

College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming
Standardized Test
Dates

ACT Test Dates and Deadlines*

September 9, 2017 (deadline has passed for registration)

October 27, 2017 (deadline: September 22)

December 9, 2017 (deadline: November 3)

SAT Test Dates and Deadlines*

October 7, 2017 (deadline: September 8)

November 4, 2017 (deadline: October 5)

December 2, 2017 (deadline: November 2)

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

Welcome from the College Counseling Staff!



We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are excited for the 2017-2018 school year! Our team has expanded this year; Mrs. Kittel, our Director of College Counseling, and Mrs. Walker, our Associate Director of College Counseling, are happy to welcome three new members to our staff. Mr. Philip Weisgold and Ms. Valerie Martin join the team as Assistant Directors of College Counseling and Ms. Francesca Gattuso joins us as our Administrative Assistant. We feel this is the strongest College Counseling team Bullis has had in quite some time and are excited to guide your students through the application process.

Below, we've shared our excitement for the upcoming year:

Mrs. Kittel: I am excited to begin my 12th year at Bullis with such a dynamic and energetic staff. We look forward to working with each of you and guiding your families through the college exploration and application process.

Mrs. Walker: I am incredibly excited to be back at Bullis for my second year. I feel fortunate to work with one of the most talented senior classes that the Bullis community has seen. It's going to be an incredible year!

Mr. Weisgold: I'm eager to start working within the Bullis community – especially the Class of 2018! My hope is to make students feel ready and empowered through what can be both a stressful and exciting time in their lives.

Ms. Martin: Hi everyone! I'm really excited to join the Bullis community, and get to know both students and families as we navigate the college search process together. Cheers to finding the best fit in a college!

Ms. Gattuso: I'm super excited to start my first year here at Bullis and am so looking forward to getting to know our students. I am especially excited to help our seniors through the college process and to welcome colleges and universities to the College Counseling Office.

<u>Upcoming Parent</u> Coffees

12th Grade Families:

Monday, September 11 7:00 p.m. **or** Wednesday, September 13 8:00 a.m.

please note: the same information will be shared at each session

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Spending Time with Seniors



Seniors have each taken time this summer to begin working through their college applications in our August Workshops. Our priority this fall is to spend one-on-one time polishing and submitting essays, portfolios and applications – we ask that families respect our <u>time as we make</u> appointments with seniors and their families until we've successfully navigated the early application process.

For underclassmen and families, please see below for our new December Dropin Dates...we look forward to seeing you then!

11th Grade Families:

Tuesday, September 26 8:00 a.m.

9th & 10th Grade Families:

Thursday, September 28 8:00 a.m.

<u>December Drop-In</u> <u>Dates</u>

Monday, December 4 – Wednesday, December 6

Jumping in with The Juniors

Our juniors will be spending their Experiential Education visiting 4 colleges and universities: Franklin & Marshall College, Loyola University of Maryland, Saint Mary's College of Maryland and The University of Richmond. These trips serve as an introduction to college visits, allowing students to start thinking about their own "must-haves": size, location, distance from home, majors and minors, etc.

During our visits, students will get the full campus experience through student-led tours, enlightening information sessions from an admission representative and grabbing a bite from the dining hall.

Groups were assigned at random; due to group size (almost 40 per trip) and medical information, we are unable to make any changes to assignments.









December Drop-In Dates

While we will be spending the majority of our time with seniors in the fall, we recognize how important it is for us to get to know the rest of the students and families in the Upper School. For the first time, we will offer three days in December (Monday, December 4 – Wednesday, December 6) for families of freshman, sophomores, and juniors to drop-in and make introductions, ask questions, and learn how we work directly with students. We look forward to seeing you in our office (North Hall, First Floor)!

Coming to College Counseling

This fall, we plan to host over 110 colleges and universities in College Counseling. These meetings allow our students to get to know more about specific programs but also give colleges and universities an idea of the Bullis experience.

Seniors are welcome to come to meetings (with permission 24-hours in advance from their teachers) and can sign up through Naviance. Juniors may attend *only* if they have Study Hall or Enrichment block during the time of the scheduled visit.

Please note, visits are subject to change – the full list can be found on Naviance.

Tuesday, September 12

Northwestern University University of Tennessee, Knoxville Carnegie Mellon University

Wednesday, September 13

Worcester Polytechnic Institute Bucknell University Vanderbilt University

Thursday, September 14

Washington University in St. Louis The University of Georgia Lynn University Wittenberg University Chapman University

Friday, September 15

University of Mary Washington University of Connecticut

Monday, September 18

Providence College Hampden-Sydney College Lafayette College University of Chicago

Tuesday, September 19

Ursinus College University of Maryland, Baltimore County Middlebury College American University Stevenson University

Wednesday, September 20

McDaniel College Hobart and William Smith Colleges University of South Carolina St. Mary's College of Maryland

Friday, September 22

DePauw University Rensselaer Polytechnic The Catholic University of America Gannon University Occidental College

Monday, September 25

Colgate University Gettysburg College

Tuesday, September 26

Otterbein University Salve Regina University Roanoke College

Wednesday, September 27

Dickinson College Emory University High Point University Brandeis University The University of Alabama Susquehanna University

Thursday, September 28

Neumann University University of Miami Salisbury University

Friday, September 20

University of Maryland, College Park Dartmouth College James Madison University Bryant University Lasell College