



College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

ACT Test Dates*

February 6, 2021
Registration deadline:
January 8, 2021

April 17, 2021
Registration deadline:
March 12, 2021

June 12, 2021
Registration deadline:
May 7, 2021

July 17, 2021
Registration deadline:
June 18, 2021

SAT Test Dates*

March 13, 2021
Registration deadline:
February 12, 2021

May 8, 2021
Registration deadline:
April 8, 2021

June 5, 2021
Registration deadline:
May 6, 2021

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

Details for our December Drop-In Days

On Tuesday, December 8, Wednesday, December 9, and Thursday, December 10, we will dive into our fourth year of December Drop-In Days to meet with underclassmen (9th – 11th) families. Junior parents, we will be making the official college counselor assignments the first week of January, and you will be able to have lengthy, individual meetings with your child's college counselor soon thereafter. No appointments are necessary, and we are keeping our calendars open to meet with as many of you as possible. The meetings are a maximum of 30 minutes in length (in order to accommodate as many families as possible) and are to provide basic answers to your questions. If your questions require more time, we will set up separate meetings to provide more substantive conversations.

Unlike previous years, where families could walk into the College Counseling suite in North Hall, we will host our meetings over **Zoom**. Mrs. McKay will be monitoring our queue and virtual waiting room. Each day, we'll begin at 9:00 a.m. and host open hours until 2:00 p.m. We look forward to meeting with you over the coming days!

December's Digits

Our seniors have been working in and out of the College Counseling Office to finalize their applications. In addition to the popular November 1 deadline, we've now successfully navigated the November 15 and December 1 deadlines. Together, students and counselors have been processing applications, essays, supplemental writing pieces, and Bullis School materials.

To date, our students have submitted **849 applications** (and Document Request Forms). With in-person and virtual meetings, the College Counseling office has been buzzing with excitement.

Some of our students who have applied through Rolling Admission and Early Action have already received some decisions! **45 acceptances** have been offered.



[Save the Dates](#)

Junior Parent Kickoff

Tuesday, January 12
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Further details will be provided at a later date

Some of our next big deadlines are just after the New Year. As a reminder to seniors and families, the college counselors need all Document Request Forms by **December 16**.

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

We want to celebrate with you and provide sound advice and counsel.

Social Entrepreneurship Opportunities this Winter



**UNIVERSITY
STARTUPS**

University Startups provides a live online [Social Entrepreneurship College Program](#) for high school students. This college course, run by Georgetown professors, teaches students how to start a new social venture in just eight weeks. The winter program begins January 14 and goes through March 4. The program meets on Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and is taught by Mike Malloy, a Georgetown Professor of Entrepreneurship and the Program Director at the renowned Halcyon Incubator for social ventures. Several Bullis students participated in University Startups' summer program, and we recommend this to any family whose student is interested in entrepreneurship.

Getting to Know the Ninth Grade

On Monday, December 7, freshman advisories will watch a video introduction from the College Counseling team, discussing the importance of academic performance and finding purpose. After the advisory session, we will post the recording to Haiku for any freshman-families interested in watching.

Email Etiquette

With the holiday season approaching, we know our students are feeling some screen-fatigue. However, as they continue to email counselors, teachers, and college personnel, we want to remind students of the basics of email etiquette. This brief article from *Link for Counselors*, [“Wait, How Do I Write This Email!?”](#) provides some quit-hitting, helpful tips.

Just About Ready for the Juniors

On **Tuesday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m.**, we will be hosting our Junior Parent Kickoff. Details about the event are forthcoming – we will likely host this event virtually. Junior class parents and guardians are encouraged to attend this event to gain a better understanding of our office philosophy, timeline, and expectations. We are excited to partner with you as we begin the Class of 2022's journey!