

UPCOMING STANDARDIZED TEST DATES

ACT Test Dates*

October 26, 2024

December 14, 2024

February 8, 2025

April 5, 2025

June 14, 2025

July 12, 2025

SAT Test Dates*

November 2, 2024

December 7, 2024

March 8, 2025

May 3, 2025

June 7, 2025

**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 CONTINUE!

The FAFSA for the 2025–26 school year is projected to be available by December 1, 2024, two months later than expected. Please read the following article for information about how to handle the delay ...

[How to handle the delay in the release of the FAFSA form](#)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also known as the FAFSA®, is the single most important form seniors can complete to receive aid in order 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.

RESOURCES & IMPORTANT DATES

- November 6, 2024 at 6:30pm – Compass Education Presents: Navigating a Rapidly-Evolving Testing Landscape (Virtual Event)
[Register Here](#)
 - November 12, 2024 at 7pm – Leadership Initiatives Zoom for Bullis with Executive Director Marshall Bailly
[Zoom Link](#)
 - Georgia Tech Admissions Blog
[Embracing Essay Writing AuthenTECHly](#)
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PSAT/NMSQT (FOR 10TH & 11TH GRADE)

On Wednesday, October 9 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***, just as it was for sophomores and juniors last 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 in the "Visits & Deadlines" section of a student's dashboard in Scoir. 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 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.

OPENING OUR DOORS TO COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES (CONT.)

Tuesday, October 1

Wheaton College (MA)
Miami University (OH)
Vanderbilt University
Washington University in St. Louis
University of Vermont

Wednesday, October 2

Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Joseph's University (PA)
Trinity University
University of Wisconsin (Madison)

Friday, October 4

Colby College
University of Rochester
Furman University
University of British Columbia
Dartmouth College

Monday, October 7

Washington & Lee University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Claremont McKenna College
Bryant University

Tuesday, October 8

University of Richmond
University of Southern California
Emory University

Wednesday, October 9

Xavier University

Thursday, October 10

Northeastern University
Haverford College
University of Miami (FL)
University of Delaware

Friday, October 11

Binghamton University
University of Florida

Monday, October 14

IE University
Mercer University
Centre College

Tuesday, October 15

Hampden-Sydney College
Beacon College
Penn State University (University Park)

Wednesday, October 16

Sarah Lawrence College
Durham University
Drexel University
Lawrence University

Monday, October 21

Hamilton College
St. Mary's College of Maryland
Christopher Newport University
Bates College
Connecticut College

Tuesday, October 22

Case Western Reserve University
Rollins College
Skidmore College

Wednesday, October 23

Davidson College
Muhlenberg College
St. John's University
Wake Forest University

Tuesday, October 29

College of the Holy Cross
University of Colorado Boulder
Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Wednesday, October 30

University of Mary Washington

Thursday, October 31

University of Maryland (Baltimore County)