



Fairfax High School
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Dear Fairfax High School Community,

I am excited to welcome you back for the 2022-2023 school year. My name is Jenny Payne and I will be the new Director of Student Services at Fairfax High School. Although I am new to the position, I am not new to the school. I have been lucky to be a School Counselor for the last fourteen years at FHS and am excited to be able to serve the FHS community in my new role as Director of Student Services.

I am happy to welcome Ms. Bertha Mensah who will be taking over my previous position as School Counselor for students with the last names Ron-Tom. Ms. Mensah will be joining us from Edison High School and is eager to meet and get to know her new students and families at FHS. We will also have Ms. Dara Markenson joining our team as our new 9th-grade Transition Counselor who we will be sharing with Katherine Johnson Middle School this school year. They will both be such wonderful additions to our team in our efforts to support our students.

We will also be making a small alpha change due to an imbalance in caseloads for the upcoming year. All students with the last names Kh-Kim will now be with Mr. Luke Donald. Ms. Haddock will be working very closely with Mr. Donald to help make it a smooth transition.

Students' schedules will be live in SIS StudentVUE and ParentVUE on August 18th. As a reminder, all schedule changes had to be requested by the last day of school on June 10th. There will be no schedule changes made unless one of the following issues has occurred. Our hope is for students to find success in the courses they selected with the support of their teachers and counseling staff. We understand that it often takes time for students to adjust and feel comfortable with all of their classes and we want to make sure that we provide that opportunity to all students.

- Too few or too many classes
- Absence of a required course for graduation
- Completion of a summer school course
- Inaccurate placement by grade or course level
- The student has "see counselor" on their schedule

For a list of our Student Services Team and contact information, please see the link below.

<https://fairfaxhs.fcps.edu/index.php/student-services/staff>

I hope you are having a wonderful summer and I look forward to welcoming you all back later this month.

Jenny Payne

Director of Student Services
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