

COLLEGE COUNSELING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS 2025 - 26

Date	Event	Details	Audience
September – November	College Admission Counselors' Visits	More than 130 colleges visit GA. Check Naviance for a list and sign up. College representatives register for visits throughout the fall, so check Naviance frequently. Attend sessions to demonstrate your interest in a college!	Juniors and Seniors
September 5	Senior Workshop	During the opening days of the school year, Seniors will meet as a class to complete important tasks with the College Counseling Office. Art Center, 8:00-8:45am	Seniors
September 10	Meeting for Senior Families	Presentation to Senior Families Honickman, 7pm	Senior Families
September 12	Senior Opt-In Workshop	Tips on Completing the Self-Reported Academic Record (STARS) required by PSU, Pitt, Delaware, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and others. Opt-In Workshop, 1:40–2:05pm, MCR	Seniors
September 25 and 29	Upper School Family Orientations	Orientation for GA Families (led by Mr. Samson, presentation by College Counseling, etc.) Grades 11 and 12 – September 25, MCR, 8:30am Grades 9 and 10 – September 29, MCR, 8:30am	All Upper School Families
September 22	Senior Opt-In Workshop	“Why us?” Essay Opt-In Workshop – How to write a compelling “why do you want to attend x college” essay. 1:40–2:05pm, MCR	Seniors
September 29	Senior Opt-In Workshop	Identity & Community Essay Opt-In Workshop – How to write an authentic essay about yourself and the community (communities) in which you belong. 1:40–2:05pm, MCR	Seniors

October 1	PSAT Registration	Juniors meet with College Counseling during Community Time to complete pre-test registration information	Juniors
October 3 – 6	College Application Weekend	Time to work on college applications! No homework for the Class of 2026 due on October 7	Seniors

October 13	Opt-In Workshop	Tips on how to best interact with Colleges (interviews, coaches, etc.) Opt-In Workshop, 1:40 – 2:05 pm, MCR	Juniors & Seniors
October 15	SmartTrack College Funding Webinar	Funding college & what every parent needs to learn about paying less for college with SmartTrack College Funding Webinar, 7pm. Must register here: Germantown Academy SMARTTRACK® College Funding	All Upper School Families
October 31	No School: Digital PSAT for Juniors or Practice ACT	PSAT on campus, or practice ACT at home through Compass Prep. Register by September 15 for PSAT here: Will provide as date gets closer	Juniors
October 31	No School	Comment Writing Day – work on applications or visit a college.	Seniors
November 3	Senior Love Day	Arts Center Parking Lot during Lunch and Flex – Enjoy games and cheesesteaks to celebrate the first major deadline in the college process	Seniors
November 5	Coffee with College Counseling	Senior families are invited to join the College Counseling team for an informal question and answer session. Honickman, 8:30am	Senior Families
December 4	Meeting for Junior Families	Presentation to Junior Families Honickman, 7pm	Junior Families

December 8	Senior Opt-In Workshop	Optimizing Admission Outcomes Opt-In Workshop	December 8
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December 11	Community Time for all Upper School Students	Alumni Panel for 9 th Grade on Making the Most of Your Time at GA, 10-12 Grades choose 2 alumni panels based upon potential major /career goals. Co-hosted with the Alumni Office, Community Time.	All Upper School Students
January 5	Alumni Panel	Recent GA Alumni Panel Presentation about the transition to College Arts Center, Community Time	Juniors and Seniors
January 5	Alumni Panel	Recent GA Alumni Panel Presentation to all Upper School Families. Honickman, 7pm	All Upper School Families
January 20	College Seminar Begins	College Seminar starts with second semester	Juniors
February 3	Coffee with College Counseling	All Upper School Families are invited to join the College Counseling team for an informal question and answer session. Honickman, 6pm	All Upper School Families
February 4	Case Studies Program Preparation	Juniors meet with the College Counseling Team to prepare for Case Studies Night (Feb. 19), Community Time	Juniors
February 19	Case Studies Program	MANDATORY FOR ALL JUNIORS and strongly urged for families. Admission Deans evaluate applicants to fictitious college. Upper School Classrooms, 7pm	Junior Families
February 25	Upper School Academics and Course Selection Coffee	Join the Upper School Admin Team & College Counseling for an information session focused on registering for classes for the 2026-2027 school year. Parents Room, 8:30am-9:30am	All Upper School Families
March	College Counselor Assignments	Sophomores are assigned college counselors in March.	Sophomores
March 6	No School PSAT 10	Required for all Sophomores: The PSAT 10 will be administered on campus. Field House, 8:00am – 12:00pm	Sophomores
April 11	Practice SAT or Practice ACT for Sophomores	Offered by Compass Prep, free opportunity for sophomores to take the exam at home. Registration link: https://www.compassprep.com/schools/germantown-academy/	Sophomores

April 22	Coffee with College Counseling	All Upper School Families are invited to join the College Counseling team for an informal question and answer session. Honickman, 8:30am	All Upper School Families
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April 27	Meeting for Sophomore Families	Presentation to Sophomore Families Honickman, 7pm	Sophomores
May 20	College Admission Rep Panel	Sophomores and Juniors are invited to attend a panel of College Admission Representatives from Public Universities. Penn State, Pittsburg, Vermont, South Carolina and Tennessee will be speaking about admission for in and out of state students. Honickman, Lunch & Flex	Sophomores and Juniors
May 20	College Fair	College Fair – more than 120 colleges and university representatives GA Field House & Annex, 6:30-8pm	Sophomores, Juniors, and Families

GA's College Counseling Resources OneNote – all students and parents should familiarize themselves with the contents of the College Counseling Resources OneNote (access through Veracross by clicking on the College Counseling Office button in the right navigation bar). It contains information about campus visits, types of colleges, financial aid, standardized tests, and everything else you need to know about the college search and application processes.

