



# College Counseling Crier

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## Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

### ACT Test Dates and Deadlines\*

December 14, 2019  
(registration deadline:  
November 8)

February 8, 2020  
(registration deadline:  
January 10)

April 4, 2020  
(registration deadline:  
February 28)

### SAT Test Dates and Deadlines\*

December 7, 2019  
(registration deadline:  
November 8)

March 14, 2020  
(registration deadline:  
February 14)

May 2, 2020  
(registration deadline: April  
3)

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

## From the Horse's Mouth

In a recent *Washington Post* article, "[The truth about college admissions – from college admissions deans](#)," Brennan Barnard, the college admission program manager at the Making Caring Common project at the Harvard Graduate School of education and director of college counseling at Derryfield School in New Hampshire shares direct quotes from college admission leaders who provide encouragement around the process. Unlike what's recently been portrayed in the media, the majority of families are approaching the college admissions process in a healthy fashion.

## November by the Numbers

Our seniors have been working in and out of the College Counseling Office to finalize their applications. With many schools having Early Decision, Early Action and Priority deadlines of November 1, students and our counselors have been processing applications, essays, supplemental writing pieces, portfolios, and Bullis School materials.



To date, our students have submitted 649 applications compared to 544 at this date last year! With almost 20 more students in this senior class, the College Counseling office has been buzzing with excitement.

Many of our students who have applied through Rolling Admission have already received some decisions! 16 acceptances have been offered. Some of our next big deadlines are **November 15**, **December 1** and **December 15**.

As a reminder to our seniors please let us know of all admission decisions.

**We want to celebrate with you and provide good advice and counsel.**

## Save the Dates

### Freshman Class Meeting with College Counseling

Monday, December 9

During All-School Assembly time

Boarman Studio Theatre

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

Monday, December 9

1:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

and

Tuesday, December 10  
Wednesday, December 11

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

## December Drop-In Dates

On Monday, December 9 at 1:00 p.m., we will dive into our third 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. We look forward to seeing you in the College Counseling Office located on the first floor of North Hall. Please note this time has been updated due to our meeting with the freshman class on December 9. We will continue our Drop-In Days on Tuesday, December 10, and Wednesday, December 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## First Steps with Our Freshman

On Monday, December 9 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.

## College Counseling Visitors

This fall, we have already hosted **133 college representatives!** This week is our last week of visits. 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 November. We've also hyperlinked each visit below to the appropriate admissions website for your reference.

The College Counseling office wants to express our gratitude to Ms. Cotten who has taken the time to meet with each of our representatives while the other counselors met with students. She helped to guide conversations, ask meaningful questions, and take diligent notes during each meeting. We are extremely appreciative of her!

#### Monday, November 4

Smith College  
Virginia Commonwealth University

#### Tuesday, November 5

Lycoming College  
Hiram College  
Bentley University  
Kansas City Art Institute

#### Wednesday, November 6

University of Iowa  
Pennsylvania State University – Main Campus  
Xavier University

#### Thursday November 7

Hofstra University  
Albright College

