



# College Counseling Crier

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## Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

### ACT Test Dates\*

**February 12, 2022**  
Registration deadline:  
January 7

**April 2, 2022**  
Registration deadline:  
February 25

**June 11, 2022**  
Registration deadline:  
May 6

**July 16, 2022**  
Registration deadline:  
June 17

### SAT Test Dates\*

**March 12, 2022**  
Registration deadline:  
February 11

**May 7, 2022**  
Registration deadline:  
April 8

**June 4, 2022**  
Registration deadline:  
May 5

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

## January Kick-Off for Juniors

Our College Counseling Kick-Off for junior parents and guardians begins at **7:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, January 11**. Much like our Junior Parent Coffee this past September, the Kick-Off will be a live-streamed Zoom; the invitation will be sent to junior parents and guardians later this week. In our meeting, the College Counseling staff will explain our office's philosophy, procedures, and practices. We will demonstrate Naviance and explain the topics covered throughout the rest of the year for the Class of 2023.



The juniors are scheduled for an initial class meeting with the College Counseling team on **Monday, January 10**, during Advisory and Flex Time in the Blair Auditorium to cover many topics that we will share with parents the following day. We are looking forward to working closely with the entire Class of 2023 as they begin their college search process.

## Unpacking Authenticity

College admissions buzzwords like “holistic,” “passion,” and “authenticity” float around without concrete definitions, often leaving students and families wondering *how* to convey authenticity. In his latest *Forbes* article, [“College Admission: New Year, Same You.”](#) Brennan Barnard “asked college admission leaders to unpack authenticity for applicants.” There’s no objective, formulaic approach for students to follow when presenting themselves to an admission committee. Instead, admissions officers share that they want students for exactly who they are without trying to fit into a prescribed box or mold. In addition to those opinions highlighted in the article, Barnard has a more expansive set of reflections [here](#).



## Save the Dates

### **Junior Class Meeting with College Counseling**

**Mon., January 10**  
10:10 – 11:00 am

*Howard Auditorium  
Blair Center for the  
Arts*

### **Junior Parent Kickoff**

**Tues., January 11**  
7:00 – 8:30 pm

*Zoom link will be  
shared later this week*

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## Summer Scenarios

College and universities around the country offer summer programs for high school students. Due to the pandemic's unpredictable nature, many of these programs were and continue to be provided virtually. These programs are an excellent way for students to get a feel for college life by taking classes and meeting other students around the country who share their interests. We've also found that students can more concretely express their "why" in completing college applications after having a meaningful summer experience.

Please see the [Summer Opportunities](#) section of the College Counseling web page to find these opportunities. Updates are made weekly, so we encourage you to revisit the site regularly. As in the past, we've provided focal groups for a more specific search. If students need help throughout the summer program application process, we in College Counseling are happy to provide guidance and assistance.

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## Early Joy in January!

To date, our students have submitted **1017** Document Request Forms and applications. Many of our students who applied through Early Decision, Restrictive/Single Choice Early Action, Early Action, and Rolling Admission plans have received their decisions; **185** acceptances have been offered. Later this month, we anticipate the Early Action decision release for the University of Maryland, University of Miami, University of Michigan, and the University of Virginia, to name a few.

As a reminder to our seniors, please let us know of *all* admission decisions.

**We want to celebrate with you and provide sound advice and counsel.**