

UPCOMING
STANDARDIZED
TEST DATESACT Test Dates*

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 [Ms. From](#).



SENIOR REMINDERS

- Meet with your College Counselor – We are in full college application season! And we are here for you/your students! Please make time in your schedule to meet with your College Counselor. We are here to help!
- Document request forms – as you ready yourself to hit submit, please remember to complete your – [Document Request Form](#)
- Deadlines – October 15th & November 1st are fast approaching!

FINANCIAL AID: CHANGES ARE HERE!

The FAFSA for the 2024–25 school year is projected to be available in December 2023, a few months later than usual. Please check out the following article for detailed information about what to expect...

[FAFSA Changes are Coming: What You Need to Know](#)

The *Free Application for Federal Student Aid*, also known as the **FAFSA**® is the single most important form seniors can complete to receive aid to help pay for college. It's the only way they can apply for federal or state financial aid. The **FAFSA**® calculations will determine their eligibility for grants, scholarships, work-study programs, and federal student loans.

Please note, each college has its own financial aid application requirements. Some colleges will only require families seeking need-based aid to complete the FAFSA; others will also ask for the CSS Profile; others will ask for institutional-specific forms – our seniors and their families need to keep track of required forms and deadlines.

Similar to college admissions, financial aid opportunities vary from college to college; what one college may consider when reviewing a file is different from another. As a result, it is difficult to generalize what all colleges will do in a given situation; the answer is often "it depends." The college counselors are happy to help senior families with questions specific to financial aid.

WORTH THE READ

- Director of College Counseling at Khan Lab High School in Mountain View, CA and for the College Guidance Network is back at it again!
[The Too Long; Didn't Read Guide to College Admission](#)
 - Rick Clark, Assistant Vice Provost and Executive Director of Undergraduate Admission at Georgia Tech.
[The College Application is NOT a Form. It's YOUR STORY!](#)
 - US news and the standardized testing landscape.
[When to Take the SAT, ACT](#)
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PSAT/NMSQT (FOR 10TH & 11TH GRADE)

On Wednesday, October 11 our sophomores and juniors will take the College Board sponsored PSAT. For sophomores, this is a practice test to help them become familiar with the format of standardized tests; for our juniors this will also serve as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

The PSAT will be administered ***DIGITALLY*** for the first time this year.

All sophomores and juniors should report to the Athletic Center by **7:45am** – we will wait for the buses to arrive before administering the exams.

Students need to bring:

- A CHARGED COMPUTER (but also bring your charger). You may not have access to power during the test.
- A pen or sharpened pencil. While the test is on the computer, you will be given scratch paper.
- Water and a small snack.
- A calculator but no worries if you forget – there's a graphing calculator built into Bluebook! If you do bring a calculator, make sure it is charged/has fresh batteries.
- A watch with no audible alarm. All smart watches and cell phones will need to be turned off and stored in backpacks for the duration of the test.



PSAT/NMSQT FOR 10TH & 11TH GRADE (CONT.)

Reminders:

- Students who are not present for the PSAT/NMSQT are not permitted to participate in after-school sports or activities that afternoon.
- If you/your student has accommodations approved by the College Board, you should have received emails from Ms. From regarding pre-registration and testing locations. If you have not received emails from Ms. From, and think you have or should have College Board accommodations, please reach out to her directly. Catherine_from@bullis.org



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 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.



OPENING OUR DOORS TO COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES (CONT.)

Friday, October 6

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

Monday October 9

Elon University
Villanova University
Drexel University
Temple University

Tuesday October 10

Drew University
Macalester College
Lafayette College
University of Richmond

Thursday October 12

Sarah Lawrence College
Northeastern University
Trinity College
The American University of Paris

Friday October 13

Hobart William Smith Colleges
Butler University
The George Washington University
Ursinus College
University of Redlands

Monday October 16

Denison University
University of Connecticut
Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD)
Indiana University-Bloomington
Babson College

Tuesday October 17

University of Rochester
Marist College
Mercer University
University of Kentucky
Belmont University
Ohio Wesleyan University

Wednesday October 18

University of Southern California
Bucknell University
Dartmouth College
Emmanuel College
Connecticut College

Monday October 23

Virginia Commonwealth University

Tuesday October 24

Davidson College

Wednesday October 25

Vassar College

Tuesday October 31

University of California-Berkeley