

College Counseling Crier

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<u>Upcoming Standardized</u>
Test Dates

ACT Test Dates and Deadlines*

September 8, 2018 (registration deadline has passed)

October 27, 2018 (registration deadline: September 28, 2018)

December 8, 2018 (registration deadline: November 2, 2018)

SAT Test Dates and Deadlines*

October 6, 2018 (registration deadline September 7, 2018)

November 3, 2018 (registration deadline: October 5, 2018)

December 1, 2018 (registration deadline. November 2, 2018)

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

Knowing the Lay of the Land

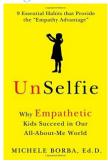
The College Counseling is excited to welcome back our families and students for the 2018-2019 academic year. As we continue to send our monthly newsletter, please pay special attention to the column on the left which always has the upcoming standardized test dates and registration deadlines as well as any other "save the dates" for upcoming programs and events.

Chat with the College Counselors Over Coffee

Over the next several weeks, the College Counseling Office will host "Coffees" for parents. We welcome the opporunity to interact with you, share information, and quell any anxieties. Bring your questions; we are happy to help and look forward to working with your families. See "Save the Dates" for dates, times, and locations.

Building Connections and Getting the Most Out of College

This summer, Bullis faculty and staff chose from three summer reading books; *Unselfie* by Michele Borba, *The Power of Moments* by Chip Heath and Dan Heath, or *Born Digital* by John Palfrey and Urs Grasser. Each text was rooted in the Upper School's theme of raising and teaching empathetic learners. Forming connections – both in and out of college – is an integral part to leading a successful life. Frank Bruni's *New York Times* article, "How to Get the Most Out of College" echoes this sentiment.







Save the Dates

12th Grade Parent Coffee

Tuesday, September 11 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, September 12 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Boarman Discovery Centers
Studio Theatre

11th Grade Parent Coffee

Tuesday, September 25 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Boarman Discovery Center, Studio Theatre

9th and 10th Grade Coffee

Wednesday, September 26 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Boarman Discovery Center, Studio Theatre

December Drop-In Dates for all Upper School families

Monday, December 3 Tuesday, December 4 Wednesday, December 5

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

North Hall, 1st Floor, College Counseling Suite

College Readiness...Not Just College Acceptances

As our Upper School students begin the year, especially for our juniors and seniors, we understand that the reality of the college admission and application process is beginning to sink in. With that often comes a variety of feelings; excitement and anticipation for the next steps, fear and anxiety of the unknown, and the realization that parents and families will not be around to make sure deadlines are met and assignments are completed. Our hope is to partner with families to encourage students to become more self-reliant and independent. Mark McConville's *New York Times* article, "How to Help a Teenager Be College-Ready" shares tips and provides encouragement for taking the next step toward adulthood.

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 time as we **make appointments with seniors and their families** until we've successfully navigated the early application process.

For underclassmen and families, please see "Save the Dates" for our December Drop-in Dates...we look forward to seeing you then!

Jumping in with The Juniors

Our juniors will be spending their Experiential Education visiting either Gettysburg College, James Madison University, Salisbury University, or Washington College. 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 distribution, we are unable to make any changes to assignments.









Big Discounts with Revolution Prep!

Revolution Prep, a test preparation and tutoring company, is offering Bullis families the chance the try their one-month membership program, Revolution Prime for only \$1! Regularly \$99/month, Revolution Prime gives students unlimited access to professional tutors for on-demand supports in 37 subjects and test prep, as well as discounts on tutoring programs. For more information, or to redeem this offer, please contact our Revolution Prep representative, Tamarah Taylor no later than September 30. We also invite you to visit the Bullis-specific page on Revolution Prep's site.

Coming to College Counseling

Beginning next week, 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 list below shows only those colleges who have registered for a visit so far for this September. Each college is hyperlinked below.

Wed., September 12

University of Maryland, College Park University of Pennsylvania

Thurs., September 13

Hood College Denison University Lehigh University Washington University in St. Louis

Fri., September 14

Connecticut College McDaniel College Randolph-Macon College Goucher College Muhlenberg College

Mon., September 17

Chapman University George Mason University

Tues., September 18

University of Georgia College of Charleston The University of Chicago Stevenson University Vanderbilt University

Thurs., September 20

Brandeis University
Hobart and William Smitl
Colleges
Drew University
University of Miami
Bard College

Fri., September 21

Worcester Polytechnic Institute Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute University of Virginia

Mon, September 24

The Catholic University of America College of William & Mary Washington College Emory University Dartmouth College

Tues., September 25

Gettysburg College Oberlin College Colgate University

Wed., September 26

Roanoke College Davidson College University of Massachusetts -Amherst

Thurs., September 27

University of Maryland, Baltimore County University of Connecticut St. Edward's University Widener University

Fri., September 28

Loyola University, Maryland Salisbury University

