

FL FORT LEE ATHLETICS

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JEFFREY G. MURREN COACHES VS CANCER CLASSIC MATCHUPS ANNOUNCED

FORT LEE, N.J. - The Fort Lee Athletic Department (North) is proud to announce the matchups (boys basketball) for the 2020 Jeffrey G. Murren Coaches vs Cancer Classic on January 18, 2020. A bio of Jeffrey G. Murren is attached to this release.

Games (home team **bolded**):

10:00 A.M. - **Ridgewood** vs River Dell

11:30 A.M. - **Emerson** vs Lyndhurst

1:15 P.M. - **Ridgefield Park** vs Bergen County Technical

3 P.M. - **Fort Lee** vs Northern Valley - Old Tappan

Admission for spectators will be \$5.00 with all proceeds benefitting the Jeffrey G. Murren Scholarship Fund and the American Cancer Society.

For more information on the Coaches vs Cancer program, please visit <https://www.cancer.org/our-partners/coaches-vs-cancer.html>.

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ABOUT FORT LEE ATHLETICS

The Fort Lee Athletic Department is the unit of the Fort Lee Public Schools Central Administrative Offices responsible for the supervision of sixteen varsity interscholastic sports teams and their respective sub-varsity programs. Fort Lee competes in the Big North Conference and the Super Football Conference, while maintaining their membership in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association. For the latest news and information on the Bridgemen visit flboe.com/administration/athletics_department. Fans and members of the media can follow the department on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), along with, the Mascot Media National Sports App.

JEFFREY G. MURREN

“On July 22, 2016, Jeffrey G. Murren—a Fort Lee High School Teacher of the Year whose career spanned four decades— succumbed to pancreatic cancer after waging a courageous battle. The inner strength with which he faced the life-altering diagnosis, his selfless concern for the family and friends who loved him and the joy he found in living each day would be reason enough to honor his memory by raising money for a scholarship. But there are many others just as important.

His Fort Lee students and colleagues alike respected this dedicated teacher and coach who encouraged each one of his students to discover his or her own unique path to success, whether on the basketball or volleyball court, the track or the football field. Because Jeff loved teaching and respected all of his students, self-conscious, reluctant ones, and seasoned athletes alike cared about being better. Often they discovered their best selves.

Always an advocate for fitness and healthful choices, he taught life lessons by example and managed Project Adventure with a focus on working together for the common good. Within the nonjudgmental framework he created, students felt comfortable to make mistakes and learn from them. He wanted them to see the connection between climbing a rope and overcoming the odds. Jeff would be happy to know how many former students have enthusiastically confirmed that the lessons he taught them were for life.

His wry sense of humor, his wit, his friendly, easy way with everyone in and out of the gym were some of Jeff's most endearing personal attributes. As comfortable with a mic in hand delivering a straight-faced punch line at faculty parties as he was with a whistle pushing students to climb higher, run faster, believe in themselves harder, he was easy to admire and

even easier to love. *The influence of a great teacher can never be erased.* The laughter and love of a true friend can never be forgotten.”