AMS in Jan 2013 and was principal of FMS in July 2014. He also works as an adjunct professor in the Education Leadership Masters program at William Paterson University. Dr. Parry is married with 3 children. "I am beyond excited, and proud, to be the principal at JFKMHS." Dr. Parry



# Dr. Kayla Lott

Dr. Lott started her career as a 6th grade math teacher at Iselin Middle School in 2012. She then moved on to being an 8th grade math teacher a few years later and actually taught many of the seniors and juniors that are currently at JFK. In 2019, she became an assistant principal in a neighboring school district and this year she had the pleasure of returning to Woodbridge Township, a district that she considers home. She has 3 children. "Everyday, when someone asks me how I am I say that "I'm living the dream" and that is because I truly am. I am so happy to be a new member of the JFKMHS family - it is truly an honor." Dr. Lott





The School Equity Team/Diversity & Equity Council is working hard to recognize the different ethnicities/cultures at JFK by celebrating different holidays that are significant. Our next celebration will be Black History Month. Be on the lookout for our celebration plans.

In conjunction with the School Equity Team/Diversity & Equity Council we will be starting Green Table Talk, student-led professional development in the form of conversations centered on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Be on the lookout for these YouTube videos and feel free to contact Dr. Lott if there is a topic that you would like to be the focus of on the Green Table Talks.

# **Counselors Corner**

## Counselors Google Classroom Codes

#### Ms. Blauvelt:

Class of 2022 (Seniors) tx32wfk

Class of 2023 (Juniors) y3uqs5g

Class of 2024 (Sophomores)hxrajee

Class of 2025 (Freshman) muinx7r

#### Ms. Kirk:

Class of 2022 (Seniors) 3gks77k

Class of 2023 (Juniors) jtxabnv

Class of 2024 (Sophomores) 2t77ybo

Class of 2025 (Freshman) tq27kpx

#### Ms. Pasquale:

Class of 2022 (Seniors) s5wxkds

Class of 2023 (Juniors) c7r7gpa

Class of 2024 (Sophomores) rseckth

Class of 2025 - (Freshman) 22dsbku

#### Ms. Short:

Class of 2022 (Seniors) ovn4pyv

Class of 2023 (Juniors) fykhbd7

Class of 2024 (Sophomores) kwbj7rz

Class of 2025 (Freshman) w3hnwss

#### Mr. Wilson:

Class of 2022 (Seniors) 2loli50

Class of 2023 (Juniors) agx35fk

Class of 2024 (Sophomores) r23pap3

Class of 2025 (Freshman) o2dwfgq

NCAA Eligibility Classroom for Student Athletes: 4w32roj Senior Scholarship Classroom: mddavqd

## General grade level Classroom codes

(Managed by class advisors):

Grade 9 – a332evm

Grade 10 – zirfhkx

Grade 11 – eh4if75

Grade 12 - 5g277cx

### **College Talk**

- Financial Aid-FAFSA -
- <u>Info about scheduling dates/how to complete/</u> <u>course descriptions</u>
- <u>Creating CollegeBoard accounts for sophs and</u> iuniors-

#### **2022-2023 Scheduling**

Scheduling for the 2022-23 school year has begun!
This year parents/students will be utilizing the
Genesis system to make course requests. In order
for the guidance counselors to properly guide
students through the course request process, and
help students select the course that will properly
challenge them without overwhelming them,
semester one teachers will also be inputting course
recommendations. Through the Genesis Parent
Portal, parents/students will be able to request
courses for next year and then guidance counselors
will be meeting with students one-on-one to discuss
the requests. There will be an assembly for current
freshman, sophomores, and juniors on Wednesday
February 19th to discuss course offerings and the
request process. There will also be an email sent to
all parents to describe the request process and
provide a timeline. In the meantime, if you have any
questions, please reach out to your child's guidance
counselor.







#### **Social Emotional Learning**

Dear Families and Caregivers,
Woodbridge Public Schools and Rethink Ed
have partnered to provide our students
access to an online Social and Emotional
(SEL) program. The SEL program provides
videos and activities for students to
support their social and emotional
wellbeing. Each week students will be
learning new strategies and tools that will
help them recognize and manage
emotions, build stronger relationships, and
develop skills to lead happier and healthier
lives. Ask them about thier lessons.



DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR SCHOOL YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR WEEKLY UPDATES, SCHOOL EVENTS AND MUCH MORE.





Need
Coping skills, or
community resources?
Go to Ms. Paloti's
Google Site

January 2022