



College Counseling Crier

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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

[ACT Test Dates*](#)

October 22, 2022

December 10, 2022
(registration deadline:
November 11)

[SAT Test Dates*](#)

November 5, 2022
(registration deadline:
October 7)

December 3, 2022
(registration deadline:
November 3)

**If you will be taking these tests
with accommodations, please
contact [Mrs. From](#)*

Senior Reminders and Student Shout-Outs

Reminders:

- ⇒ *Meet with your College Counselor* - We are in full college application season mode, and we are here for seniors and their families! Please make time in your schedule to meet with your College Counselor.
- ⇒ *Complete your admissions file* - as you ready yourself to hit **submit**, please remember to complete your [Document Request Forms](#)
- ⇒ *Deadlines* - **October 15th & November 1st** are fast approaching!



The College Counseling Office wants to acknowledge our students who are College Board National Recognition Program awardees, National Merit Commended Scholars and our National Merit Semifinalist! Check out the Bullis Instagram for more information.

Financial Aid: Figuring out the Future

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also known as the FAFSA®, opened on **October 1st**. It is the single most important form seniors can complete to receive aid 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.

Sallie Mae is hosting a free virtual event, "The first step to finding the money you need for college: Completing the FAFSA®"

Wednesday, October 5 at 7pm ET

[Register Here](#)

Before completing the FAFSA, both students *and* parents will need to register for a [Federal Student Aid ID](#) (FSA ID), which serves as both a login to the FAFSA and a legal signature. Once created, each FSA ID is verified through the Social Security

Administration and can take 1-3 days to be approved. We encourage families to continue to check their email for more details. The Department of Education has compiled guided, [helpful tips](#) along the way for families to use as they complete the filing process.

Applicants for aid in the 2023-2024 school year will need to have access to their 2021 federal tax returns.

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 counselors are happy to help senior families with questions specific to financial aid.

Worth the Read

- ◇ Associate Director of Admissions and 94’ graduate from Oberlin College digs into the importance of attending on-campus college visits.
[I'm Visiting your High School - Why You Should Come and Say Hi!](#)
- ◇ [What are the Liberal Arts?](#) – defining the liberal arts. What does it really mean to study “liberal arts?”
- ◇ Does your college require an essay or supplementals? Click on the link below for a list of schools that DO NOT require any writing.
[Common App Schools that Don't require Extra Essays](#)

PSAT/NMSQT (for 10th & 11th grade)

On **Wednesday October 12**, 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.

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:

- Two sharpened, non-mechanical #2 pencils with erasers or a separate eraser.
- An approved calculator with fresh, working batteries (most of our students already use here at Bullis).
- A drink & a snack.
- We highly recommend a non-smart watch. The College Board only permits us to share a few specific pacing reminders with students and there is **no** clock in either gym.



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.

College Representatives Have Arrived!

Admissions travel season is here and we have been excited to welcome our college admission representatives from various colleges and universities from across the country and some from abroad. This year we have over 150 institutions meeting with our seniors. We are happy that most of our representatives are visiting in-person, with a few still conducting online visits.

Only senior students are allowed to attend meetings (with permission 24 hours in advance from their teachers) and can sign up through Naviance. A college counselor will always be present to moderate. If a college/university from a senior's list is not visiting, we encourage students to take advantage of online information sessions and direct connections through the college or university.

The list of visitors found below will also be posted on Naviance's homepage in the "What's New" column. Additionally, as long as colleges are included on students' "Colleges I'm thinking about" or "Colleges I'm applying to" lists in Naviance, students will get an email notifying them of the upcoming visit. Ms. McKay, our Administrative Assistant, will always have two up-to-date printed lists posted outside our office, one in alphabetical order by college, and the other in chronological order by date and time of the visit.

So far, the following colleges and universities have registered for a visit to Bullis School in October and the first week of November. Unless otherwise specified, all meetings with the college admission representatives will be held in the College Counseling Office. Please note that this list is updated regularly and is subject to change. The most up-to-date information can be found in Naviance on the homepage under the "What's New" column.

Monday, October 3 (already visited)

Guilford College
The University of British Columbia
Lehigh University
Villanova University
Boston College

Thursday, October 6

Binghamton University
Chestnut Hill College
Elon University
James Madison University
Babson College

Friday, October 7

McDaniel College
Haverford College
The University of Tennessee – Knoxville
College of the Holy Cross
Ohio Wesleyan University

Monday, October 10

Towson University
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor
Furman University
Tulane University
University of San Francisco

Tuesday, October 11

Bryant University
Spelman College
Goucher College
Washington University in St. Louis
Case Western Reserve University
Butler University

Monday, October 17

Chapman University
The University of Alabama
University of Connecticut
Syracuse University
Lynn University

Tuesday, October 18

St. Bonaventure University
Montgomery College
Marist College
Bates College
Rhodes College
Trinity College

Wednesday, October 19

Denison University
University of Southern California
Brandeis University
Widener University
Drew University
University of California – Santa Cruz

Monday, October 24

Salisbury University

Tuesday, October 25

Randolph-Macon College
St. John's University – NY
Connecticut College
Southern Methodist University
Northeastern University

Wednesday, October 26

Grinnell College
Christopher Newport University

Thursday, October 27

University of Arizona
Virginia Tech
Pennsylvania State University
Bucknell University

Friday, October 28

Providence College

Monday, October 31

University of Colorado Boulder

Tuesday, November 1

Kenyon College
Colgate University

Wednesday, November 2

Washington College

Friday, November 4

George Mason University

