



College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

ACT Test Dates*

February 12, 2022
Registration deadline:
January 7

April 2, 2022
Registration deadline:
February 25

June 11, 2022
Registration deadline:
May 6

July 16, 2022
Registration deadline:
June 17

SAT Test Dates*

March 12, 2022
Registration deadline:
February 11

May 7, 2022
Registration deadline:
April 8

June 4, 2022
Registration deadline:
May 5

**If you will be taking these tests with accommodations, please contact [Ms. From](#)*

Details for our December Drop-In Days



This year, we utilized SignUpGenius for families to reserve virtual half-hour sessions with a college counselor. The allotted spaces were taken quicker than we anticipated, and we're excited to get to speak with those parents who registered.

For junior parents who were unable to schedule time, rest assured. As soon as we return from Winter Break, juniors will receive their college counselor assignment and have the opportunity for in-depth, personal conversations. The college counselors are happy to communicate via email and phone after Winter Break for sophomore and freshman parents who were unable to schedule appointments. As we prepare to be away from school for two weeks, our time next week is dedicated to our seniors who are finalizing their Regular Decision applications.

PreACT for Sophomores

Today, **Monday, December 6**, all sophomores will take the PreACT, beginning promptly at 8:00 am. Standard time testing will be held in the New Gym in the Athletic Center and will last until approximately 11:30 am. Those students testing with accommodations will go to the Old Gym unless otherwise noted and will finish around 12:45 pm; after that, they will go directly to lunch. Please consult with [Ms. From](#) about specific testing location and timing.

The PreACT simulates the ACT testing experience by providing students early exposure to ACT test-quality questions and predictive score ranges on the familiar 1-36 scale. This helps students get comfortable with the standardized testing experience and understand how they are doing in core subjects. Bullis covers the cost for each student; thus, there is no need to submit payment.

We believe this is a valuable opportunity to experience a regular standardized test developed by the American College Testing Corporation.

Save the Dates

Junior Parent Kickoff

Tues., January 11
7:00 – 8:30 pm

Getting to Know the Ninth-Graders

On **Monday, December 13**, during the Advisory and Flex times, the college counseling team will have its first meeting with the Class of 2025 to discuss the importance of academic performance and finding purpose through passion. Current seniors will share their perspectives and experience as they reflect upon their four years in Upper School.

Junior Journeys – About to Begin

On **Tuesday, January 11, at 7:00 pm**, we will be hosting our Junior Parent Kickoff. Details about the event are forthcoming. Junior class parents and guardians are encouraged to attend this event to better understand of our office philosophy, timeline, and expectations.

We are excited to partner with you as we begin the Class of 2023's journey!

Summer Opportunities Roll Out

College and universities around the country offer summer programs for high school students. Due to the pandemic's unpredictable nature, many of these programs were and continue to be provided virtually. These programs are an excellent way for students to get a feel for college life by taking classes and meeting other students around the country who share their interests. We've also found that students can more concretely express their "why" in completing college applications after having a meaningful summer experience.



To find these opportunities, please see the [Summer Opportunities](#) section of the College Counseling webpage. Updates are made weekly, so we encourage you to revisit the site regularly. As in the past, we've provided focal groups for a more specific search. If students need help throughout the summer program application process, we in College Counseling are happy to provide guidance and assistance.

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 **780 applications**. 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! **63 acceptances** have been offered. 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 **Monday, December 13**, so that they, too, can enjoy the Winter Break!

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.