



College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

ACT Test Dates*

February 11, 2023
Registration deadline:
January 6

April 15, 2023
Registration deadline:
March 10

June 10, 2023
Registration deadline:
May 5

July 15, 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](#)*

PreACT for Sophomores

On **Monday, December 5**, 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. If students and families have questions pertaining to accommodations, please consult with [Ms. From](#).

Students need to bring:

- Two sharpened, non-mechanical #2 pencils with erasers or a separate eraser.
- An approved calculator with fresh, working batteries (most of our students already use here at Bullis).
- A drink & a snack.
- We highly recommend a non-smart watch. The American College Testing Corporation only permits us to share a few specific pacing reminders with students and there is **no** clock in either gym.

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.

Writing Workshop Opportunity for Ages 16-18



The [Young Writers Winter Online Workshops](#) provide young writers with a dynamic and supportive environment in which they can stretch their talents, discover new strengths, and challenge themselves in the company of peers who are also passionate about writing. Over the course of six weeks, students produce

Save the Dates

PreACT for sophomores

Mon., December 5
8:00 am
Athletic Center

fresh work, improve their writing skills, explore their unique voice and perspective, and discuss the craft of writing (and rewriting) with instructors and other students. Students meet in synchronous, two-hour workshops every Saturday for six weeks. Outside of workshop time, students will complete short reading and writing assignments and attend optional participant readings and events.

As more colleges lean on supplemental essays to learn more about applicants, the ability to write well remains ever-important.

Applications are due on **December 15**.

Junior Parent Kickoff

Tues., January 17
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Location to be
determined

Getting to Know the Freshman class!

On **Wednesday, December 7**, during the first half of lunch (12:05 – 12:35 pm), the College Counseling team will have its first meeting with the Class of 2026 to discuss the importance of academic performance, using their resources here at Bullis, and finding purpose through passion. We are excited to spend time with the ninth grade!

Junior Parent Kickoff!!!

On **Tuesday, January 17, at 6:30 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 our office philosophy, timeline, and expectations.

We are excited to partner with you as we begin the Class of 2024's journey!

Summer Opportunities are back in full swing!

Colleges 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.



To find these opportunities, please see the [Summer Opportunities](#) section of the College Counseling webpage. While the page currently reflects *last year's* opportunities, updates will be 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.

On **December 8**, Leadership Initiatives (LI) will host *two* 45-minute virtual presentations for ninth, tenth and eleventh-grade families. The first session will be from 7:00 – 7:45 pm, followed by another session from 8:30 – 9:15 pm. The sessions themselves are identical, but we know there is a tenth-grade parent social on the same evening and wanted to make sure those interested parents could attend both the social and the presentation. Links to both sessions will be shared on the morning of December 8.

Leadership Initiatives is a nonprofit organization that places students with internships in law, business, medicine, and national security. This past summer, 30 Bullis students took advantage of LI's opportunities. We encourage those families who cannot attend the virtual sessions but want to learn more about Leadership Initiatives to complete a [Bullis-specific interest form](#).

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 **804 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! **64 acceptances** have been offered so far. 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 **Wednesday, December 14**, 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.