



DEXTER  
SOUTHFIELD

# COLLEGE COUNSELING



## CLASS 9 STUDENTS

- **October:** College Counselor assigned to every student
- **November – January:** Counselors will meet individually or in small groups with their assigned students
- **Three meetings with entire Class 9:**
  - › **December:** Introduce college counselors and provide overview of college counseling at DXSF, discuss what colleges see when they review an application, review two sample transcripts and explain academic progression over high school tenure, discuss what students can be doing now to position themselves well in the process, explore common misconceptions about the process
  - › **January:** Introduce [Naviance](#) program, have students log into their accounts and complete the *Learning Styles Inventory*
  - › **April:** DXSF Senior Panel: how to make the most of the high school experience and advice on looking ahead to the college admissions process

## CLASS 9 PARENTS

- › **February:** Class 9 Parent College Night (February 2, 2023)

## CLASS 10 STUDENTS

- **October:** College Counselor assigned to every NEW student
- **March – June:** Counselors will meet individually or in small groups with their assigned students
- **Three meetings with entire Class 10:**
  - › **November:** Explain the components of a college application, discuss ways to explore academic and extracurricular interests in meaningful ways, review college-related vocab as a way of introducing factors to consider in one's college search

- › **January:** Reintroduce [Naviance](#) and have students complete the Myers-Briggs-style Personality Inventory to explore their strengths and blind spots in the classroom and in the workplace
- › **April:** DXSF Senior Panel: advice on navigating junior and senior years, how to minimize stress in the college admissions process, and how to engage in meaningful summer experiences
- **June 10th:** Diagnostic Testing for both SAT and ACT after final exams (*virtually proctored*)
- **Late June:** Scoring and analysis of diagnostic tests delivered to all students with recommendations for testing plan

## CLASS 10 PARENTS

- **March:** Student and Parent College night (March 30, 2023, 6:30 p.m.)
  - › Conversation with Dan Kusik from [Advantage Testing](#)– explanation of testing landscape and benefit of diagnostics
- **Late June:** Scoring and analysis of diagnostic tests delivered to families with recommendations for testing plan

## CLASS 11 STUDENTS

- **September:** Meeting as whole class for nuts and bolts about college rep visits at DXSF and campus visits
- **October:** [PSAT/NSMSQT](#): October 12, 2022 held at school (no action needed by student to register)
- **November:** Virtual Practice ACT, November 19, 2022 (optional for class 11; at home)
- **December:** *Class 11 Virtual Parent & Student College Night with College Admissions Representatives* (December 1, 2022, 6:30 p.m.); Overview of college counseling process and advice from admissions reps
- **January – March:** Class 11 College Seminars - Ten classes taught in small groups with college counselor during 30-minute conference block, once each week
  - › Topics include how to research colleges, evaluating scattergrams, creating a balanced list, demonstrating interest, writing the college essay, interviewing, introduction to the [Common App](#), and financial aid ([FAFSA](#)) overview
- **January:** 1:1 meetings with students begin in January after submission of the required Class 11 Student Questionnaire and meetings continue throughout the spring and summer as requested
- **January – May:** [Summit Educational Group](#) SAT & ACT Test Prep offered to Class 11 students
- **April:** Meeting as a whole class to introduce [College Kickstart](#) program, discuss tips for upcoming BISCCA college fair, and explain teacher recommendation request process. Individual meetings to review College

Kickstart lists to follow.

- **April:** BISCCA College Fair: April 30, 2023

## CLASS 11 PARENTS

- **December:** *Class 11 Virtual Parent & Student College Night with College Admissions Representatives* (December 1, 2022, 6:30 p.m.); Extensive information packet sent home to each parent
- **January – March:** 1:1 parent meetings begin after required Parent Questionnaire is submitted and after counselor has met with student
- **March:** Class 11 Parent Presentation to discuss nuts and bolts of college application process, explore scattergrams, and ask questions (March 9, 2023, 8:30 a.m.)

## CLASS 12 STUDENTS

- **June, July, August:** Three monthly “Senior Checklists” emailed to students and parents with important information
- **August:** Application Bootcamp event
- **June – August:** Counselors available for 1:1 meetings with students and parents as requested throughout the summer and continue in the fall after students submit their required Senior Sketch and activity resume
- **September – November:** 1:1 student meetings to discuss specifics of application process for Early Action (EA) and Early Decision (ED)
- **September – October: Class 12 College Seminars** - Six classes taught in small groups with college counselor during weekly 30-minute conference block
  - › Topics include writing supplemental responses, revising the college essay, logistics of submitting applications, deadline management, and financial aid/scholarships recap
- **November:** Breakfast sandwiches for seniors and recommendation writers to celebrate first deadline: November 1
- **December – March:** 1:1 student meetings (as needed) to discuss Regular Decision (RD) and Early Decision II (EDII) application process, financial aid/scholarships, deposit decisions
- **April:** Class 12 college shirt/photo day: April 28, 2023
- **May:** College Athletic Reception: May 1, 2023

## CLASS 12 PARENTS

- **June, July, August:** Three monthly “Senior Checklists” emailed to students and parents with important information
- **August:** *Senior Parent Meeting* to discuss what’s next and answer questions
- **September – May:** 1:1 meetings with parents as requested

## **ADDITIONAL**

- Bi-annual US & MS Virtual Athletic Recruiting Night organized with the Director of Athletics (last held on February 17, 2022, 6:30 p.m.)
- College Counseling Newsletters, highlighting upcoming events, helpful reminders, and pertinent news articles, are emailed home monthly
- Middle School Parent Presentation on March 2, 2023

### **2022-2023 Standardized Testing**

#### **SAT Testing**

Saturday, August 27, 2022

Saturday, October 1, 2022

Saturday, November 5, 2022

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Saturday, June 3, 2023

[Register for SAT Testing](#)

#### **ACT Testing**

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Saturday, October 22, 2022

Saturday, December 10, 2022

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Saturday, June 10, 2023

[Register for ACT Testing](#)

#### **AP Testing**

Week 1: Monday, May 1 - Friday, May 5, 2023

Week 2: Monday, May 8 - Friday, May 12, 2023

[AP Exam Schedule](#)

#### **Standardized Testing with Accommodations**

- [College Board Accommodations \(PSAT, SAT, AP\)](#)
- [ACT Accommodations](#)

Questions regarding standardized testing with accommodations should be directed to Beth Nunes in the Academic Support Office.