



College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

ACT Test Dates and Deadlines*

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*

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*

Sophomore Spring Expo on the Horizon

A reminder for sophomores and families: **Monday, March 4 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** in the Boarman Discovery is our Sophomore Spring Expo! The college counselors, the Assistant Principal for Academics, Signature Program Directors, Learning Support, representatives from local colleges and universities, and [Applerouth Tutoring Services](#) company representatives will host various sessions and be available for questions throughout the evening. We find this program to be a helpful introduction to navigating the college process and its intricacies. 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.

Course Selection On the Horizon



In the coming weeks, students will meet with their Course Selection Coach to begin the process of course registration. For current sophomores (rising juniors), we offer a standardized test preparation course in the second trimester led by [Applerouth Tutoring Services](#). This course costs an additional \$649 and is taught during study hall twice a week on campus. Bullis partners with Applerouth Tutoring Services to bring students a comprehensive and interactive class on how to tackle standardized tests and increase your score. In 20 hours of class-time Applerouth's expert tutor covers not only the content and format of the test but also key strategies for test-taking. This small and comprehensive class includes engaging material and the opportunity for students to take 3 previously-released, full-length standardized tests to practice their skills as they go.

We highly encourage interested students to make the selection during course registration. For more information, please call Applerouth at 202-558-5644.

Additionally, we urge *all* students to continue taking academic major courses (English, math, science, social studies, and foreign language) throughout each of their four years here at Bullis even if they have met Bullis requirements.

Save the Dates

Sophomore Spring Expo for Sophomores and Families

Monday, March 4
Boarman Discovery Center
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
Blair Center for the Arts
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Flipping the Switch on Social Media



Throughout the day teenagers are checking their phone to stay in the know; refreshing Instagram, Snapchat, and other social media sites are routine for students all over the world. To meet students where they are, many colleges and universities have leveraged their presence on social media to allow for meaningful networking and engagement. Educational consultant Isaac Serwanga shares his thoughts on providing teens with strategies to better prepare for college while on their phones in his article, "[3 Social Media Tips for Your College-Bound Teen](#)".

The Value of Liberal Arts

In an environment where the return on investment is at the forefront of prospective students and families' minds, the value of a liberal arts education is often questioned. Scott, Jaschik, Editor of *Inside Higher Ed* uses data from a recent study through The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in his article "[The Economic Gains \(Yes, Gains\) of a Liberal Arts Education](#)" to prove there is no data misconception of liberal arts programs. If interested, a link to the [original analysis from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation](#) is embedded in the *Inside Higher Ed* article.

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Confidence with Indecision!



Bullis School's core values of critical thinking, collaboration, communication, resourcefulness, and creativity go beyond Falls Road. Jennifer Hollis, an Admissions Counselor at Rutgers University – New Brunswick, encourages students in her article "[No Major? No Problem!](#)" to embrace being "undecided" in future interests and passions. By utilizing resources on college campuses including career services and academic advisors, students can "embrace uncertainty."

Testive's Free Online Practice ACT



Earlier this month, the college counselors received an invitation from [Testive](#), a one-on-one tutoring company for Bullis students to take a [free full-length, timed online practice ACT](#). We hope this resource can provide a baseline for students as they begin preparing for standardized tests.

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 **1,169 applications!** Many of our students who have applied through Early Decision, Restrictive Early Action, Early Action and Rolling Admission have already received some decisions.

365 acceptances to colleges and universities all over the country, and internationally, have been offered.

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.