



College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

[ACT Test Dates*](#)

September 9, 2023

October 28, 2023

December 9, 2023

February 10, 2024

April 13, 2024

June 8, 2024

July 13, 2024

[SAT Test Dates*](#)

October 7, 2023

November 4, 2023

December 2, 2023

March 9, 2024

May 4, 2024

June 1, 2024

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

Getting Comfortable with the *Crier*

The College Counseling team is excited to welcome our Upper School families and students to the 2023-2024 academic year.

As we continue to send our monthly newsletter, please pay special attention to the column on the **left**, which always has the upcoming standardized test dates and any other “Save the Dates” for forthcoming College Counseling-related programs and events. Additionally, any bolded, underlined text in [this color](#) is a hyperlink; we may use this for a specific article or a direct link for a college website for you to explore.

For our upperclassmen families, please pay special attention to the upcoming ACT and SAT dates, some of which *differ* from the printed school calendar. The dates listed here are the most accurate.

Welcoming Mr. Harlan to the CC Crew

This summer, our office welcomed Mr. Brad Harlan, an Associate Director of College Counseling, to the College Counseling team. Mr. Harlan returns to his hometown of Potomac after spending his college years at the University of Michigan and the past eleven years working in education. Mr. Harlan graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Michigan with a degree in Microbiology with a pre-medicine emphasis. After college he taught high school science in Vance County, North Carolina as a Teach For America corps member, and followed this by serving on the dean staff in the Office of Undergraduate Admission at William & Mary. After a rewarding tenure as a college counselor at Norfolk Academy in Norfolk, VA, he is now thrilled to be joining the Bullis community. When not at school, Mr. Harlan loves spending time with his beautiful wife Salini and their wonderful beagle Mocha, as well as



Save the Dates
all events are in-person

Senior Parent Meeting

Mon., September 18

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Discovery Center –
Studio Theatre

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Junior Parent Meeting

Tues., September 26

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Discovery Center –
Studio Theatre

Sophomore and Freshman Parent Meeting

Wed., September 27

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Discovery Center –
Studio Theatre

supporting his favorite sports teams - the Orioles, Ravens, Wizards, and of course, the University of Michigan. He can't wait to meet Bullis students and families, and to enthusiastically support their educational goals.

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Harlan to the Bullis School community. He completes the College Counseling team: Co-Directors Valerie Miller and Philip Weisgold; Associate Directors of College Counseling, CeCe Belcher and Jenna Monroe-Myers; and Administrative Assistant, Brienne McKay.

Spotlight on the Senior Class

This summer, seniors have each taken the time to begin working through their college applications in our individual August Workshops. Students had options to participate in the workshops in person or virtually through our instructional and informative policy and procedure presentation.

Our priority this fall is to spend one-on-one time polishing and submitting essays, portfolios, and applications. We ask that 9th – 11th-grade families respect our time as we **prioritize the seniors and their families** until we've successfully navigated the early application process. Please feel free to contact us **after November 1st** for individual meetings. From mid-November until winter break, we will have established time specifically for 9th, 10th, and 11th-grade families. We appreciate your partnership and understanding.

Experiential Education: Bonding Among the Class of 2024

Experiential Education for the Class of 2024 took place over two days. On Thursday, September 7, seniors ventured to Calleva's main campus in Dickerson, Maryland where they participated in outdoor team-building activities. Dinner and a campfire ended the day.



At the conclusion of the evening, seniors returned to campus for the **Senior Slumber Party**. The entire class spent the night on campus and slept in the Athletics Center while Bullis faculty chaperoned/supervised the students.

Annual Coffee and Chatting with College Counseling

Over the next several weeks, the College Counseling Office will host **in-person** gatherings for parents and guardians. We welcome the opportunity to interact with you, share information, and quell any anxieties. Please bring your questions;

we are happy to help and look forward to working with your families. See “Save the Dates” on the left for dates, times, and locations.

