



Information from Counseling Department – March 2021

For Parents of All High School Students:

Spring Virtual College Exploration Opportunities

Click here for information about spring college fairs, webinars, virtual college visits, and more:

[Spring 2021 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 2021 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 December 1. Please see the [Summer Opportunities](#) page of the BSM website for a complete list.

2021 ACT Test Dates

Create account and register at: www.actstudent.org

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
April 17, 2021 – BSM is a test center	March 12, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021

2021 SAT Test Dates

Create account and register at: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021
June 5, 2021 – BSM is a test center	May 6, 2021

For Parents of Juniors:

Junior Building Your Future Class

All the assignments with explanations are in your student's Building Your Future class page in PowerSchool Learning. Below are the assignments and the deadlines:

Due by February 16

1. College & Career Exploration Assignment
2. Parent/Student Discussion Assignment

Due by March 19

3. Common Application Assignment
4. Extracurricular Resume Assignment

Due by April 23 at noon

5. Career Interview Assignment
6. Letter of Recommendation Steps Assignment
7. College Visits and Signature College Events during the Week of April 19-22 (see details about Signature College Events below)

Save-the-Dates: Virtual College Exploration Signature Events – April 19-22

With the ongoing challenges of holding in-person College Fairs, the counseling staff from local Catholic high schools have teamed up to deliver exciting programming for our students and families the week of April 19-22, 2021. These events will include live, virtual sessions with admission representatives from a variety of colleges and universities with a different theme each night. Sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. with recordings available later. **More information about how to register for these events will be available soon.**

Monday, April 19, 6:30 pm: Two-Year Community & Technical Colleges

Dunwoody College of Technology
Inver Hills Community College
North Dakota State College of Science
North Hennepin Community College

Tuesday, April 20, 6:30 pm: Public Colleges and Universities

University of Minnesota Twin Cities
University of Kansas
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Miami University of Ohio
University of Vermont

Wednesday, April 21, 6:30 pm: Private Colleges and Universities

Loyola University
University of San Diego
University of St. Thomas
College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University
Providence College

Thursday, April 22, 6:30 pm: Highly Selective Colleges and Universities

Yale University
Villanova University
Boston College
Washington University in St. Louis
Colorado College

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 17 ACT is March 12**, so you should begin the process with Maureen Miller, BSM Learning Specialist, **by February 12**. For specifics about how the application process for extended time works, click on this page <https://www.bsmschool.org/academics/college-resources/important-test-dates> and then on the "Applying for Extended Time" document. Contact Maureen Miller at mmiller@bsmschool.org if you have any questions or to begin the process.

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 and 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.
- 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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