



College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

ACT Test Dates and Deadlines*

June 9, 2018

(registration deadline has passed)

July 14, 2018

(registration deadline: June 15)

next academic year

September 8, 2018

(registration deadline: August 3)

SAT Test Dates and Deadlines*

June 2, 2018

(registration deadline has passed)

next academic year

August 25, 2018

(registration deadline: July 27)

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

Making the Most of Your Summer, Tips from Applerouth

With summer just around the corner, we know our students and families are looking forward to recharging and reenergizing. Applerouth, the test preparation company whose SAT/ACT-prep course runs through our winter trimester has some great ideas of how to make the summer a meaningful one:

Seniors:

- Take advantage of your time left at home. *HuffPost's* article "[50 Things To Do the Summer Before You Go To College](#)" is a fun go-to guide when it comes to making the most of these next few months.

Juniors:

- Both the SAT and the ACT have summer tests available (see dates to the left in our [Upcoming Standardized Test Dates](#) column) – take this time to either take these exams for this first time, fine-tune your scores, or wrap up with standardized testing all together.

Sophomores and Freshman:

- Read, read, read! Applerouth shares, "becoming an avid reader will give you an edge in all your school subjects and make a world of difference when you take the SAT or ACT".
 - Here's the *Washington Post's* [Best Books of 2017](#) list

Tips for the College Essay

While our seniors were away on their Habitat for Humanity trips, our college counselors spent time in all of the junior English classes working on the college essay. Students had the chance to see the essay prompts for the [Common Application](#) and [Coalition Application](#) as well as read and workshopped previous essays. At our Summer Workshops (see dates and details below in the [Save the Dates](#) column), we will work directly with the seniors to create these accounts. Additionally, we discussed the importance of meaningful, well-researched supplemental essays.

We encourage our juniors to continue working on essays and ideas throughout the summer and seeking guidance from their counselors as they proceed with the editing process. We promise it will make the application process a much

Save the Dates

Class of 2019 Summer Workshops

August 20 – 24, 2018

Students will attend **one** of ten 2½-hour sessions to complete the Common Application and learn about our office procedures for the college application process.

This Workshop is mandatory and we ask students and families to schedule vacations and plans around one of these sessions.

A virtual registration form will be sent to students later this summer.

Please note, senior football players will attend as a group on Friday, August 24 at 1:00 p.m.. Coach Cilentio has included this workshop in the players' practice schedule.

simpler one if the Class of 2019 can start their senior year with their essay completed!

Crafting the “List” and Knowing Yourself

As students and families continue to think about finding the right fit college we understand the pressures that go along with building the “college list”. Earlier this month the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS) posted an article, “[List-Making and Loving The Child You Have,](#)” which we believe allows for great reflection and helps put the process in perspective.

Time for a Road Trip!

We are lucky to live within a 180-mile radius of over 40 colleges and universities. From public to private, small to large, our area is rich in diverse colleges. We encourage all Upper School families to take advantage of this and make a visit or two this summer. Meaningful visits can include campus tours, information sessions, and for our rising seniors, an on-campus interview if it’s available. While students may not be considering these exact schools, visiting can provide great insight as to what students *are* looking for in terms of size, location, and the “feel” of campus.

Below, we’ve provided a map and list of colleges (by state) including direct links to admissions websites for you to learn more about making a visit.

Washington DC

1. [American University](#)
2. [Catholic University of America](#)
3. [The George Washington University](#)
4. [Georgetown University](#)
5. [Howard University](#)
6. [Trinity Washington University](#)

Maryland

7. [Bowie State University](#)
8. [Coppin State University](#)
9. [Frostburg State University](#)
10. [Goucher College](#)
11. [Hood College](#)
12. [Johns Hopkins University](#)
13. [Loyola University of Maryland](#)
14. [Maryland Institute College of Art](#)
15. [University of Maryland, Baltimore County](#)
16. [University of Maryland, College Park](#)
17. [University of Maryland, Eastern Shore](#)
18. [McDaniel College](#)
19. [Morgan State University](#)
20. [Mount Saint Mary University](#)

Maryland, continued

21. [United States Naval Academy](#)
 22. [Salisbury University](#)
 23. [St. John’s College](#)
 24. [St. Mary’s College of Maryland](#)
 25. [Stevenson University](#)
 26. [Towson University](#)
 27. [Washington College](#)
- ### Virginia
28. [George Mason University](#)
 29. [James Madison University](#)
 30. [University of Mary Washington](#)
 31. [Marymount University](#)
 32. [Randolph-Macon College](#)
 33. [University of Richmond](#)
 34. [University of Virginia](#)
 35. [Virginia Commonwealth University](#)
- ### Delaware
36. [University of Delaware](#)
- ### Pennsylvania
37. [Dickinson College](#)
 38. [Franklin & Marshall College](#)
 39. [Gettysburg College](#)
 40. [Swarthmore College](#)
 41. [York College of Pennsylvania](#)