12th Grade Parent Meeting:	Monday, September 18 @ 6:30 p.m. <i>**Previously this event date was shared out incorrectly. The correct date is Mon. Sept. 18th**</i>
11th Grade Parent Coffee:	Tuesday, September 26 @ 6:30 p.m.
10th & 9th Grade Parent Coffee:	Wednesday, September 27 @ 6:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you and starting the year with positivity, and will send grade-level-specific reminders before each program.

College Essay Workshop corner...

Need help with your college essay? In addition to meeting with your assigned college counselor, feel free to stop into the College Counseling office and meet with our new counselor, Mr. Harlan. He will be available to meet during scheduled blocks to help you to brainstorm, edit/revise, and review as you finalize your Personal Statement & Supplements. Details TBD.

Common App Schools That Don't Require Extra Essays (2023-24)

Opening Our Doors to College Representatives

Every year, the College Counseling office offers in-person/online visits from college representatives. These meetings allow our seniors to learn more about specific programs and admission practices, while granting colleges and universities a better understanding of the Bullis experience.

Seniors are welcome to attend meetings (with permission 24 hours in advance from their teachers). If a college/university from a senior's list is not visiting, we encourage students to take advantage of online information sessions and direct connections through the college or university.

The list of visitors found below will also be posted on Naviance's homepage in the "What's New" column. Additionally, as long as colleges are included on students' "Colleges I'm thinking about" or "Colleges I'm applying to" lists in Naviance, students will get an email notifying them of the upcoming visit. Ms. McKay, our Administrative Assistant, will always have two up-to-date printed lists posted outside our office, one in alphabetical order by college, and the other in chronological order by date and time of the visit.

The visits are for **senior students only**; we ask that no parents or guardians join these conversations. A college counselor will always be present to moderate.

So far, the following colleges and universities have registered for a visit to Bullis School in September and the first week of October. Unless otherwise specified, all meetings with the college admission representatives will be held in the College Counseling Office. Please note that this list is updated regularly and is subject to change. The most up-to-date information can be found in Naviance on the homepage under the “What’s New” column.

Tuesday, September 12

University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Lehigh University
University of Florida
Furman University
Guilford College

Wednesday, September 13

High Point University
The University of British Columbia
American University
St. Mary’s College of Maryland
Hofstra University
Franklin and Marshall College

Thursday, September 14

Kenyon College
The University of the South
University of Pittsburgh
Georgetown University
Washington College

Friday, September 15

Union College
Stonehill College

Monday, September 18

Hampden-Sydney College
University of Vermont
Frostburg State University
University of Dundee
Syracuse University

Tuesday, September 19

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
William & Mary
University of Denver
University of California – Riverside
Bryn Mawr College
University of Miami

Wednesday, September 20

University of Colorado Boulder
Towson University
Christopher Newport University

Tuesday, September 26

Chapman University
Muhlenberg College
Lawrence University
University of Maryland – Baltimore County

Wednesday, September 27

Gettysburg College
DePaul University
Bridgewater College
University of Chicago

Thursday, September 28

University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
Wake Forest University
University of Maryland – College Park
College of Charleston
University of California – Irvine
Mount St. Mary’s University

Friday, September 29

Boston University
Rochester Institute of Technology
George Mason University
Washington University in St. Louis
Binghamton University

Monday, October 2

University of Arizona
Bryant University
Queens University of Charlotte
Skidmore College
Oberlin College

Tuesday, October 3

Wesleyan University
College of Holy Cross
Brandeis University
Tulane University

Wednesday, October 4

Case Western Reserve University
Goucher College
Xavier University
Dickinson College

Thursday, October 5

Moravian University
Northwestern University
Loyola University Maryland
Saint Joseph's University
Ithaca College

Friday, October 6

Seton Hall University
The Catholic University of America
St. John's University – New York
The University of Tennessee – Knoxville

