

*St. Mary's College of MD*

You've Got Mail.

Application Update.

Busy season is upon us, seniors! We have sent out all requested transcripts and available recommendations in support of over **250** applications for **55** students to nearly **150** different colleges with deadlines through November 10. Congratulations on submitting these applications!

Wondering what was sent? By clicking on the college on your My Colleges page of Scoir, you can see the supporting documentation. Please note that a confirmation of materials being sent will only appear there, not on the Common Application nor any other application.

You may get a notification from a college via email or your applicant portal that they are "missing" information, even though you can see when we sent it on Scoir. Please keep in mind that it takes time (sometimes 2-3 weeks!) for colleges to process thousands of applications and to update their databases and websites accordingly. We will be happy to contact the colleges if you receive such a notice and have concerns. Speaking of notifications, **it's super important to keep up with your email.** You will be receiving requests from colleges to set up your applicant portal, report grades, and more.

We know that there are many more November 15 through December 20 transcript requests awaiting us in Scoir, and will be working diligently on those in the month ahead.

This is the time of year when rolling decision letters start returning. Some of you may have already received decision letters. If so, please forward us copies of those decisions whether the news is good or not so good. While we hope that you receive an acceptance, you might receive a deferral, wait list or denial letter. If this is the case, please see your counselor and we can talk about what course of action we should take, if any.

No matter what news your letter brings, please update Scoir and share a copy of your letter to us, for our files. It is important that we keep track of what students are accepted or not accepted to which colleges. We share this information in various communications and marketing materials. We do not, however, share the names of students accepted, waitlisted or denied. This is your news to share, if you choose.

Thank you!

Rec Letters

We have heard from a handful of teachers who have mentioned that some students have requested recommendations but not provided anything to assist them in writing them. Help your teachers help you by giving them as much information you can and at least a month before it is due at the college. **A sample BRAG sheet can be found [here](#).** *Most recommendations will be sent electronically through Scoir, and we will handle e-mailing those that aren't.*



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Financial Aid Events

Up Next...

Financial Aid Webinar with Salve Regina

Wednesday, November 5 at 7 p.m EST

To register for the webinar, click [here](#). Brock Walsh, Associate Director of Financial Aid at Salve Regina University, will provide an overview of the financial aid process and answer any questions you might have about this key aspect of the college search.

Meeting Deadlines

Scoir and SAT.

Nov. 7: Deadline to register for the December 13 ACT. Boarders should register for Neshaminy HS (Langhorne, PA).

Nov. 15: Deadline to submit transcript requests (through Scoir!) for applications with a Dec. 21-January 5 due date.

Nov. 21: Deadline to register for the December 6 SAT. Boarders should register for Central Bucks East HS (Doylestown, PA).

November 28: Deadline for boarders to request transportation for the December 6 SAT (through Scoir!).

December 5: Deadline to submit transcript requests (through Scoir!) for applications with a January 6-31 due date.

December 5: Deadline for boarders to request transportation for the December 13 ACT (through Scoir!).

Keep in mind that **deadlines are crucial to college admissions**; colleges can deny an application simply for being a day late!

Remember, given the volume of applications and care put into the supporting documentation, it might take up to 3 weeks (or longer!) to review, prepare and send out everything for all of the applications. Additionally, we will also send out updated grades and test scores at the end of the trimester, unless you tell us otherwise.

College Visits

Meet The Rep!

We are nearing the end of college visit season! Here are a few reminders:

- Please let us know if you are unable to attend a meeting for which you have signed up. If you register, we are expecting you. These counselors come prepared with materials and information, and this could tell them that we are not interested and affect the likelihood of our students being accepted.
- You must ask a teacher for permission to attend a college visit. We have heard from teachers that students are telling them they have to miss class to visit a college, and that is not the case. Please ask to be excused, and if it's a class you need to attend, we would be happy to gather materials for you and connect you with the admission counselor via email.

Thanks to all of those students who have been proper representatives, as the visiting counselors have loved meeting you! Please don't forget the policy of signing up at least 3 days in advance. If you ask the day before or even the morning of the visit, it is hard for teachers to plan ahead. If you have a free period, please sign up in advance. *College visits will be in the carriage house first floor conference room unless otherwise indicated.*

The following colleges are planning to visit in November:

University of Redlands (CA): Tues., Nov. 4, 12:15

Holy Family University (PA): Wed., Nov. 5, 10:00

Lafayette College (PA): Wed., Nov. 5, 12:15

Landmark College (VT): Wed., Nov. 5, 2:30

Sarah Lawrence College (NY): Fri., Nov. 7, 11:30

Mount St. Mary's University (MD): Tue., Nov. 11, 8:30

Arcadia University (PA): Wed., Nov. 12, 1:45

Seton Hall University (NJ): Mon., Nov. 17, 8:30

Pennsylvania College of Technology: Wed., Nov. 19, 10:45

Final Thoughts

Meet The Rep!

Erin and Tim will both be out of the office November 3-4 and 13-14 visiting campuses in Iowa, New York and Pennsylvania. We'll just be an email away, though, and keeping up with material requests through Scoir.

And finally, Happy Tech Week to the cast and crew of *She Kills Monsters!* Break a leg this weekend!

College Fairs

College fairs – even online ones – are a good way to re-iterate interest in specific colleges, or you can use them to explore colleges if you are still undecided. We hope you've been taking advantage of these opportunities!

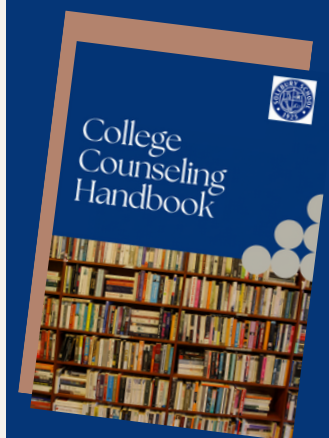
November Virtual College Fair

Sun., Nov. 9, 1:00-6:00pm

Historically Black Colleges & Universities Fairs

November 15-21

(the nearest one is in Trenton at Mercer County Community College on November 16. Register [here!](#))



Our handbook!