College Planning Information

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The Counseling Department recognizes that many of college visit & exploration experiences, along with college admission tests, have been delayed, cancelled, or rescheduled, which can be frustrating, disappointing, and stressful for students and families. Be in touch with your counselor at Jesuit and assigned college advisor if you have questions about anything related to college planning. You can reach your counselor or college advisor by email or by contacting the Counseling Center at 503-291-5411.

College Planning Courses in Canvas

The Counseling Department is routinely adding information & resources to the modules in the *College Planning – Class of 2021* and *College Planning – Class of 2022* courses in Canvas.

- College admission testing updates
- Virtual events and presentations
- College application information
- Teacher recommendation & transcript request instructions
- Info for student athletes
- …and more

College Admission Testing

If your SAT, SAT Subject Test, or ACT has been cancelled/rescheduled, you'll be notified directly by the College Board or ACT. 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 websites for information regarding test cancellations & test center closures, makeup test dates, new/additional test date announcements, and online test-at-home options (more details coming soon).

- **College Board** https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/test-center-closings
- **ACT** https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-day/rescheduled-test-centers.html

Most colleges in the U.S. – including the most highly selective colleges – adopted a temporary or permanent test optional policy as a response to limited SAT/ACT availability. Therefore, students will not be disadvantaged or penalized for the absence of a standardized test score at these colleges. Contact a college directly to inquire about the status of their testing polices, and refer to this resource, these webinars, and updated NCAA Eligibility information.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) stated, "Students who are unable to take the PSAT/NMSQT due to illness, emergency, or other extenuating circumstances (including school closures) should write to NMSC for further instructions following the missed test administration but no later than April 1, 2021. As in past years, *Alternate Entry procedures and materials will be finalized over the summer for distribution to students beginning in late October*."

Virtual College Visits for Jesuit Students

Jesuit traditionally hosted close to 200 college visits on campus in the fall. These provide Jesuit students the opportunity to learn more about colleges in a small group presentation setting and meet an admissions representative, most likely the admissions officer who is responsible for reading applications from Jesuit. Students and their peer classmates can ask questions about academics, admissions, student life, athletics & activities, and scholarships & financial aid.

This year, college visits are in a **virtual format and will be open to juniors & seniors**. Students can view the schedule of virtual college visits and register via Naviance Student. Students are encouraged to regularly check the schedule and add colleges of interest to their "Colleges I'm Thinking About" list in Naviance Student – by doing so, a notification email will be sent when a college schedules a visit. More info about virtual college visits can be found in the *College Planning* courses in Canvas.