Great College Visit Days for During the School Year

One goal for members of the Class of 2027 is to visit a variety of college campuses between now and January of their junior year so they can articulate to their college counselor what they want in a college by their January junior interview. Then, students may begin targeted visits. The following dates are weekdays when students do not have school, but colleges should be in session, making for great campus visit days:

- End of August (school does not begin until September 3) – many Southern colleges start school in August, so their campuses will be populated with students.
- October 3-5 - Fall Break
- November 21 – No school. Caregiver Conferences with teachers
- December 1 – Monday after Thanksgiving. Teacher In-Service
- January 19 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- February 13-16 – President’s Weekend
- **March 20-April 3 – Comment Writing Day / Spring Break / Easter**

Standardized Test Guidance and Dates for 2025-26

Recommended Standardized Testing Timeline

Sophomore year

- In spring of the sophomore year, students take practice ACT and SAT exams to determine their preferred test.
- Some students opt to prep for standardized tests over the summer between their sophomore and junior year; others do so during the academic year.

Junior year

- In October, take the official PSAT or take a practice ACT through Compass Prep.
- Some students opt to prep in the months leading up to their first test.
- Take an official ACT or SAT in the early winter or by April at the latest. Senior year
- Many students retake tests in August, September, and October of their senior year.

Registration for Standardized Tests

- SAT - register at www.collegeboard.org
- ACT - register at www.act.org
- You will need a credit card to register.
- Record your username and password. Never create an additional account if you are having trouble accessing your initial one. See your college counselor for help.

2025–26 School Year SAT Test Dates

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Aug. 23, 2025	Aug. 8, 2025 Register	Aug. 12, 2025
Sept. 13, 2025 GA is a Test Center	Aug. 29, 2025 Register	Sept. 2, 2025
Oct. 4, 2025 GA is a Test Center	Sept. 19, 2025 Register	Sept. 23, 2025
Nov. 8, 2025	Oct. 24, 2025 Register	Oct. 28, 2025
Dec. 6, 2025	Nov. 21, 2025 Register	Nov. 25, 2025
March 14, 2026 GA is a Test Center	Feb. 27, 2026 Register	March 3, 2026
May 2, 2026 GA is a Test Center	Apr. 17, 2026 Register	April 21, 2026
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026 Register	May 26, 2026

*Students [who need to borrow a device from College Board](#) will need to register and request their device earlier than the registration deadline—at least 30 days before test day.

**Late registration is available worldwide. [Additional fees apply.](#)

2025-26 National ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 6, 2025	August 1	August 19	August 29
October 18, 2025	September 12	September 30	October 10
December 13, 2025	November 7	November 24	December 5
February 14, 2026	January 9	January 23	February 6
April 11, 2026	March 6	March 24	April 3
June 13, 2026	May 8	May 29	June 5
July 11, 2026	June 5	June 24	July 3

Free Prep Options

For the SAT, KAHN Academy has partnered with the College Board to offer amazing free on-line prep. Students can link their PSAT results to receive targeted prep (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>).

For the ACT, ACT offers free personalized prep through ACT Academy (<https://academy.act.org>)

National Test Prep Companies

National companies offer classroom courses locally, small group tutoring, and individual tutoring. Compass Test Prep – www.compassprep.com (online tutoring)

Kaplan Test Prep – www.kaptest.com

Revolution Prep – www.revolutionprep.com

Inspirica - www.inspirica.com

Princeton Review – www.princetonreview.com

Huntington Learning Center – www.huntingtonlearning.com

Local Tutors and Companies

The following list includes individuals and companies who provide SAT and ACT tutoring. These individuals are not endorsed by Germantown Academy; however, they have been identified by community members who have worked with them or know them. GA provides this list as a service to you!

Matt Joseph Test Prep
Located in Chestnut Hill
(215) 242-2408
www.mjtestprep.com

A+ Test Prep & Tutoring
215-619-0333
Gwynedd Office
North Wales, PA 19454 <http://www.aplustutoring.com/>

Franklin Yard
Tara Higgins
Program Consultant (610) 804-3740
<https://www.franklinyard.com/>

C2 Education of Blue Bell
610-222-6468
Blue.bell@c2educate.com
www.c2educate.com

C2 Education of Doylestown
4383 W Swamp Rd Doylestown, PA 18902
267.202.7120
doylestown@c2educate.com

Ginny Maine & Mandy Marion Chestnut Hill Educational
Services 215-203-2363
215-301-3101
cmmarion2@verizon.net vmaine@verizon.net

Paul Brown
215-643 4686
[paulbrown8@verizon.net/](mailto:paulbrown8@verizon.net)

Premier College Prep
140 E. Butler Ave
Ambler, PA 19002
(215) 884-5789
<https://premiercollegeprep.com/>

Crowne Education
686 Dekalb Pike, Suite 202A
Blue Bell, PA 19422
info@crownetutors.com
(484) 684-7712

The AP Academy
1256 Welsh Road, Suite 100
North Wales, PA 19454
(215) 699-8734 / (215) 390-3084
<http://www.theapacademy.net/>

Y2Academy
1218 Welsh Rd. Suite # A3A
North Wales, PA 19454
(215) 412-9253
<https://www.y2academy.com/>