

College Planning Information

Spring is the time of year when seniors compare their college options, take their last campus tours, and make a final decision about where they will continue their education after graduating from Jesuit. Spring is also when most juniors are embarking on exploratory college visits, engaging in test prep, and taking college admission tests (SAT, ACT and/or SAT Subject Tests). We know that sophomores and freshman may also be exploring college options, as spring break is a popular time for families to take vacations and/or visit college campuses. The Counseling Department recognizes that many of these experiences have been delayed, cancelled, or rescheduled, which can be frustrating, disappointing, and stressful for students and families. Here is some important information about what to expect, and what we know right now, about important college planning related events & activities:

College Advisors are Available!

College Advisors are available to “meet” with juniors and seniors and are facilitating appointments via Google Hangouts Meet. This app was pushed to all students’ iPads on March 13. Mrs. Michelle Hoover, the Counseling Department’s assistant, is managing appointment requests and can be reached at mhoover@jesuitportland.org

- **Seniors** should contact Mrs. Hoover, to request an appointment or email their college advisor directly with questions.
- **Juniors** must complete the *College Planning Questionnaire* in Naviance Student in order to schedule an initial college advising appointment. The initial college advising appointment is a one-on-one meeting that allows the student and college advisor to get to know one another and have an honest & candid conversation about the student’s goals, interests, etc. Afterwards, students may email their college advisor with follow-up questions or contact Mrs. Hoover to request subsequent college advising appointments, including family appointments

Deposit Dates & Campus Visits

Colleges are responding to the public health crisis by adjusting deposit policies & deadlines and cancelling tours & visitation events. Thus, it is important for families to closely monitor colleges' admission websites and contact colleges directly with any questions or concerns.

As a service to students and families, the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) is providing an online tool as a central resource for information about changes in college admission events, deposit dates, and more as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. As of March 17th, more than 200 colleges have already provided their information. Utilize this resource at <https://www.nacacnet.org/college-admission-status-coronavirus>

SAT & ACT

Some SAT and ACT administrations have been cancelled or rescheduled. Therefore, students who registered for – or were planning to register for – spring administrations of the SAT, ACT, and/or SAT Subject Tests should visit the College Board (SAT & SAT Subject Tests) and ACT websites.

If your test has been cancelled/rescheduled (or your test center has closed), you'll be notified directly by the College Board or ACT, telling you **not** to go to your testing location. In some instances, test centers may need to close on short notice and you may not be directly notified. If you think your test center may be closed, please check your test center's website or local media for confirmation. Visit the following sites for information regarding closures:

- College Board: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/test-center-closings>
- ACT: www.act.org

As of March 17th:

- The May 2nd SAT has been canceled. Makeup exams scheduled for March 28th are also canceled. Registered students will receive refunds.
- The April 4th ACT has been rescheduled to June 13th. All students registered for the April 4th ACT will receive an email from ACT informing them of the postponement and instructions for free rescheduling to June 13th or a future national test date. Visit www.act.org for updates.

Cancelled Events

Unfortunately, local college fairs have been cancelled and will not be rescheduled. These include:

- April 26 - PNACAC Spring College Fair @ U. Portland
- April 27 - Case Studies Program @ St. Mary's Academy
- May 27 - Jesuit Excellence Tour College Fair @ Jesuit High School

On-campus college planning events that are cancelled include:

- April 8 - "College 101" PiP
- April 23 - PSAT 8/9, PreACT, Career Day
- April 28 - College Planning Meeting for Juniors (students only)