



Information from Counseling Department – October 2021

For Parents of Seniors:

Parents of seniors – Apply free to MN State Colleges and Universities

Many MN public and private colleges are allowing students to apply free during the month of October. For students from low-income families: Every day of the year, students from families with low incomes can apply to most colleges at no charge using a fee waiver. **See your counselor if this applies to you.**

Parents of Seniors - FAFSA and other Financial Aid Forms: The 2022-2023 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is now available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You must complete the FAFSA online if you are applying for federal financial aid. It is recommended that every family fill out the FAFSA for a few reasons. First, all students are eligible for low-interest loans. Second, families have different financial situations from one year to the next, including sometimes having more than one student in college. Finally, some colleges look at whether a student has a FAFSA on file when they are considering students for scholarships. There are three categories of federal student aid: grants, work-study, and loans. Colleges typically have December through March priority deadlines for the FAFSA, so get your FAFSA completed and submitted as soon as possible.

For Parents of Sophomores and Juniors:

Wednesday, October 13 is a testing day for students in grades 9, 10, and 11. Freshmen will be taking the Pre-ACT 9. Sophomores will be taking the Pre-ACT. Juniors will be taking the PSAT (preparation for the SAT). Students will need two #2 pencils and a calculator. Cell phones are prohibited in the testing areas. These are required and important tests. Students will get an email before testing day with the room they should report to on testing day. Students will meet in their testing rooms at 8:00 am and will be given directions for testing. Students will be dismissed between 11:30 and noon. For those students who are approved for extended time, the dismissal time will be around 1:30 pm.

Note: Seniors are NOT required to be in school so that you can use the day for college visits or to work on college application materials.

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 All High School Students:

Time to register for 2022 AP exams and art portfolios – The AP Coordinators will meet with all AP students on Wednesday, October 6th during homeroom to go over the details. **Students** and parents should have received an email with all of the details and instructions of what AP students need to do to get registered for AP exams or portfolios by October 20, 2022.

[2022 AP Exam Schedule with Join Codes - BSM](#)

[2021-2022 AP Exam/Portfolio Registration Instructions - BSM](#)

College Visits to BSM – These visits are open to Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

College representatives will be "visiting" BSM either in-person or virtually this year. Information about the colleges =visiting BSM will be updated daily on BSM's Naviance website. All visits are also listed in Schoology on the Guidance and Counseling course page.

Upcoming College Fair Opportunities

There are many college fairs coming up. Some require that you register and may fill up, so check them out sooner than later at this link: [Upcoming Virtual College Fairs](#)

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

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