



College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

ACT Test Dates and Deadlines*

February 9, 2019
(registration deadline has
passed)

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*

Circling Back to College 101

The junior class had their first meeting with their college counselor for College 101. These sessions, which are MANDATORY for all juniors, share crucial information allowing students to gain an understanding of the college search process and begin college exploration without the pressure of imminent deadlines.

Our first session included an introduction to the College Counseling timeline; and a brief overview of Naviance including how to research a college and how to interpret scattergrams; and an introductory explanation of some admissions jargon. Juniors have been assigned a questionnaire and a strengths assessment through Thrively, both of which can be found on Haiku. Upon completion of these action items, juniors can then schedule to meet one-on-one with their individual counselor.

As a reminder, students received an email from their counselor notifying them of their assigned College 101 dates. This list can also be found next to the College Counseling Office on a bulletin board. The remaining dates for the College 101 sessions are:

Session 3: (tomorrow) Tuesday, February 5 and Tuesday, February 12

Session 4: Tuesday, 19 and Thursday, March 21

Session 5: Tuesday, April 4

Session 6: Tuesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 25

We look forward to continuing our work with the Class of 2020 as they begin their course selection and college process!



[Save the Dates](#)

Sophomore Spring Expo for Sophomores and Families

Monday, March 4
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Washington Area Independent School (WAIS) Fair @ Georgetown Prep for Juniors and Families

Wednesday, April 10
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Mock Admission Program for Juniors and Families

Thursday, April 25
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sophomore Spring Expo

Sophomores and families – join us in the Studio Theatre of the Boarman Discovery Center on **Monday, March 4 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** College Counselors, the Assistant Principal for Academics, Signature Program Directors, Learning Support and [Applerouth test prep](#) company representatives will host various sessions and be available for questions throughout the evening. We hope you'll be able to join us.

As a reminder, this is a **no homework night** for the students who attend. Careful attendance will be taken at the event.

The Everchanging College Admission Landscape

The frustration of navigating the intricacies of college admission is often shared by parents and students. Understanding the nuances of each college's application procedures and keeping track of the numerous steps can be exhausting and confusing. Brennan Bernard, Director of College Counseling and Outreach at The Derryfield School in New Hampshire shares in his *Forbes* article, "[More Ways To Improve College Admissions In 2019](#)," how these sentiments aren't just felt by families but also by college admission professionals. Brennan highlights controversy around early applications; demonstrated interest and ways in which it's qualified and quantified; standardized testing and its role in admissions; and the projection of application volume with the hope that college admissions can continue to push forward with positive messages.

Summer Programs Pour In!

During parent-teacher conferences and December Drop-In Days, we had many parents come in to ask us about summer programs for rising juniors and seniors. We continue to update the [Summer Opportunities](#) listings within the [College Counseling webpage](#) on a weekly basis. The offerings are separated by broad subjects including topics related to our Signature Programs, service, and travel abroad.

If students have questions or need help completing these applications, they are welcome to come to the College Counseling office on the first floor of North Hall.



Celebrations Continue!

To date, our seniors have successfully submitted **1,153 applications!** Many of our students who have applied through Early Decision, Restrictive Early Action, Early Action and Rolling Admission have already received some decisions.

Just this past week, the University of Maryland and University of Miami released their respective priority and Early Action decisions. To date, our seniors have received **305 acceptances** to colleges and universities all over the country, and internationally.

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.