



College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

PSAT/NMSQT** for 10th
and 11th grade students

Wednesday,
October 16, 2019

**For our juniors, the PSAT serves
as the National Merit Scholarship
Qualifying Test (NMSQT)

ACT Test Dates and Deadlines*

October 26, 2019
(registration deadline:
passed)

December 14, 2019
(registration deadline:
November 8)

SAT Test Dates and Deadlines*

November 2, 2019
(registration deadline:
passed)

December 7, 2019
(registration deadline:
November 8)

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

AP Exams: Important Information

All students enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) courses should have registered for their May exams in class. Seniors are the **only** students who can opt out of taking the AP Exam in May; the **DEADLINE FOR SENIORS TO DECLINE TAKING THEIR AP EXAMS IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1**. Forms can be picked up in College Counseling and the Registrar's Office in North Hall. They must be completed and turned into the Registrar by the end of the day on October 1. Exams are being ordered on October 4. Again, only seniors have the option of declining the exams.

Be Spot On With Supplemental Essays: Bullseye

Bullseye College Advising was founded by Brian Mitchell, Valedictorian of the Bullis Class of 2014 and Jefferson Scholar at the University of Virginia. Bullseye pairs Bullis students with highly trained alumni from top universities to edit Common App and supplemental essays, prepare for alumni interviews, and learn more about different schools through conversations with recent alumni. College admissions has never been more competitive - Bullseye helps students improve and better personalize the quality of their application materials.

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Preparing for the PSAT/NMSQT

On Wednesday, **October 16**, our sophomores and juniors will sit for the College Board-sponsored PSAT. For sophomores, this is solely a *practice* to help them get used to the format of a standardized testing environment; for our juniors, this also serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Save the Dates

College Counseling 11th Grade Parent Coffee

new date

Tuesday, October 1,
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, 1st Floor,
College Counseling Suite

We ask that sophomores and juniors arrive at the Athletic Center by 7:45 a.m. – we will wait for the buses to arrive before administering the exams. Students need to bring:

- Two sharpened, non-mechanical #2 pencils with erasers *or* a separate eraser
- A calculator with fresh, working batteries
- A drink and a snack
- We also recommend a watch – the CollegeBoard only permits us to share a few specific pacing reminders with students and there is *no* clock in either gym

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As a reminder, students who are not present for the PSAT/NMSQT are not permitted to participate in afternoon sports or activities that afternoon.

For students with accommodations please consult with [Mrs. Anzelone](#) for your testing location.

Avoiding Simple Mistakes

In a recent article from *The Columbian*, “[What College Applicants get Wrong](#),” deans and directors share advice on how to avoid common mistakes in the college admission process. Students are encouraged to tell their story, allow their voices to be heard, and be reflective.

Financial Aid Forms are (almost) Available!



As of October 1, the **2020-2021** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available! Before 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. We encourage families to continue to check their email for more details from the Department of Education. Applicants for aid in the 2020-2021 school year will need to have access to their 2018 federal tax returns.

Please note, each college has its own financial aid application requirements. Some colleges will only require families seeking need-based aid to complete the FAFSA; others will also ask for the [CSS Profile](#); others will ask for institutional-specific forms – our seniors and their families need to keep track of required forms and deadlines. Remember, similar to college admissions, financial aid opportunities vary from college to college; what one college may consider when reviewing a file is different

from another. As a result, it is difficult to generalize what all colleges will do in a given situation; the answer is often “it depends.” Mr. Weisgold is happy to help senior families with questions specific to financial aid.

Coming to College Counseling

This fall, we plan to host nearly 150 colleges and university representatives in College Counseling. These meetings, typically 45-minute sessions, allow our students to get to know more about specific programs but also give colleges and universities the opportunity to learn more about Bullis.

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 October. The full list can be found on Naviance. We’ve also hyperlinked each visit below to the appropriate admissions website for your reference.

Tuesday, October 1

[Bryant University](#)
[Xavier University](#)
[Mount St. Mary's University – Maryland](#)
[Emory University](#)
[Merrimack College](#)

Wednesday, October 2

[Towson University](#)
[Sewanee – The University of the South](#)
[Assumption College](#)
[Elon University](#)
[University of Tennessee, Knoxville](#)
[Washington and Lee University](#)
[University of Southern California](#)

Thursday, October 3

[Hood College](#)
[University of Colorado Boulder](#)
[Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology](#)

Friday, October 4

[University of Tampa](#)
[Muhlenberg College](#)
[Marymount University](#)
[Hamilton College](#)
[Arcadia University](#)

Monday, October 7

[Syracuse University](#)
[Rhodes College – Memphis](#)
[St. Mary's College of Maryland](#)
[Drexel University](#)
[Stevenson University](#)

Tuesday, October 8

[Wofford College](#)
[Davidson College](#)
[Gettysburg College](#)
[Villanova University](#)
[University of Miami](#)
[The Catholic University of America](#)

Thursday, October 10

[Case Western Reserve University](#)
[College of the Holy Cross](#)
[University of Rochester](#)
[Washington University in St. Louis](#)
[Radford University](#)
[Widener University](#)

Friday, October 11

[Marist College](#)
[St. John's University](#)
[New York University](#)
[Tulane University of Louisiana](#)
[College of Charleston](#)

Tuesday, October 15

[Hult International Business School San Francisco](#)
[Ohio Wesleyan University](#)
[University of Michigan – Ann Arbor](#)
[University of Delaware](#)
[Florida Southern College](#)
[Willamette University](#)

Wednesday, October 16

[Babson College](#)
[Mount Holyoke College](#)

Thursday, October 17

Clark University
University of San Francisco
Bucknell University
The American University of Paris
George Mason University
James Madison University

Friday, October 18

Marlboro College
Haverford College
University of California, Berkeley
FIDM – Fashion Institute of Design &
Merchandising – Los Angeles
Ohio University

Monday, October 21

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Roanoke College
Rollins College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
University of Richmond

Tuesday, October 22

Clarkson University
Denison University
Furman University
Southern Methodist University
Oberlin College
Butler University

Wednesday, October 23

Saint Joseph's University
University of Glasgow
Dartmouth College
The College of Wooster
Loyola University Maryland
Guilford College

Thursday, October 24

IE University – Madrid
Stevens Institute of Technology
Rochester Institute of Technology
Salisbury University

Friday, October 25

DePauw University
Middlebury College
Union College – Schenectady, New York
Rider University

Monday, October 28

Texas A&M University – College Station
Drew University
Christopher Newport University
Dickinson College
Eckerd College

Tuesday, October 29

Lehigh University

Wednesday, October 30

University of California, San Diego
Otterbein University
Washington College
University of Cincinnati
The University of British Columbia

