



Benilde-St. Margaret's

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

Information from Counseling Department – February 2022

For Parents of All High School Students:

Course Selection for 2022-2023 School Year

Course Selection for 2022-2023 is happening in February! Students will be given a course selection form on **Wednesday, February 9th**. Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will start their day on 2/9 with presentations from counselors and academic departments. They will be encouraged to bring their course selection forms home and have a conversation with you about what they are considering. Students will also need to bring the course selection forms to their classes from 2/9-2/22 to get signatures from their current teachers for those classes that have a prerequisite (those with a signature line). They will then report to the library on one of the course selection days (below) with their laptops and their signed course selection form to officially make their course selections:

- **Sophomores and Juniors** - Wednesday, 2/23 or Thursday, 2/24, or Friday, 2/25 during their BSM hour - **the first 40 minutes of each period**
- **Freshmen** - Wednesday, 2/23 or Thursday, 2/24, or Friday, 2/25 during their PE/BSM hour - **the last 40 minutes of each period**

Links to these grade-specific course selection forms are housed on the [course selection page of the BSM website](#), along with other department-specific videos. Students not meeting a prerequisite/recommended grade **MUST** fill out this [override google form](#) and have parent/guardian approval on that form.

Virtual College Exploration Opportunities

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

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. (Note that some of these may not be taking place in Summer 2022 due to Covid 19). Some programs, such as ones sponsored by Duke University and the University of Notre Dame, have started accepting applications or will start on December 1st. Please see the [Summer Opportunities](#) page of the BSM website for a complete list.

2021-2022 ACT Test Dates

www.my.act.org

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
April 2, 2022 – BSM is a test center	February 25, 2022
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
March 12, 2022 - BSM is a test center	February 11, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022

For Parents of Juniors:

Building Your Future Workshop

All BSM juniors are required to attend the Building Your Future workshop about college and career planning on Friday, February 4. Juniors will have a shortened day that day, and will be at school from 8:00 am - 12:15 pm. Juniors will check-in at 8 am in the front lobby and then have an introductory meeting with their counselors. During the day, they will attend three sessions: "The College Application," presented by Shannon Cron, Senior Assistant Dean of Admissions at St. Olaf College; "Finding Your Fit," presented by Rachel Tanner, Senior Admissions Counselor at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, and "College and Career Portfolio Review and Work Session" presented by Amanda Anderson, Counselor at BSM.

College Planning Meeting for Parents of Juniors

This event is on the calendar for Wednesday, February 9 at 12:00 pm. This will be a live presentation done via a Zoom webinar where two BSM counselors will be presenting. We will send all parents of juniors the Zoom webinar link prior to the week of the presentation. Refer to the letter emailed in early January for more details concerning what will be presented at the meeting. The webinar will be recorded and sent out to all parents of juniors, along with any documents covered during the webinar.

Applying for Extended Time on the ACT, SAT and AP Exams:

If your son or daughter meets all of the following three criteria, he or she **may** qualify for extended time on standardized tests: 1) your son or daughter has documentation from a complete assessment of his/her disability (including academic and intelligence tests) done by a licensed professional in the past three years, OR an update of a previous assessment; 2) your son or daughter has an accommodation plan on file at BSM that states the need for extended time on tests; and 3) your son or daughter is currently using extended time in at least one class at BSM. Note that the school must apply separately to ACT and/or the Collegeboard (PSAT, SAT and AP) for each student, so please start the process of applying for extended time at least one month before the test's registration deadline. For example, the registration deadline for the **April 2 ACT is February 25**, so you should begin the process with Maureen Miller, BSM Learning Specialist, **by January 25**. For specifics about how the application process for extended time works, click [here](#). Contact Maureen Miller at mmiller@bsmschool.org if you have any questions or when you want to begin the process.

For Parents of Seniors:

Mid-Year Transcripts to Colleges

Some colleges request a mid-year transcript from applicants. For example, many Common Application colleges require them. The counselors sent mid-year transcripts to colleges for seniors during the first week of February.

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