

# COLLEGE COUNSELING 2023-2024



## CLASS 9 STUDENTS

- **October:** College Counselor assigned to every student
- **November–January:** Counselors will meet individually 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 1, 2024)

## CLASS 10 STUDENTS

- **September–November:** College representatives visit the School. Class 10 students have the option of attending college rep visits during free blocks.
- **October:** College Counselor assigned to every **NEW** student
- **March–June:** Counselors will meet individually 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 3 & 4, 2024:** At-Home Digital SAT and ACT Diagnostic Testing (virtually proctored). Class 10 students are strongly encouraged to take **both** the SAT and ACT digital diagnostic tests at home.
- **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 28, 2024)
  - › 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 with entire class to discuss nuts and bolts of college rep visits at DXSF and campus visits
- **September–November:** College representatives visit the School. Class 11 students are encouraged to attend college rep visits that spark interest.
- **October:** [PSAT/NSMQT](#) and SAT School Day Paper and Pencil Testing at Dexter Southfield: October 11, 2023
  - › Class 11 students have the option of taking either the PSAT/NMSQT or SAT School Day Paper and Pencil Test.
- **October:** ACT School Day Paper and Pencil Testing at Dexter Southfield: October 17, 2023
  - › Class 11 students have the option of taking the ACT School Day Test.
- **November:** Optional Digital At-Home ACT Practice Test, November 18, 2023
- **November:** *Class 11 Parent & Student College Night with College Admissions Representatives* (November 30, 2023); 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 after submission of the required Class 11 Student Questionnaire (Deadline: January 8, 2024) and meetings continue throughout the spring and summer as requested

- **January–May:** Advantage Testing Virtual SAT & ACT Test Prep offered to Class 11 students
- **March:** SAT & ACT Digital School Day Testing at Dexter Southfield: March 27, 2024
  - › Class 11 students have the option of taking either SAT or ACT digital test
- **April:** Meeting with entire 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 21, 2024

## CLASS 11 PARENTS

- **November:** *Class 11 Parent & Student College Night* with college admissions representatives (November 30, 2023) Extensive information packet sent home to each parent
- **January–March:** 1:1 parent meetings begin after required Parent Questionnaire (Deadline: January 8, 2024) 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 7, 2024)

## CLASS 12 STUDENTS

- **June, July, August:** Three monthly “Senior Checklists” emailed to students and parents with important information
- **August:** Class 12 Common Application Bootcamp (August 22 and 23, 2023)
  - › *All Class 12 students are strongly encouraged to participate in this two day event.*
  - › **Day 1** (August, 22, 2023): Seniors select one of the following sessions to attend at the School.
    - Session 1: 9:00-11:30 a.m.*
    - Session 2: 12:30-3:00 p.m.*
  - › **Day 2** (August, 23, 2023): Remote 1:1 follow up calls with counselors and students
- **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 (Deadline: August 30, 2023)
- **September–November:** 1:1 student meetings to discuss specifics of application process for Early Action (EA) and Early Decision (ED)
- **September–November:** College representatives visit the School. Class 12 students are highly encouraged to attend college rep visits for the colleges to which they plan to apply and/or colleges to which they are strongly considering.

- **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
- **October:** SAT School Day Paper and Pencil Testing at Dexter Southfield: October 11, 2023
  - › Class 12 students have the option of taking the SAT School Day Test
- **October:** ACT School Day Paper and Pencil Testing at Dexter Southfield: October 17, 2023
  - › Class 12 students have the option of taking the ACT School Day Test
- **November:** Breakfast sandwiches for seniors and recommendation writers to celebrate first deadline: November 1, 2023
- **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 26, 2024
- **April:** College Athletic Reception: April 30, 2024

## CLASS 12 PARENTS

- **June, July, August:** Three monthly “Senior Checklists” emailed to students and parents with important information
- **August:** *Senior Parent College Meeting* to discuss what’s next and answer questions (August 28, 2023)
- **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*)
- College Counseling Newsletters, highlighting upcoming events, helpful reminders, and pertinent news articles, are emailed home monthly
- Middle School Parent Presentation on February 29, 2024

## **2023-2024 STANDARDIZED TESTING**

### **School Day Testing** *(at Dexter Southfield)*

#### **Paper and Pencil Testing**

PSAT/NMSQT: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 (Optional for Class 11)

SAT School Day Testing: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 (Optional for Classes 11 & 12)

ACT School Day Testing: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 (Optional for Classes 11 & 12)

#### **Digital Testing**

SAT and ACT School Day Testing: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 (Optional for Class 11)

### **SAT Testing** *(Off Site)*

#### **Paper and Pencil Testing**

Saturday, August 26, 2023 (Registration Deadline: July 28, 2023)

Saturday, October 7, 2023 (Registration Deadline: September 7, 2023)

Saturday, November 4, 2023 (Registration Deadline: October 5, 2023)

Saturday, December 2, 2023 (Registration Deadline: November 2, 2023)

#### **Digital Testing**

Saturday, March 9, 2024 (Registration Deadline: February 23, 2024)

Saturday, May 4, 2024 (Registration Deadline: April 19, 2024)

Saturday, June 1, 2024 (Registration Deadline: May 17, 2024)

[Register for SAT Testing](#)

### **ACT Testing** *(Off Site)*

Saturday, September 9, 2023 (Registration Deadline: August 4, 2023)

Saturday, October 28, 2023 (Registration Deadline: September 22, 2023)

Saturday, December 9, 2023 (Registration Deadline: November 3, 2023)

Saturday, February 10, 2024 (Registration Deadline: January 5, 2024)

Saturday, April 13, 2024 (Registration Deadline: March 8, 2024)

Saturday, June 8, 2024 (Registration Deadline: May 3, 2024)

Saturday, July 13, 2024 (Registration Deadline: June 7, 2024)

[Register for ACT Testing](#)

### **AP Testing** *(at Dexter Southfield)*

Week 1: Monday, May 6-Friday, May 10, 2024

Week 2: Monday, May 13-Friday, May 17, 2024

[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 (bnunes@dextersouthfield.org) in the Academic Support Office.