



College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

ACT Test Dates*

April 15, 2023

Registration deadline:
March 10

June 10, 2023

Registration deadline:
May 5

July 1, 2023

Registration deadline:
June 16

SAT Test Dates*

March 11, 2023

Registration deadline:
February 10

May 6, 2023

Registration deadline:
April 7

June 3, 2023

Registration deadline:
May 4

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

Sophomore Spring Expo

We invite the sophomore class and their families to join us on **Tuesday, March 14**, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for our Sophomore Spring Expo! The College Counselors, Assistant Head of Upper School for Academics, Signature Program Directors, Testing Coordinator, and folks who specialize in standardized test preparation and summer programs will host various sessions and be available for questions throughout the evening. We hope you will be able to join us. This event serves to get our sophomores thinking about their next steps at Bullis and beyond. As we get closer to the date, we will share more information about the schedule and break-out sessions.

NCAA Drops Standardized Testing Requirements



At a recent NCAA Convention, Divisions I and II colleges and universities **removed standardized test scores** from initial eligibility requirements for student-athletes enrolling on or after August 1, 2023! This decision has been in the works since the start of the pandemic, specifically through discussions from the Standardized Test Score Task Force, charged with reviewing requirements as part of a plan to advance equity. **Division I** and **Division II** student-athletes still have to meet core course requirements and achieve a minimum recalculated GPA.

While individual colleges and universities might still have their own testing requirements for admission, this decision removes a barrier to access. Bullis should plan to talk with their college counselor in their junior year to determine the best course of action for standardized testing.

Counselor Assignments have been made!

Last month on January 12, our juniors received official notification about their College Counselor assignment, and we are so excited to begin our work with the Class of 2024!!!

Save the Dates

Sophomore Spring Expo (for students and parents)

Tue., March 14
6:30 – 8:30 pm

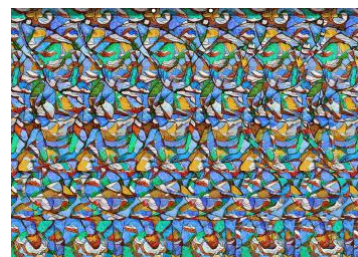
Mock Admission Program (for students and parents)

Thurs., April 20
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Parents, if you are unsure about who your student's College Counselor is, please email or call (301-983-5727) our Administrative Assistant, [Brienne McKay](#), who will be happy to share the information with you.

Inside College Admissions

As the standardized testing landscape continues to change, we continue to ask the never-ending question “will they, or won't they?” Will our colleges and universities return to requiring scores for admission or will they remain test optional? As we hear from our colleagues in the college admissions world, we will continue to keep you updated. For now, take a look at some thoughts from the Director of Undergraduate Admissions at the University of Connecticut and Board Chair of the national Association of College Admission Counseling about [what going test optional really means](#). For the most up-to-date test-optional and test blind information, please visit [FairTest](#).



Georgia Tech Admission Blog posted an interesting article, "[Juniors, College Admission is a Stereogram](#)," about looking beyond what we see on the surface.

Mock Admission – Your Chance to Get “In” On An Admission Committee

We are excited to present our Mock Admission program for juniors and their families on **Thursday, April 20**, from 6:30 to 8:30. Students and families will break up into groups forming admission committees tasked with reviewing applications for two unique colleges. Each committee will be monitored by one of our admissions colleagues, who is fully engrossed in the reading and review process each year. This program is beneficial and eye-opening as the Class of 2024 prepares to enter the college application cycle. We find the evening provides a great perspective and insight as to how a student and their respective application is reviewed in the context of institutional priorities. In the past, we've received rave reviews of this program. Please save the date; this isn't a program you want to miss!



Summer Scenarios

College and universities around the country offer summer programs for high school students. 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.

Please see the [Summer Opportunities](#) section of the College Counseling web page to find a sampling of these opportunities. 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.

February Festivities

To date, our students have submitted **1219** Document Request Forms and applications. Many of our students who applied through Early Decision, Restrictive/Single Choice Early Action, Early Action, and Rolling Admission plans have received their decisions; **319** acceptances have been offered.



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.