



Information from Counseling Department – August & September 2020

For Parents of Freshmen:

The transition to senior high is an important and exciting time in the life for freshmen. The counselor's role is to help support your student in that transition both academically and socially. The counselors will be meeting individually with every ninth grade student this fall, and they will invite you to attend that meeting virtually through Zoom. Your attendance is welcome and encouraged, but not required. The counselors will send an email message in October with more information about these meetings that will take place in November and December. We are available to you throughout the school year through email, telephone, or virtual Zoom meetings. [Click here](#) for contact information.

For Parents of Juniors:

You should have received an email from the counselors with a multitude of information to help you prepare for your student's junior year. One topic is the upcoming PSAT/NMSQT test which will be administered to all BSM juniors at 8 a.m. on **Wednesday, October 14**. We will also include a college planning checklist for juniors and information about ACT/SAT.

For Parents of Seniors:

College Planning and Financial Aid Meeting for Parents of Seniors: This event is on the calendar for Wednesday, September 2 in the theater. Typically, two BSM counselors present the first hour and a financial aid professional from Macalester College presents for the second hour. This year, due to COVID-19, the financial aid presentation will be a live Zoom presentation at 7:00 on Wednesday, September 2. On Thursday, September 3, we will send all parents of seniors a link to the counselor presentation as well as a link to the Zoom financial aid presentation for those that were not able to log in to the live presentation. The BSM counselor presentation will go over all details of the college application process, the forms you need to fill out throughout the process and the timeline for seniors.

Senior Group Meetings - REQUIRED: All seniors are required to attend to a college information meeting during the first week of school where the counselors will go over all of the details of the college application process, the forms you need to fill out for your counselor, college visits at colleges and at BSM, and various other information related to the college application process. This presentation will be sent via email to all students participating in the fully virtual education model, and we are still determining whether we can present live on September 2 or 3 when each student's cohorts are at school or if we will need to send the presentation to all students in a fashion where we can track whether or not a student has watched the presentation. Stay tuned.

Individual Senior Meetings - REQUIRED: All seniors are required to schedule an individual meeting with their counselor that must take place by the end of September. Seniors will be able to sign up for an appointment on your counselor's schedule after they attend the above senior group meetings. At this individual meeting, your counselor will look over your list of colleges and talk through your application process with you. Of course, seniors are welcome to schedule as many meetings as they would like, but we require at least one meeting.

For Parents of All High School Students:

Upcoming National College Fairs and information sessions (done virtually):

Sept. 13: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Central Time

Oct. 12: 12 - 8 p.m. Central Time

Oct. 18: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Central Time

Nov. 8: 1 - 9 p.m. Central Time

Register here: <https://www.virtualcollegefairs.org>

Find out more information here: <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/attend-virtual-college-fairs/students/>

2020-2021 ACT and SAT Test Dates:

2020-2021 ACT Test Dates Create account and register at: www.actstudent.org

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
September 12, 13, or 19, 2020	August 14, 2020
October 10, 17, 24, or 25, 2020	September 17, 2020
December 12, 2020 – BSM is a test center	November 6, 2020
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021
April 17, 2021 – BSM is a test center	March 12, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021

Remember to have scores sent to colleges!

BSM's school code: 242-202

BSM's test center code: 178790

2020-2021 SAT Test Dates Create account and register at: sat.collegeboard.org

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
August 29, 2020	July 31, 2020
September 26, 2020	August 26, 2020
October 3, 2020	September 4, 2020
November 7, 2020	October 7, 2020
December 5, 2020	November 5, 2020
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021
June 5, 2021 – BSM is a test center	May 6, 2021

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BSM's school code: 242-202

BSM's test center code: 24176