



# College Counseling Crier

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## Upcoming PSAT/NMSQT for our Juniors and Sophomores

Juniors and Sophomores will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 11. Please arrive by 7:45 am that morning (we will wait for the buses – no need to drive separately) with pencils, a calculator, a drink, and a watch to time yourself (you will *not* be able to use your phone)

If students are not present for the PSAT, they will not be able to participate in after school sports or activities that afternoon

Wednesday, October  
11<sup>th</sup>

## What's Happening in College Counseling?

We've been hard at work with the seniors and their families navigating through the college application process. This past month we've had two parent coffees and many one-on-one meetings with our students. Additionally, students and counselors have had the opportunity to visit with **four to five colleges and universities each day** right here in the College Counseling Office. Teacher references and counselor recommendations are almost complete with deadlines quickly approaching. A list of those colleges visiting Bullis in October is listed on page 3 of this newsletter, on monitors throughout the school and in our office (North Hall, First Floor)!

## Financial Aid Forms – Finally Available!

Beginning **October 1** both the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) and the [CollegeBoard College Scholarship Service Profile \(CSS Profile\)](#) will be available.

For seniors and their families, colleges and universities may require one or both of these completed forms before awarding any need-based aid.

Need-based aid includes awarded monies such as federal work study and/or student loans (to be paid back) in addition to other grants and scholarships (not to be paid back) based on demonstrated need. Need is determined by analyzing the information provided on forms such as the FAFSA and CSS Profile to generate what they believe is your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Colleges and universities then subtract your EFC from the Cost of Attendance in order to determine student need and eligibility. Keep in mind, Cost of Attendance is typically *more* than the billable charges (such as tuition, fees, room & board) and includes things like transportation, estimated book charges, and miscellaneous charges.

Usually, these forms are not required for students who are only looking for scholarships based on academic prowess, athletic or artistic performance and community engagement; however, each school has its own financial aid/merit scholarship application process.

*\*\*Please remember to use the applications for the 2018-2019 year! These are not available until October 1.\*\**

## Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

### ACT Test Dates and Deadlines\*

October 28, 2017  
(deadline has passed for  
registration)

December 9, 2017  
(deadline: November 3)

### SAT Test Dates and Deadlines\*

October 7, 2017  
(deadline has passed for  
registration)

November 4, 2017  
(deadline has passed for  
registration)

December 2, 2017  
(deadline: November 2)

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

## December Drop-In Dates

Monday, December 4 –  
Wednesday, December  
6

## Notes from the National Conference

*“Applying to college is not just a transaction, it is an experience”*



Earlier in September, Mrs. Kittel and Ms. Martin had the opportunity to attend the National Conference for the National Association of College Admission Counselors (NACAC) in Boston. During their trip, they were able to visit surrounding schools and Bullis alumni at [Harvard University](#); [Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\)](#); [Northeastern University](#); and [Tufts University](#).

Throughout the conference, attended by college counseling professionals *and* admission representatives, Mrs. Kittel and Ms. Martin were able to interact with many colleges and universities while in turn, those professionals learned a bit more about Bullis. Additionally, Mrs. Kittel and Ms. Martin attended receptions with schools in the [Big 10](#), [Big 12](#), and the [Colleges that Change Lives \(CTCL\)](#) just to name a few.

When not touring colleges, or learning more through receptions, college counselors attend sessions led by higher education professionals on topics like:

### New Trends in College Admissions:

- Self-reporting grades and test scores – the University of California system has allowed self-reporting for decades finding a less than 1% false-reporting rate. Washington University, University of Chicago, Texas Christian University and University of Iowa have since adopted this style of reporting. More colleges may soon follow.

### An Update on the Common Application:

- For this current admission cycle, there are 772 colleges and universities accepting the Common Application
- 6 universities are requiring students to self-report grades; Common App will alert you of this requirement
- For students to stay on top of their Common App, they've released a [Common App on Track](#) mobile app for phones and tablets

## 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)!

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## 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 if they have study hall or enrichment block during the time of the visit. Please note, visits are subject to change – the full list can be found on Naviance.

### **Monday, October 2**

New York University  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Washington College  
Wake Forest University  
College of William and Mary

### **Tuesday, October 3**

Indiana University at  
Bloomington  
College of Charleston  
Muhlenberg College  
Syracuse University

### **Wednesday, October 4**

St. Lawrence University  
Colby College  
Davidson College  
Saint Michael's College  
Boston University  
York College of  
Pennsylvania  
Villanova University

### **Thursday, October 5**

Sewanee: The University of  
the South  
Rhodes College  
Sarah Lawrence College

### **Tuesday, October 10**

Drexel University  
Goucher College  
Tulane University  
The University of Arizona  
Rutgers University – New  
Brunswick

### **Wednesday, October 11**

The College of Saint Rose  
Trinity College

### **Thursday, October 12**

Wesleyan University  
University of Richmond  
Florida Southern College  
St. Olaf College  
University of Cincinnati

### **Friday, October 13**

Skidmore College  
Elmira College  
Johnson & Wales University  
University of Hartford  
The American University of  
Paris

### **Monday, October 16**

University of San Francisco  
Wofford College  
Southern Methodist  
University  
University of Dayton  
Florida Institute of  
Technology

### **Tuesday, October 17**

Denison University  
Claremont McKenna College  
Butler University  
University of Colorado at  
Boulder  
Mount Holyoke College

### **Wednesday, October 18**

Kenyon College  
Belmont Abbey College  
Warren Wilson College  
The George Washington  
University  
Stonehill College

### **Thursday, October 19**

The Catholic University of  
America  
Elon University  
Union College

### **Friday, October 20**

Eckerd College  
The Cooper Union for the  
Advancement of Science  
& Art  
Clemson University  
Pitzer College

### **Monday, October 23**

St. John's University –  
Queens Campus  
Haverford College  
Hood College  
University of Virginia

### **Tuesday, October 24**

St. Joseph's University  
Pennsylvania State  
University  
Capital University  
Furman University

### **Wednesday, October 25**

Ohio Wesleyan University  
Dartmouth College  
Clarkson University  
Hofstra University

### **Thursday, October 26**

Merrimack College  
Loyola University of  
Maryland  
Bard College  
University of Michigan

### **Friday, October 27**

University of Southern  
California  
University of Pittsburgh  
Moore College of Art and  
Design  
Lehigh University

### **Tuesday, October 31**

Moravian College