

UPCOMING STANDARDIZED TEST DATES

ACT Test Dates*

October 18, 2025

December 13, 2025

February 14, 2026

April 11, 2026

June 13, 2026

SAT Test Dates*

October 4, 2025

November 8, 2025

December 6, 2025

March 14, 2026

May 2, 2026

June 6, 2026

**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! We are here for you and your students! Please make time to meet with your College Counselor – we're always happy to help!
- **Submit [Document Request Forms](#)** – As you hit "submit" on your applications, remember to also submit Document Request Forms so that your College Counselor can submit your supporting documents!
- **Upcoming Deadlines** – October 15 & November 1 are fast approaching!

Financial Aid – FAFSA® & CSS Profile

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also known as the FAFSA®, for this year's senior class is **now available** as of October 1, 2025.

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 Counseling team is always here to help senior families with specific questions related to financial aid.

UPCOMING COLLEGE-RELATED EVENTS

- **October 8, 2025 at 6pm** – The British International School is hosting a **University of Cambridge Information Evening** that will cover numerous aspects of applying to UK universities and the University of Cambridge specifically.
[Register Here](#)
- **October 13, 2025 at 6pm** – **United States Military Academy Admissions Event** in Fairfax, VA. A unique opportunity to delve into the world of West Point.
[Register Here](#)
- **October 15, 2025 at 7:30pm** – **College Admissions 101 for Seniors: Your Ultimate College Application Roadmap**. Kevin McMullin, founder of Collegewise, hosts this virtual event offering advice on what truly matters in college applications.
[Register Here](#)
- **October 20, 2025 at 5:30pm** – **United States Military Academy and Georgetown ROTC Admissions Event** in Annapolis, MD.
[Register Here](#)

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

On **Wednesday, October 8** 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***.

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** (*and* 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 (no worries if you forget – there's a graphing calculator built into Bluebook!). If you do bring a calculator, make sure it is charged and/or 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.)

ADDITIONAL 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 at catherine_from@bullis.org.



OPENING OUR DOORS TO COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

Every year, the College Counseling Office offers in-person 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 from their teachers at least 24 hours in advance). In addition to the full list of college visits located in Scoir, Ms. McKay, our Administrative Assistant, will always post printed lists outside of the College Counseling Office, in chronological order by date and time of the visit. If a college/university from a senior's list is not visiting, we encourage students to take advantage of online information sessions and direct communications with the college or university.

These visits are for **seniors 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 college admission representatives will be held in the College Counseling Office. Please note that this list is updated regularly and is subject to change.

As our office continues our busiest season of the year – from now through November 1 – supporting seniors through the college application process, our focus will need to be on our Class of 2026. In November and December, our office will host Drop-In Days, during which we will welcome the opportunity to connect with 9th–11th grade students and families. Please stay tuned for further announcements regarding these upcoming opportunities. Thank you!

Wednesday, October 1

Johns Hopkins University
Northeastern University
Clark University
Vanderbilt University

Friday, October 3

Virginia Tech
Earlham College
Davidson College
University of Richmond

Monday, October 6

Louisiana State University (LSU)
University of Michigan
Bryant University
Franklin & Marshall College

Tuesday, October 7

Catholic University of America
Dartmouth College
Union College
Muhlenberg College
Denison University

Wednesday, October 8

University of Massachusetts
Xavier University
Oberlin College

Thursday, October 9

Miami University (OH)
University of Wisconsin (Madison)
St. John's University
Loyola University (MD)
Stevens Institute of Technology

Friday, October 10

University of Southern California (USC)
Centre College
Furman University
Northwestern University
Smith College

Monday, October 13

Elon University
University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)
Marymount University

Tuesday, October 14

Pitzer College
Saint Louis University
University of Maryland (Baltimore County)

Wednesday, October 15

Goucher College
Drew University
Purdue University

Monday, October 20

Southern Methodist University (SMU)
Princeton University
Southeastern University
Haverford College
Syracuse University
Trinity University
Occidental College

Tuesday, October 21

St. Joseph's University
Drexel University
St. Mary's College of Maryland
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Wednesday, October 22

Stonehill College
IE University
Emerson College
Alvernia University
Christopher Newport University (CNU)
Marist University

Monday, October 27

Mount St. Mary's University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Tuesday, October 28

Spring Hill College
Clarkson University

Wednesday, October 29

Lenoir-Rhyne University
Washington College
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
Binghamton University

Thursday, October 30

Stetson University
University of Redlands

Friday, October 31

Grinnell College