

# College Counseling Newsletter

March 2018



## College Visits

We encourage you to take advantage of Spring Break for college visits, one of the most important pieces of your search. Stepping on campus is the best way to find out if a college is a good fit for you. You will get a feel for its personality, atmosphere, student body and professors. Tours and information sessions book up quickly, so be sure to plan ahead. For getting the most out of your visits, check out these helpful articles:

- [The College Visit: What to Do Before, During and After](#)
- [Campus Visit Checklist](#)

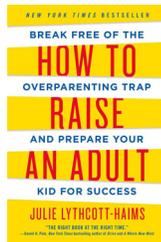
## Spring Read for Parents

*How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success*

by Julie Lythcott-Haims

This *New York Times* Best Seller is a provocative manifesto that exposes the harms of helicopter parenting and sets forth an alternate

philosophy for raising preteens and teens to self-sufficient young adulthood. For details and to watch the author's Ted Talk, [click here](#).



## Upcoming Test Dates

### SAT Test Dates

Register [here](#) with School Code 140666.

Test Date	Registration Date
May 5	April 6
June 2	May 3

### ACT Test Dates

Register [here](#) with School Code 140666.

Test Date	Registration Date
April 14	March 9
June 9	May 4

## Year 12 Personal Statement Workshop

Year 12 students should mark their calendar for the Personal Statement Workshop at 10:55 a.m. on Monday, May 7. The Director of Admission at Kenyon College will provide students with skills, knowledge, insight and tips for writing a strong college essay. As a reminder, all Year 12 students must submit a completed draft of their personal statement to Ms. Silvetti by Monday, June 4. Your student's essay should follow one of the seven essay prompts for the Common Application found [here](#).

## Year 13 College Acceptances

Offers continue to roll in for our seniors! We will share an updated list of college acceptances in April.

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## Requesting Transcripts

Does your student need to request a high school transcript for a pre-college program or personal use? If so, please complete and submit the [Transcript Request Form](#) to Mrs. Myrna Cerero, School Registrar, at [myrna.cerero@bischicagosl.org](mailto:myrna.cerero@bischicagosl.org). Note the form must be submitted at least two weeks before the application deadline.

## Year 10 College Talk

Thanks for attending this session! Families learned about our high school transcript, college admission factors, Naviance, the importance of extracurricular activities, and more.

## Year 11 Practice Test

Students will sit a practice ACT/SAT combo test at 8:25 a.m. on Monday, April 23. Student should bring No. 2 pencils and a calculator.



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