



College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

ACT Test Dates and Deadlines*

February 10, 2018
(registration deadline:
January 12)

April 14, 2018
(registration deadline:
March 9)

June 9, 2018
(registration deadline:
May 4)

July 14, 2018
(registration deadline:
June 15)

SAT Test Dates and Deadlines*

March 10, 2018
(registration deadline:
February 9)

May 5, 2018
(registration deadline:
April 6)

June 2, 2018
(registration deadline:
May 3)

**If you will be taking these tests with accommodations, please contact Mrs. Anzelone*

January Kick-Off

Our College Counseling Kickoff for junior parents begins at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9**. College Counseling will be hosting junior parents in the auditorium of Blair Family Center for the Arts and will explain the Bullis School College Counseling Office's philosophy, procedures and practices. We will demonstrate Naviance and explain the topics being covered in College 101—the required course for junior students.

Junior students will meet with their college counselor on five dates throughout the year during designated enrichment blocks. These sessions are **MANDATORY** for all juniors. The purpose of College 101 is to help our students gain an understanding of the college search process and begin college exploration without the pressure of imminent deadlines. Topics will include: researching colleges; Naviance usage, etiquette with colleges and counselors; social media; and application terminology and procedures.

The dates for the College 101 sessions are:

- Session 1: Tuesday, January 9 and Thursday, January 11
- Session 2: Tuesday, February 6 and Tuesday, February 13
- Session 3: Tuesday, February 27 and Thursday, March 1
- Session 4: Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 15
- Session 5: Tuesday, April 10 and Thursday, April 12

We will be utilizing the following classrooms:

- Mrs. Kittel: North Hall, Room 207
- Mrs. Walker: North Hall, Room 310
- Ms. Martin: North Hall, Room 304
- Mr. Weisgold: Boardman Discovery Center, Room 316

Students will be notified of their counselor assignment and College 101 schedule via email prior to our first College 101 meeting.

We are looking forward to working closely with the Class of 2019 as they begin their college process!

Side by Side with our College Colleagues



Often times, college counselors and admission officers are seen as working on “opposite sides of the desk”. The *HuffPost* article, “[College Admission ‘Festivus’](#)”, written by the director of College Counseling at The Derryfield School and the Director of Admission at Georgia Tech seeks to close the chasm through open communication. Through a back-and-forth dialogue, the authors air grievances from their “side” of the desk, often reflecting the grievances and frustrations felt by families and students alike.

We hope you see there is clearly no exact science in the application and decision-making process. Colleges and universities are flooded with qualified applicants and are then tasked with making hair-splitting decisions. This part of the process is beyond the control of high school students, creating frustration and anxiety. Through honesty and transparency, high schools and colleges continue to work side by side through the admission process. We think this article is worth a quick read.

Positive Outcomes Continue

To date, our seniors have successfully submitted **1223 applications!** Many of our students who have applied through Early Decision, Restrictive Early Action, Early Action and Rolling Admission have already received some decisions! **175 acceptances** have been offered.

As a reminder to our seniors please let us know of all admission decisions and scholarship awards.

We want to celebrate with you and provide good advice and counsel.



Review of December Drop-In Dates

Our December Drop-In Dates for parents of freshmen, sophomores and juniors have come and gone. Families were able to come in and make introductions, ask questions, and learn how we work directly with students. We enjoyed our conversations with you and look forward to many more enriching opportunities to engage with students and parents.



Springing into Summer

We have continued to make weekly updates to our [Summer Opportunities](#) section of the College Counseling webpage. As we mentioned in our last edition of the College Counseling Crier, many colleges and universities around the country offer summer programs for high school students. These programs are a great way for students to get a feel for college life by taking classes and meeting other students around the country who share their interests.

In addition to those currently listed, we will continue to add programs as we hear about them. If students need help throughout the summer program application process, we in College Counseling are happy to provide guidance and assistance.