



# Benilde-St. Margaret's

A Catholic, college-preparatory school, grades 7-12

## Information from Counseling Department – April 2022

### For Parents of Juniors:

The required Building Your Future college and career portfolio, which includes assignments and required attendance at the [BSM College Fair](#) on **Wednesday, April 6**, are due in the college and career center by **3:00 pm on Wednesday, April 6**. Juniors will receive half a credit and a passing grade on their transcript for the portfolio, and this is a graduation requirement. If students need help with any of the assignments, they should ask one of the counselors. Juniors will earn part of their total portfolio points from attending the **BSM College Fair** on **Wednesday, April 6**, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Haben Center.

### For Parents of All High School Students:

#### [BSM College Fair](#)

BSM will host a College Fair on **Wednesday, April 6, 2022**, from 6:30 - 8 pm in the Haben Center. All juniors are required to attend as a part of their Building Your Future portfolio, and all other BSM students and parents are welcome to attend. Approximately 100 college and university representatives will be available to talk with prospective students and parents. They will answer questions about the college admissions process and provide information about their particular college or university. Click [here](#) for a list of colleges attending.

#### AP Exams and Portfolios

AP exams will take place **May 2 - 13, 2022**

- Click on this link to see the [May 2022 BSM Exam Schedule and Locations](#)
- Click on this link for [Exam Logistics](#) (what you need to bring, lunch info, etc.)

#### Virtual College Exploration Opportunities

Click here for information about spring college fairs, webinars, virtual college visits, and more: [Virtual College Exploration Opportunities](#)

#### Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Fair

- Who: 7th – 12th graders, parents/guardians, and counselors
- When: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 (6:30pm- 8:30pm)
- Where: Thomas Jefferson Sr. High School (In the cafeteria) 4001 W 102nd St, Bloomington

#### Learning Differences Virtual College Fair

<https://gotocollegefairs.swoogo.com/learningdifferences2022>

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

- 11am - 1pm (ET)
- 6:30pm - 8:30pm (ET)

## Summer Enrichment Opportunities

The fall and early winter are good times to start thinking about enrichment opportunities for next summer. The BSM website has an extensive list of programs that colleges offer for high schools students. Some programs, such as ones sponsored by Duke University and the University of Notre Dame, started accepting applications on December 1st. Please see the [Summer Opportunities](#) page of the BSM website for a list of opportunities we know about.

### 2021-2022 ACT Test Dates

[www.my.act.org](http://www.my.act.org)

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022

### 2021-2022 SAT Test Dates

<http://sat.collegeboard.org>

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022

## College Reminders for Parents of Seniors:

- Scholarships:** Be mindful of scholarship deadlines. There are still many scholarship opportunities that can be found in the “scholarship list” or the “National Scholarship Search” under the “colleges” tab in your Naviance account (<http://connection.naviance.com/bsm>). Other websites with scholarship searches: <http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>, [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) and [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- Housing Deposits:** The housing deposit is different than an enrollment deposit. Once admitted, or in some cases before you find out an admission decision (larger campuses), you should submit your housing deposit to secure a room. Students may submit housing deposits at more than one college. Note that the housing deposit is often refundable before May 1. Read all of the e-mails (remember to check your junk mail frequently) and letters sent to you from each of your colleges, and look on their website and/or call the admissions office or residence life office with any housing-related questions.
- Enrollment Deposit:** You should make ONE enrollment deposit on or before May 1 to the college you plan to attend.
- Contact the colleges you will not be attending:** If you know that you will not be attending a college that you have been admitted to, please contact that college's admissions office (by phone or by e-mail) to let them know that you will not be attending. Contacting colleges now, or as early as possible, allows them to make better decisions about whether they can admit students who have been deferred or waitlisted.

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