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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

ACT Test Dates and Deadlines*

February 10, 2018
(registration deadline has passed)

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 has passed)

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

Seniors: The End is Near!



require that we send final transcripts with final cumulative GPAs and a graduation date.

We are so proud of our seniors for all of the hard work and dedication they've put into their senior year, which has earned them admission at many amazing colleges and universities both domestically and internationally. Many students believe this final trimester is a time to forgo their efforts in the classroom; however, colleges and universities

An article from *LINK For Counselors* provides more insight as to why students need to **continue focusing** in their senior year.

Just Reminding the Juniors...

College 101 is still in session! Each of our juniors has had three group meetings with his/her college counselor. Additionally, those who have successfully completed the required Junior Questionnaire (found on Haiku) have had the chance to meet one-on-one with their counselors. Questionnaires are due on **Friday, March 16**. We are excited by the enthusiasm and care we've seen the juniors put into the college process.

In our previous sessions, we have covered Naviance and how to search for college and universities, creation of SAT and ACT accounts, common application-related terms and their definitions.

This week, we are covering social media, etiquette for emails and college visits, and we are guiding students as they create their resumes.

The future College 101 dates are listed below:

Session 4: Thursday, March 15

- For our fourth sessions, juniors will separate into two sections:
 - One for prospective Division I and Division II athletes
 - The other will be a panel discussion with current seniors regarding the application process

Save the Dates

Sophomore Spring Expo for Sophomores and Families

Monday, March 5
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Washington Area Independent School (WAIS) Fair @ Georgetown Prep for Juniors and Families

Wednesday, April 18,
2018
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Mock Admission Program for Juniors and Families

Thursday, April 26, 2018
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Session 5: Tuesday, April 10 and Thursday, April 12

- For our fifth session, students and counselors will talk about the importance of the counselor and teacher recommendations and the college essay. Additionally, we will work with each student to create a Common Application account.

As a reminder, it is our **goal** for each and every junior to take at least one ACT and/or SAT by the end of their junior year. If they have not already created accounts for the ACT and SAT we implore them to do so as soon as possible. When registering, please use the students' legal name and Bullis email address. If these accounts have already been made (even if a different email address was used) **do not** create another account. Additionally, we encourage students to use the spreadsheet in Haiku or one of their own to save usernames and passwords for these accounts.

For any student who tests with accommodations, please check with [Mrs. Anzelone](#) before registering for standardized tests.

Sophomore Spring Expo

Sophomores and families – join us in the Boarman Discovery Center on **Monday, March 5 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** College Counselors, the Assistant Principal for Academics, the Executive Director of Extended Programs & Emerging Technology, Signature Program Directors, Learning Support and [Applerouth test prep](#) company representatives will host various sessions and be available for questions throughout the evening. We hope you'll be able to join us.

As a reminder, this is a **no homework night** for the students who attend. Careful attendance will be taken at the event.

Traveling Tips for Spring Break

With Spring Break around the corner (starting at the end of classes on **Friday, March 23** and ending when classes resume on **Monday, April 3**) we encourage our juniors to start visiting colleges and universities. Juniors will begin talking with their college counselors in their one-on-one meetings; however, college lists are fluid and we encourage our students to explore many types of campuses ranging in size and location.



Additionally, we understand, as do colleges and universities, that it's not always possible to travel to campuses. An article from *LINK For Counselors* shows ways students can take advantage of college tours [without stepping foot on campus](#).

Ever-Evolving College Search

Our students are lucky enough to have choices – choices in their passions, their course work, and where they want to continue their education. Even with so many choices presented to our students, the early stages of the college search often defaults to choosing colleges based on what friends and family have done and which bumper sticker will look best on their car.

Angel Pérez, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services from [Trinity College](#), encourages students and families to evolve with the evolution of higher education and in his article, [College Has Evolved. So Should Your Search](#), which first appeared in the 2018 issue of *Parents League Review*.

Revved Up for Test Prep



Our last Crier shared some exciting news from Revolution Prep regarding their [Revolution Challenge](#), which includes 4 free hours of customized private 1:1 tutoring through **March 16**.

Revolution Prep provides top quality tutoring and test prep programs delivered by full-time professional tutors who are matched with students based on learning style, interests, needs and goals, over a convenient and flexible, live-online educational platform. To learn more, contact our dedicated Revolution Prep Liaison, Danny Goldman via [email](#) or over the phone at 410-946-6183.

Thinking Ahead: Summer Opportunities



We continue to update the [Summer Opportunities](#) listings within the College Counseling website on a weekly basis. As we've noted in the past, each program has its own eligibility for applicants and deadlines.

We've added a new section specifically for [Rustic Pathways](#). Rustic Pathways is the leader in providing superior quality international community service, education, and adventure programs for students. They offer one-to-three week spring break and summer experiences, Gap Year programs, and custom group trips. Operating in 18 different countries, their programs cover a range of student interests and activities.

Course Selection for 2018 - 2019

The College Counselors are serving as course selection coaches for rising juniors as they select their courses for senior year. Parents, please look for the course selection sheet to be coming home soon. Your signature is **required** before their selections are finalized.

For sophomores, the College Counselors and Ms. Dougherty are offering 15-minute individual appointments on March 5th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. to provide counsel for the selection of the junior classes. Please call Ms. Gattuso at 301-983-5727 to sign up for an appointment.

Celebrations Continue!

To date, our seniors have successfully submitted **1,264 applications!**

349 acceptances to colleges and universities all over the country, and internationally, 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.