

UPCOMING STANDARDIZED TEST DATES

ACT Test Dates*

December 13, 2025

February 14, 2026

April 11, 2026

June 13, 2026

SAT Test Dates*

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](#).

HAPPY POST NOVEMBER 1ST!

Seniors, YOU DID IT!

Congratulations to all our students who submitted their first round of applications on October 15th & November 1st! We encourage seniors to create and regularly check their admission portals to track the status of their applications.

As a reminder for seniors, please let us know of any and all admission decisions once you receive them. ***We want to celebrate with you and provide advice and counsel as needed!*** Please also remember that the College Counseling team does *not* work over Thanksgiving Break, so keep us posted as to how we can best be supporting you *prior* to the holiday break!

The next big application deadlines are on November 15th and December 1st.

Please remember to always complete and submit your document request forms whenever you would like your supporting documents sent to a school! [Document Request Form](#)

Financial Aid – FAFSA® & CSS Profile

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also known as the FAFSA®, for this year's senior class is "live!" 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.

RESOURCES & UPCOMING COLLEGE-RELATED EVENTS

- **Available on Demand** – SoFi's Preparing for College Webinar Series, Part 1: Parents Guide to College Admissions & Merit Scholarships (Virtual Event)
[Register Here to Receive Access to Recording](#)
 - **November 9, 2025 at 7pm EST** – Marigold Prep, The SAT & ACT: Why They Matter, What Colleges Want and How to Succeed (Virtual Event)
[Register Here](#)
 - **November 19, 2025 at 8pm EST** – SoFi's Preparing for College Webinar Series, Part 2: Maximizing Financial Aid: FAFSA & CSS Profile Explained (Virtual Event)
[Register Here](#)
 - While the best way to earn scholarship money is directly through a college, there are additional outside scholarships available. [Here is a resource](#) to help with the search!
 - [FAFSA® Guide by Sallie](#) + [FAFSA® Quick Start Sheet](#)
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COLLEGE COUNSELING DROP-IN DAYS

With November 1st officially behind us, we welcome the opportunity to connect with 9th–11th grade parents and guardians from **Monday, November 10th through Friday, December 5th**, preferably via phone or Google Meet.

- We look forward to answering your questions, sharing more about our Office's philosophy and timelines, and explaining the intricacies of the college admissions process.
- The meetings, available Monday–Friday from **8:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m.**, are a maximum of 30 minutes in length and are meant to provide answers to your general questions.
- Please note that these conversations will be scheduled around our counselors' availability.
- As a reminder, we do not accommodate requests for specific counselors for either drop-in days or for counselor assignments during students' junior and senior years.

Freshman & Sophomore Families:

Looking ahead, our office is happy to answer questions this spring during the Course Selection process as you consider how your student can take full advantage of Bullis' curricular offerings.

Junior Families:

Official college counselor assignments are announced in early January after we return from winter break. At that time, you and your junior will begin scheduling more personalized meetings with your assigned counselor as it relates to identifying and researching best-fit colleges and universities. If you have pressing questions that you feel are best addressed prior to January, we're of course happy to speak with you over the coming weeks.

To schedule your appointment, please contact our Administrative Assistant, Brienne McKay, via phone at 301-983-5727 or via email at Brienne_McKay@bullis.org