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UPCOMING STANDARDIZED TEST DATES

ACT Test Dates*

December 14, 2024

February 8, 2025

April 5, 2025

June 14, 2025

July 12, 2025

SAT Test Dates*

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](#).*

Save the Date

Junior Parent Kickoff

Monday, January 13
6:30 – 8:00pm
Blair Auditorium

WINTER BREAK... ATTENTION SENIORS!

Bullis School will be closed for Winter Break

Saturday, December 21, 2024 – Tuesday, January 7, 2025

The College Counseling office will **not** be working over Bullis' Winter Break. This means that any essays that you would like help with and any *supporting documents* that you need submitted for any early **January deadlines** (many RD schools) will need to be communicated to your counselor by **Monday, December 16th** so that we have the rest of the week to edit and submit on your behalf. You are welcome to work on your applications over winter break, but please know that your counselor will be unavailable to support you.

Please complete your document request forms **no later than December 18th!**
[Document Request Form](#)

As a reminder, seniors, please let us know of any and all admission decisions. *We want to celebrate with you and provide additional advice and counsel as needed.*

We hope you have a wonderful break and enjoy the holidays!!!

JUNIOR PARENT KICKOFF!

On **Monday, January 13, at 6:30pm**, 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 together we begin the Class of 2026's college journey!

GETTING TO KNOW THE FRESHMAN CLASS

Before Winter Break, the College Counseling team will join a Ninth Grade Class Meeting 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!

RESOURCES

- As stated in last month's *Crier*, while the best way to earn scholarship money is directly through a college, there are additional outside scholarships available. Here is yet another resource to help with this search:
[High School Senior \(Class of 2025\) Scholarships](#)
- (Exciting!) Financial Aid Update – The FAFSA is Live!
[U.S. Department of Education Announces Official Release of 2025–2026 FAFSA Form](#)
- December 12, 2024 at 6pm EST – TeenLife LIVE Summer Opportunities Virtual Fair. Designed to mirror a traditional college fair, various speakers at this virtual event are ready to interact with students, parents, and guardians. If you register, a recording of the event will be sent to you afterwards!
[Register Here](#)
- December 12, 2024 at 7:30pm EST – College Guidance Network (CGN) Live: How to Stress Less During the Application Process. Is your teen feeling anxious and overwhelmed by the college application process? How about you, parents and supporters? Take a deep breath and attend this virtual program to learn practical tips for fostering a calm and productive environment, helping your teen stay organized, and maintaining balance during this exciting (but often challenging) time.
[Register Here](#)

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

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 diverse students who share their interests. We've often found that students can more concretely express their "why" when completing college applications after having meaningful summer experiences. Keep in mind that these college summer programs are just one way, and certainly not the only way, for students to approach their summers intentionally in preparation for the college process.

To find these opportunities, please see the [Summer Opportunities](#) section of the College Counseling webpage. Updates will be made continuously, so we encourage you to revisit the site regularly (for a most up-to-date outlook on Summer 2025 opportunities, please visit the website starting next Friday, December 13). 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.