



## Columbus Academy

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Dear Grade 11 Parents,

We enjoyed the chance to meet with your children as a class during the opening days of school this week (link to slides will be sent via email and published in the Viking Voice). We look forward to working more closely with them as they progress through the Upper School. Until the college search process goes into “full swing” in the winter, we would like to provide you with an overview of upcoming college counseling events. We have touched on these events in our junior class meeting but we wanted to make you fully aware of them as you move forward with setting your calendar.

Throughout the year, students will have the opportunity to participate in numerous activities in anticipation of college enrollment. They will:

- **Meet with college admission officers** as they visit Columbus Academy. We talked with all Grade 11 students about attending school visits. The visit schedule is updated in Naviance as college representatives schedule them. Additionally, lists of visiting college representatives will be included on the CA daily schedule and posted weekly on the door of the College Counseling Office. We have asked Grade 11 students to attend at least 4 of these visits this fall, to include 2 schools they have heard of and 2 they have not.
- Follow their personalized standardized testing plan discussed during Gr 10 Academic Conferences. Please refer to the attached Test Dates and CA Test Prep options.
- Grade 9 to 12 *students and parents* are invited to the evening program **“Financing College”** to be held in the **Ruch Dining Room at Columbus School for Girls** on **Wednesday, October 2, 7:00 pm**. We highly recommend attending this program. (Families can enter the building through the Drexel Ave Main Entrance at 65 S. Drexel Ave. Look for the flagpole, and the door will be to the left.)
- Take the **PSAT** at Columbus Academy **PSAT** at Columbus Academy at **8:05 am** on **Wednesday, October 16**. The college counseling office handles registration. Students will be billed for the cost. Earlier this week, students received information about the PSAT. Student Guide (with National Merit Scholarship Program information) available here: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-nmsqt-student-guide.pdf>
- Attend the **Junior Student and Parent College Night** on **Tuesday, November 12 at 7 pm** in the Schoedinger Theater (note: students are invited to attend with parents). **PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THIS PROGRAM. THIS IS THE ONLY JUNIOR STUDENT AND PARENT COLLEGE PROGRAM ALL YEAR.**



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During second semester, there will be extensive and intensive college search activities. An overview of those activities follows.

- In January, students will begin a **college counseling class** that meets once per rotation during the third quarter.
- Juniors will **meet individually** with one of the college counselors throughout the second semester. During **Spring Break**, we **encourage you to visit the colleges** that interest your children.
- Parents are invited to attend our series of **College Counseling Coffees** to be held on **Wednesday Jan 15, Wednesday Jan 22 and Wednesday Jan 29**. All coffees will run from 8:00 to 9:00 am in the Dining Hall and will cover various topics related to college counseling. Stay tuned for more information.
- **CA will again offer SAT School-Day.** This will take place on **Tuesday, April 14, 2020**. The College Counseling Office will handle registration and students will be billed for the cost of the exam.

In addition, those students who are enrolled in honors courses will be taking their AP Examinations during the first full two weeks of May. NEW THIS YEAR, AP registration occurs during classes; **AP registration deadline is Nov 1**. Some students may also take SAT Subject Tests in specific areas of study in May and June. We will discuss these options during our student/parent meeting in November.

**Students who need extended time on any standardized tests (PSAT, SAT, ACT, AP) must have documentation on file and approval from the College Board and/or ACT. Please note that the ACT and the College Board have two separate applications and approval processes. Contact Joan Young ([youngj@columbusacademy.org](mailto:youngj@columbusacademy.org)) with questions.**

Throughout the remainder of the fall, we will be working closely with the seniors as they finalize their college search process. We look forward to working with you and your children as you plan for the future.

Sincerely,

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