



# College Counseling Crier

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## Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

### ACT Test Dates and Deadlines\*

September 14, 2019  
(registration deadline has  
passed)

October 26, 2019  
(registration deadline:  
September 20)

December 14, 2019  
(registration deadline:  
November 8)

### SAT Test Dates and Deadlines\*

October 5, 2019  
(registration deadline:  
September 6)

November 2, 2019  
(registration deadline:  
October 3)

December 7, 2019  
(registration deadline:  
November 8)

\*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 2019-2020 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. Additionally, any text in [light blue](#) is a hyperlink; we may use this for a specific article or a direct link for a college website for you to explore!

## Introducing...

The College Counseling team is thrilled to welcome two new members to the team: Ms. McKay (Administrative Assistant) and Ms. Cotten (long-term maternity substitute for Ms. Walker). Below you'll find brief biographies for both Ms. McKay and Ms. Cotten.

Before spending more than ten years with an environmental law firm, Ms. Brienne McKay started her administrative career at an all girl's boarding school in North Carolina. She's “appreciated the warm welcome from the Bullis community and feels relieved to be joining a department with such fun, talented professionals.” Ms. McKay is “excited to return to a school atmosphere, learn the ins and outs of the college counseling department, and watch the students find the path to their next adventure.”



Ms. Betsy Cotten is “excited to join the fantastic and hilarious team in College Counseling this fall.” She's spent the past decade working at McDaniel College in the Office of Admission reviewing applications, and helping students to learn more about college. Ms. Cotten is “most excited to meet with college representatives who come to visit, and to help students navigate the college application process.”

## Save the Dates

### Back to School Night

Tuesday, September 12,  
6:30 p.m.

### College Counseling Senior Parent Meeting

Tuesday, September 17,  
7:00 p.m.

Boarman Discovery  
Center,  
Studio Theatre

### College Counseling 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Coffee

Tuesday, September 24,  
8:00 a.m.

Boarman Discovery  
Center,  
Studio Theatre

### College Counseling 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Coffee

Wednesday, September 25,  
8:00 a.m.

Boarman Discovery  
Center,  
Studio Theatre

### December Drop-In Dates for all Upper School families

Monday, December 9  
Tuesday, December 10  
Wednesday, December 11

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

North Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
College Counseling Suite

## Chat with the College Counselors Over Coffee

Over the next several weeks, the College Counseling Office will host “Coffees” for parents and guardians. We welcome the opportunity 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.

<b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting:</b>	Tuesday, September 17 @ 7:00 p.m.
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Coffee:</b>	Tuesday, September 24 @ 8:00 a.m.
<b>10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Coffee:</b>	Wednesday, September 25 @ 8:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you and starting the year with positivity.

## 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. Please feel free to contact us after November 1<sup>st</sup> for individual appointments. 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 spent the Thursday of Experiential Education exploring either [The George Washington University](#), [Hood College](#), [Johns Hopkins University](#), or [Loyola University Maryland](#). These trips served as an introduction to college visits, allowing students to start thinking about their own “must-haves”: size, location, distance from home, available majors and minors, etc.

During our visits, students got the full campus experience through student-led tours, enlightening information sessions from an admission representative and by grabbing a bite from the dining hall or various campus eateries.

We hope after these trips, students began thinking more about what they hope to find in their future campus environment.

THE GEORGE  
WASHINGTON  
UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, DC



JOHNS HOPKINS  
UNIVERSITY



LOYOLA  
UNIVERSITY MARYLAND

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## PSAT Preparation Offer

On Wednesday, October 16, juniors and sophomores will take the PSAT. For our sophomores, this test is purely a practice exam; one where students can get used to the format of a standardized testing environment. For our juniors, the PSAT serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQST). Appleroth Test Services is hosting free Online Strategy Sessions and Practice Tests for the PSAT beginning September 21<sup>st</sup>. This “PSAT Prep Rally” allows students to take a full-length proctored PSAT, free of charge! After the test, students will receive an individualized score report highlighting strengths and areas for growth.

In the coming weeks, the PSAT Student Guides (which contain practice test and preparatory information) will be distributed in English classes. Information about where to go and what to bring will also be sent to you soon.

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## Coming to College Counseling

This fall, we plan to host nearly 150 colleges and university representatives 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 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 visits so far for this September. The full list can be found on Naviance. We’ve also hyperlinked each visit below to the appropriate admissions website for your reference.

### Tuesday, September 10

Brandeis University  
Goucher College

### Wednesday, September 11

Loyola University – New Orleans  
Allegheny College  
University of Dayton  
University of Maryland – College Park

### Thursday, September 12

Lafayette College  
University of Mary Washington  
Kenyon College  
Ursinus College

### Friday, September 13

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa  
St. Mary’s College of Maryland  
Colby College  
Northwestern University  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

### Monday, September 16

Sarah Lawrence College  
St. Edward’s University  
University of Florida

### Tuesday, September 17

Lake Forest College  
Stony Brook University, State University of  
New York  
Connecticut College  
Vanderbilt University  
Lynn University

### Wednesday, September 18

University of Virginia

### Thursday, September 19

High Point University  
Miami University – Oxford  
Wake Forest University  
The University of Chicago

**Monday, September 23**  
College of William & Mary  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
McDaniel College

**Tuesday, September 24**  
University of Georgia  
University of Connecticut  
Johns Hopkins University  
University of South Carolina - Columbia

**Wednesday, September 25**  
Indiana University – Bloomington  
Colgate University  
Providence College  
University of Maryland – Baltimore County

**Thursday, September 26**  
University of Vermont  
Temple University  
University of Kentucky

**Friday, September 27**  
Boston University

