



# College Counseling Crier

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## Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

### ACT Test Dates

October 10, 2020

October 17, 2020

October 24, 2020

October 25, 2020  
(Sunday)

(All October testing dates  
have a registration  
deadline of September 25)

December 12, 2020  
(registration deadline is  
November 6)

### SAT Test Dates\*

October 3, 2020  
(late registration deadline  
is September 15 for mailed  
registrations; September  
22 for registrations made  
online or by phone)

November 7, 2020  
(registration deadline is  
October 7)

December 5, 2020  
(registration deadline is  
November 5)

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

## Getting Comfortable with the *Crier*

The College Counseling is excited to welcome back our families and students for the 2020-2021 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 and 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!

## Different Year, Different Procedures, Same Exposure to College Representatives

This year, we will offer online visits from college representatives to the **senior class only**. Unlike previous years where students had the option of asking permission to leave class or using their study halls to visit with reps, all of our visits will be online in the late afternoon and early evening hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Because of our new schedule and limited time, not all universities and colleges will be able to visit. If a school from a seniors’ list is not visiting, we encourage students to take advantage of online information sessions and direct connection through the college or university.

Seniors will receive an email from Ms. McKay on Monday evening and Tuesday evening, notifying them of our Tuesday and Wednesday visitors; these emails will include the presentation link. Ms. McKay’s email will highlight which of these require pre-registration.

The list of visitors will also be posted on Naviance; as long as colleges are included on students’ “Colleges I’m thinking about” or “Colleges I’m applying to” lists, students will get an email notifying them of the upcoming visit. The visits are for senior students only; we ask that no parents or guardians join in on these conversations. A college counselor will always be present to moderate.

So far, the following colleges and universities have registered for a visit with Bullis School in September and the first week of October. Please note, this list is updated

### Save the Dates

#### Class of 2021 Senior Parent Meeting

Tuesday, September 22  
7:00 p.m.

#### Class of 2022 Junior Parent Meeting

Wednesday,  
September 30  
8:00 a.m.

#### Class of 2023 & 2024 Sophomore and Freshman Parent Meeting

Thursday, October 1  
8:00 a.m.

#### Virtual December Drop-In Days

December 8, 9, 10  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

regularly. The most up-to-date information can be found in Naviance on the Homepage under the “What’s New” column.

#### Tuesday, September 15

4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Georgetown University  
4:45 – 5:30 p.m. Ohio Wesleyan University  
5:30 – 6:15 p.m. University of Richmond  
6:15 – 7:00 p.m. University of Wisconsin

#### Wednesday, September 16

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. The George Washington University  
2:30 – 3:15 p.m. Northeastern University  
3:15 – 4:00 p.m. Northwestern University

#### Wednesday, September 23

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. University of Maryland  
2:30 – 3:15 p.m. High Point University  
3:15 – 4:00 p.m. Syracuse University  
4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Towson University  
4:45 – 5:30 p.m. Penn State University  
5:30 – 6:15 p.m. University of Chicago  
6:15 – 7:00 p.m. University of Delaware



#### Tuesday, September 29

4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Indiana University  
Bloomington  
4:45 – 5:30 p.m. Miami University, Oxford  
5:30 – 6:15 p.m. James Madison University  
6:15 – 7:00 p.m. Lehigh University

#### Wednesday, September 30

4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Drexel University  
4:45 – 5:30 p.m. University of Miami  
5:30 – 6:15 p.m. College of Charleston

#### Tuesday, October 6

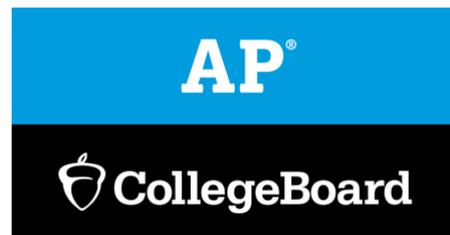
4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Washington University in  
St. Louis  
4:45 – 5:30 p.m. Tulane University  
5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Case Western Reserve  
University

#### Wednesday, October 7

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Lafayette College  
2:30 – 3:15 p.m. University of Virginia

## AP Exams: What to Know

Any student in an Advanced Placement (AP) course should follow their teachers’ registration instructions and use the appropriate join codes. Payment for the exams will be due by mid-November. A payment link will be shared soon. The AP Exam Policy is listed below:



Ninth through eleventh graders are **required** to take all of their AP exams. Seniors are **expected** to take all of their exams; however, if seniors change their mind between October and April and decide not to take an AP exam, they are entitled to a full refund of the \$95-per test fee. **\*\*This is not typical, but is a concession being made by the College Board given the challenges of last Spring’s online exams\*\*.** In lieu of the AP Exam, seniors are **required** to either take a graded **final exam** or complete a substantive **project** determined by their AP teacher. Appropriate advanced notice must be given to the AP teacher and the AP Coordinator, Lynn Kittel.

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## PSAT Update and Opportunity

Due to health and safety concerns, Bullis will not be administering the PSAT on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, as we originally planned. The College Board has offered an alternative date of Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, and we are exploring that option. The College Board has stated that the January date will also serve as an official qualifying exam for National Merit consideration for juniors.

As an alternate option this fall, we are supporting a program offered by [Applerouth, Inc.](#), a national test prep company. Bullis has a longstanding positive relationship with Applerouth, and we are pleased to promote this free standardized test preparation and full-length practice exam. If you are interested, please use the hyperlink below to register.



*You're invited to Applerouth's [PSAT Prep Rally!](#) Students can join online strategy sessions to prep and then take a full-length proctored practice PSAT/NMSQT – for free. After the practice test, students will receive a detailed score report that highlights both their strengths and areas for growth. [Learn More & Register.](#)*

For sophomores, we have scheduled the Pre-ACT exam for December 7<sup>th</sup> but will provide updates if adjustments are necessary. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [Mrs. Kittel](#) directly.

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## Chat with College Counseling



Over the next several weeks, the College Counseling Office will host virtual “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.

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| <b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting:</b>                     | Tuesday, September 22 @ 7:00 p.m.   |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Coffee:</b>                      | Wednesday, September 30 @ 8:00 a.m. |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Coffee:</b> | Thursday, October 1 @ 8:00 a.m.     |

**We look forward to seeing you and starting the year with positivity.  
We will provide the Zoom links in a separate email.**

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## Spotlight on our Seniors

This summer, seniors have each taken time to begin working through their college applications in our individual August Workshops. Instead of our in-person August Workshops, students participated in the workshops virtually through six policy and procedure videos listed below:



**Step 1** – The Senior Questionnaire (this was due on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Step 2** – Completing the Preliminary List of Colleges (this was due Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>)

**Step 3** – Standardized Test Scores

**Step 4** – Completing Your Applications

**Step 5** – Completing Your Document Request Forms

**Step 6** – Recap of Responsibilities and Steps After Applying

We've also created a video to highlight more information (listed above) about our [college representative virtual visits](#).

Our priority this fall is to spend one-on-one time polishing and submitting essays, portfolios, and applications. We are delighted to maintain our one-on-one meeting structure in Hybrid A. We ask that 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade 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 meetings.

For underclassmen and families, please see "Save the Dates" for our December Drop-in Dates...we look forward to seeing you then!