

College Counseling Crier

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<u>Upcoming</u> <u>Standardized Test</u> Dates

ACT Test Dates and Deadlines*

February 10, 2018 (deadline: January 12)

April 14, 2018 (deadline: March 0)

June 9, 2018 (deadline: May 4)

July 14, 2018 (deadline: June 15)

SAT Test Dates and Deadlines*

March 10, 2018 (deadline: February 9)

May 5, 2018 (deadline: April 6)

June 2, 2018 (deadline: May 3)

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

December's Digits

Our seniors have been working in and out of the College Counseling Office to finalize their applications. In addition to the popular November 1 deadlines, we've now gotten through the November 15 and December 1 deadlines. Together, students and our counselors have been processing applications, essays, supplemental writing pieces, portfolios, and Bullis School materials.

To date, our students have submitted **820 applications!** Many of our students who have applied through Rolling Admission have already received some decisions! **64 acceptances** have been offered. Some of our next big deadlines are **December 15**, **January 1**, and **January 15**.

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.

Directions for Dinner

With the holiday season approaching, the vast majority of our seniors have submitted applications and are waiting to hear back from their respective colleges and universities. Here are some of our suggestions of questions and topics to **avoid** during your dinner conversations:

- 1. Are all of your applications in?
- 2. What do you want to major in?
- 3. Are you sure you want to move away?
- 4. How well did you do on the SAT? ACT?
- 5. What are your safety schools?
- 6. Why don't you go to your parents' alma mater?
- 7. Have you applied for scholarships?
- 8. Are all of your essays finished?

Let's spread the word and make our holiday dinners a "college free" zone.



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

Monday, December 4 – Wednesday, December 6

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We are excited to begin working with freshman, sophomores and juniors. For the first time, we will offer **three days** in December (Monday, December 4 – Wednesday, December 6) for families of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to "drop" into the College Counseling office 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)!

** Our office will be open for visitors from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on each of the Drop-In Dates; however, **on Monday, December 4**th from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. we will <u>not</u> be available as we will be meeting with the students in the 9th grade class. **

They Came, They Saw, They Conquered

We've wrapped up with our college visits this fall in College Counseling. Students and counselors had the opportunity to meet with 152 college and university representatives to learn more about their respective institutions, introduce themselves, and ask specific questions. Our representatives enjoyed their time at Bullis, meeting our students, and getting a glimpse of the new Discovery Center.

Springing into Summer

College 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.

To find these opportunities, please see the Summer Opportunities section of the College Counseling webpage. In addition to those 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.

Our Journey with Juniors

...begins at **7:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, December 9**. College Counseling will be hosting our Junior Parent Kickoff in the Studio Theatre of the Boarman Discovery Center. We will also be working with the juniors throughout the second trimester during Enrichment with a program called College 101, led by our college counselors. College 101 allows juniors to familiarize themselves with the Bullis School college application process, relevant terminology, and procedures for the upcoming year.