

## Verona Public Schools, Office of School Counseling

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Director of School Counseling

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## Dear Student and Parent/Guardian:

We hope you are enjoying the summer. We are excited to announce some important changes in the school counseling department. We are pleased to welcome Ms. Jennifer DaSilva and Mrs. Jennifer Gadaleta to our counseling team. Mrs. Selepouchin will also be returning for the 2017-2018 school year.

Ms. Jennifer Da Silva has a wide variety of experience working with school aged children and adolescents. She received her B.A. in Psychology from Seton Hall University in 2008. Ms. Da Silva directed the South Orange summer camp program for 4 years in South Orange, NJ. She has experience working as an Employment Specialist with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Ms. Da Silva returned to Seton Hall University for her graduated studies and also worked as a Graduate Assistant for the Career Center at Seton Hall University. She received an M.A. in Counseling and Ed.S. in Professional Counseling in 2012. After receiving her degrees, Ms. Da Silva worked for UMDNJ's School Based Youth Service Program as a Mental Health Clinician where she counseled high school students in the Essex County Vocational School district. Ms. Da Silva just completed her 4th year as a School Counselor at Edison High School in Edison, NJ.

Other interesting tidbits: Ms. DaSilva loves to travel as she believes it is one of the greatest ways to learn. Experiential learning goes a long way and leaves an everlasting imprint on memory. She has traveled to over 30 countries and states and counting! One of her bucket list is to visit all the the 7 wonders of the modern world. So far she has visited 3 out of 7!

After graduating from Lock Haven University in 2004 with a B.A. in Psychology, **Mrs. Jennifer Gadaleta** went directly into her Master's Degree program where she earned her M.Ed. in Secondary School counseling from Kutztown University in 2007; she moved to New Jersey the day after graduation! Though not originally from NJ (she has was born in Texas but spent most of her life in Pennsylvania), she loves living in Verona now with her husband and daughter. Mrs. Gadaleta has been a school counselor for the past 10 years, first in Union City for four years and then in Westwood for six years.

Other interesting tidbits: Mrs Gadaleta LOVES dogs (and has two) and enjoys hiking, Penn State football, the Dallas Cowboys, and traveling.

The addition of another counselor will allow us to lower the counselor-student ratio and provide more individualized attention and services. Below, you will find updated student assignments for each counselor.

Ms. Jennifer Da Silva	jdasilva@veronaschools.org 973-571-6750 x1020
Grade 9	A- Ferry
Grade 10	A- Gaccione
Grade 11	A- Erwin
Grade 12	A- Gabrielle

Mrs. Jennifer Gadaleta	jgadaleta@veronaschools.org 973-571-6750, x1041
Grade 9	Fersch- Miranda
Grade 10	Galarowicz-Montagna
Grade 11	Esposito- Maloney
Grade 12	Gagnon- Matthews

Mrs. Daria Selepouchin	dselepouchin@veronaschools.org 973-571-6750, x1018
Grade 9	Mizia- Valera
Grade 10	Mulligan-Trupia
Grade 11	Manuso- Symczak
Grade 12	McLaughlin- Ruggiero

Mrs. Kimberly Ferlauto	kferlauto@veronaschools.org 973-571-6750, x1019
Grade 9	Vargas- Zerin
Grade 10	Valentine-Zheng
Grade 11	Tole -Zickerman
Grade 12	Sabo- Ziolkowski

The counselors are looking forward to getting to know students and families in the months to come. If you would like to share anything with your counselor, please feel free to reach out. Enjoy the rest of your summer! We look forward to seeing you on September 5, 2017!

Sincerely,

Kimberly Ferlauto
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