



College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

ACT Test Dates and Deadlines*

February 9, 2019
(registration deadline:
January 11)

April 13, 2019
(registration deadline:
March 8)

June 8, 2019
(registration deadline:
May 3)

July 13, 2019
(registration deadline:
June 14)

SAT Test Dates and Deadlines*

March 9, 2019
(registration deadline:
February 8)

May 4, 2019
(registration deadline:
April 5)

June 1, 2019
(registration deadline:
May 3)

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

December by the 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 **671 applications!** Many of our students who have applied through Rolling Admission have already received some decisions! **61 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.

Our Hope for the Holidays

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.



Save the Dates

December Drop-In Dates for all Upper School families

Monday, December 3
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 5
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

North Hall, 1st Floor,
College Counseling Suite

Junior Parent Kickoff Program

Tuesday, January 15
7:00 p.m.

Howard Auditorium
Blair Family Center for the
Arts

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.



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We look forward to seeing you in the College Counseling Office on **Monday, December 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**; **Tuesday, December 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**; and **Wednesday 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Alumni Interview Workshop for Seniors – Rescheduled!

Due to the snow day before Thanksgiving, we have rescheduled our Alumni Interview Workshop for seniors for **Enrichment Block on Tuesday, December 4**. 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 Tuesday, December 4 during Enrichment in the Studio Theatre of the Discovery Center. **Seniors are expected to attend.**

Reading Between the Rankings and Ratings

The goal of College Counseling is to help each student find the right-fit college or university for their needs and wants. We recognize in the midst of the search, rankings and ratings – especially those from sources such as *U.S. News & World Report*, *The Princeton Review*, and *CollegeBoard* – are taken into consideration.

Mary Stegmeir, a writer and editor for the National Association for College Admission Counseling's (NACAC) blog, *Admitted*, writes in a recent post, "[Stanford Report: College Rankings are Deeply Flawed](#)" cautioning families who over-value rankings when compared to the actions of students, regardless of the institution they choose to attend. We encourage families to read Stegmeir's post as they continue to navigate the college search process.

A Special Holiday Offer from Revolution Prep

Our friends at Revolution Prep, a national leader in top quality, live-online academic and test prep tutoring, are sharing a **holiday gift of \$100** with all Bullis School families, which can be applied toward their **private tutoring, a test prep course (including a variety of schedules leading up to every test date)**, or a **free session with your son or daughter's best matched Revolution Prep expert, full-time, professional tutor!** **There is no purchase necessary**, just \$100 toward your child's enrichment. Visit our site to **claim your gift card**, which must be **redeemed by December 31, 2018**. If you have any questions or want to learn more, reach out to our school's dedicated Revolution Prep Advisor, Mark Guenther, at 301-363-9023 or via [email](#).

Revolution Prep also hosts a series of **Free Webinars** on various topics, with one coming up about **Scholarships for International Students on Tuesday, December 4 at 9:00 p.m.** To learn more about the information that will be covered, the presenter, and to register to watch it live or receive the record, [click here](#).

Juniors Begin Their Journey

On **Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m.**, we will be hosting our Junior Parent Kickoff in the Howard Auditorium in the Blair Family Center for the Arts. We will continue to work with our juniors throughout the second and third trimester specifically during Enrichment through a program called College 101, led by our college counselors. College 101 allows juniors the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Bullis School college application process, relevant terminology, and procedures for the upcoming year.

The dates are listed below; we ask that you do not schedule doctor's appointments, tutoring sessions, or anything else during these times. Once students are assigned to their college counselor, they will be notified which day of each session they are scheduled to attend. All sessions will take place during Enrichment.

<u>Session 1</u>	Tuesday, January 15 <i>or</i> Thursday, January 17
<u>Session 2</u>	Tuesday, January 22 <i>or</i> Thursday, January 24
<u>Session 3</u>	Tuesday, February 5 <i>or</i> Tuesday, February 12
<u>Session 4</u>	Tuesday, March 19 <i>or</i> Thursday, March 21
<u>Session 5</u>	Thursday, April 4 <i>or</i> Tuesday, April 9
<u>Session 6</u>	Tuesday, April 23 <i>or</i> Thursday, April 25

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. This year, we've provided focal groups for a more specific search. 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.

During **Enrichment on Thursday, January 10**, [Ms. Darling](#) is hosting an information session and workshop about STEM Summer Internships in the Boarman Discovery Center Presentation (on the 2nd floor). This will be an opportunity for students to talk through internships and get help on applications and resume building. Reminders will be sent closer to the date.

First Steps with Our Freshman

As a reminder, 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.

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 **150** college and university representatives to learn about their respective institutions and ask questions about their campuses and admissions processes. Our representatives enjoyed their time at Bullis meeting with students and getting to know our curriculum and culture.

