



College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

ACT Test Dates and Deadlines*

December 8, 2018
(registration deadline: today)

SAT Test Dates and Deadlines*

November 3, 2018
(registration deadline has passed)

December 1, 2018
(registration deadline: today)

Save the Dates

Alumni Interview Workshop

Thursday, November 15
Enrichment Block – 2:15 p.m.

Boarman Discovery Center,
Studio Theatre

Financial Aid Information Night

Tuesday, November 6
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Boarman Discovery Center,
Studio Theatre

Alumni Interview Workshop for Seniors

We've made it past November 1! Many applications have been submitted, portals have been set up, and seniors may be breathing a sigh of relief. With that in mind, we recognize now is the time many of our students will pursue interviews with alumni representatives from various colleges and universities.

Learn from Harvard, Stanford, and Georgetown alumni interviewers what to expect in an alumni interview. What to wear? What might be asked of you? What might you want to ask? How can you make yourself stand out amongst the crowd? These questions and more will address on Thursday, November 15 during Enrichment in the Studio Theatre of the Discovery Center. **Seniors are expected to attend.**

Financial Aid Information Night is Around the Corner

As a reminder, on Tuesday, November 6 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Studio Theatre of the Boarman Discovery Center, we will host a financial aid night. We will provide not only general information surrounding financial aid terminology but also tips and suggestions as to how make the aid application process as easy as possible for Bullis students and families. We hope to see you there! Note: if you have already completed the FAFSA and/or the CSS Profile, you're ahead of the game and do not need to make the trip back to campus! This evening is meant to cover broad topics in need-based (not merit-based) aid and not to answer individualized questions or to complete forms.

Prior to completing the FAFSA, both students *and* parents will need to register for a [Federal Student Aid ID \(FSA ID\)](#), which serves as both a login to the FAFSA and a legal signature. Once created, each FSA ID is verified through the Social Security Administration and can take a few days to be approved, so we encourage families to continue to check their email for more details from the Department of Education.

Please note, each college has its own financial aid application requirements – it's important for our seniors and their families to keep track of required forms and deadlines.

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

November by the Numbers

Our seniors have been working in and out of the College Counseling Office to finalize their applications. With many schools having Early Decision, Early Action and Priority deadlines of November 1, students and our counselors have been processing applications, essays, supplemental writing pieces, portfolios, and Bullis School materials.

To date, our students have submitted **544** applications! Many of our students who have applied through Rolling Admission have already received some decisions! **18** acceptances have been offered. Some of our next big deadlines are **November 15, December 1** and **December 15**.

As a reminder to our seniors please let us know of all admission decisions.
We want to celebrate with you and provide good advice and counsel.

Sports in the Spotlight

On Wednesday, November 14 we will have our first of three [National Signing Dates](#) of the year. Senior student-athletes who are participating in collegiate-level athletics will sign their National Letters of Intent (NLI). The NLI is a binding agreement between a prospective student-athlete and the university in which an athletic scholarship is offered.

Please come support and congratulate our senior athletes at 3:30 on November 14 in the Studio Theatre of the Boorman Discovery Center.



MythBusters: The Early College Application Edition

Christopher Rim, founder and CEO of Command Education recently addressed the myths associated with Early Decision and Early Action applications in his *Forbes* article, "[5 Myths About Early College Applications](#)." Though many of our students met November 1 deadlines, we know both November 15 and January 1 are also important days for additional Early or Priority-type applications. We encourage families to read this article to gain a better understanding of Early Action and Early Decision; what it means to apply under these plans, what happens if accepted, and how to know if Early is "right" for you and your student.

December Drop-In Dates

On Monday, December 3 at 8:00 a.m., Bullis will be hosting Jed Applerouth, Founder & President of Applerouth Tutoring for an informative and interactive discussion around standardized test preparation. Mrs. Kittel and Mrs. Brant were able to meet Jed last year and are thrilled to be able to present this opportunity to the Bullis community.

After coffee with Jed, we will dive right into our second year of December Drop-In Days to meet with underclassmen families. No appointments are necessary and we are keeping our calendars open to meet with as many of you as possible. We look forward to seeing you in the College Counseling Office located on the first floor of North Hall.

First Steps with Our Freshman

On Monday, December 10 during community time the college counselors will meet with the ninth grade class to discuss the importance of academic performance and finding passion. Current seniors will share their perspective and experience as they reflect on their four years in Upper School.

Coming to College Counseling

Bullis continues to host college and university representatives throughout the month of November. With **135** representatives already having visited Bullis we are looking forward to welcoming the next round of college representatives. As a reminder, 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 November. Each college admission website is hyperlinked below.

Friday, November 2

[Universidad de Navarra](#)
[Samford University](#)
[Farleigh Dickinson University – Metropolitan Campus](#)

Tuesday, November 6

[University of South Carolina](#)
[New Jersey Institute of Technology](#)
[Johnson & Wales University - Providence](#)
[Duke Kunshan University](#)
[Belmont Abbey College](#)

Wednesday, November 7

[Kean University](#)
[St. John's College](#)
[Michigan State University](#)

Thursday, November 8

[Frostburg State University](#)
[Elizabethtown College](#)
[Towson University](#)

Tuesday, November 13

[Hofstra University](#)
[University of Tennessee, Knoxville](#)