



Information from Counseling Department – August & September 2021

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 will receive a mailing from the counseling department 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 13**. We will also include a college planning checklist for juniors and information about both ACT and SAT.

For Parents of Seniors:

College Planning and Financial Aid Meeting for Parents of Seniors: This event is on the calendar for Wednesday, September 1. This will be a live presentation done via a Zoom webinar where two BSM counselors present the first hour and a financial aid professional from Macalester College presents for the second hour. We will send all parents of seniors the Zoom webinar link ASAP. 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. Note that a packet of documents we will cover during the presentation will be sent in the mail to all parents of seniors.

Senior Group Meetings - REQUIRED: All seniors are required to attend to a college information meeting during BSM/Wellness hour on September 1 or September 2. 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. Each senior will get a folder of documents we will cover during the presentation.

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 – done virtually:

Sunday, **Sept. 12:** 12-5 p.m. CT
Sunday, **Oct. 3** 12-5 p.m. CT
Thursday, **Oct. 14:** Midwest Fair: 4-8 p.m. CT
Sunday, **Oct. 24:** 12-5 p.m. CT
Tuesday, **Nov. 2:** Arts & STEM Fair: 3-7 p.m. CT
Sunday, **Nov. 14:** 12-5 p.m. CT

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

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

2021-2022 ACT Test Dates

www.my.act.org

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
September 11, 2021	August 6, 2021
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2021
December 11, 2021 – BSM is a test center	November 4, 2021
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022
April 2, 2022 – BSM is a test center	February 25, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022

*Can have four score reports sent to colleges for free when registering, but most students send senior year.

BSM's school code: 242-202

BSM's test center code: 178790

2021-2022 SAT Test Dates

<http://sat.collegeboard.org>

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
August 28, 2021	July 30, 2021
October 2, 2021	September 3, 2021
November 6, 2021	October 8, 2021
December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022
June 4, 2022 – BSM is a test center	May 5, 2022

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BSM's school code: 242-202

BSM's test center code: 24176

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