

COLLEGE COUNSELING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

2023- 2024

Date	Event	Details	Audience
September – November	College Admission Counselors' Visits	Over 140 colleges visiting GA. Check Naviance for a list and sign up. College representatives register for visits throughout the fall, so check Naviance frequently. Attend sessions to demonstrate your interest in a college!	Juniors and Seniors
September 13	College Counseling Meeting for Parents and Guardians of Seniors	Presentation to Senior Parents and Guardians Honickman, 7:00pm	Senior Parents and Guardians
September 14	HBCU Admission Virtual Panel	College Conversation: HBCU Panel (Virtual) hosted by GFS with HBCU College Admission Representatives Date/Time: Thursday, September 14 - 6:30-7:30 p.m. Webinar Link: https://germantownfriends.zoom.us/j/87592365291?pwd=ejh1L0N5V2N4Zm50UTRWWHFQWWtMQT09 - Passcode: GFS2023	Juniors, Seniors and Parents/Guardians
September 15	Senior Opt-In Workshop	Tips on Completing the Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR) required by PSU, Pitt, Delaware, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and others. 1:30 pm – 2:05 pm, MCR	Seniors
September 26 & September 28	Parent/Guardian Orientations	Orientation for Parents & Guardians (led by Dr. MacKean, but College Counseling presents) Grades 9 and 10 – September 26, Honickman 8:30am Grades 11 and 12 – September 28, Honickman 8:30am	All Upper School Parents and Guardians
September 29	Senior Opt-In Workshop	“Why us?” Essay Workshop – How to write a compelling “why do you want to attend x college” essay. 1:30 pm – 2:05 pm, MCR	Seniors
September 26	Understanding the SCOTUS Decision Webinar	Webinar with College Admission Deans about the SCOTUS decision on identity and the college admissions process. 7:00pm. Webinar link will follow.	Seniors and Senior Parents and Guardians
September 30	International Admission Virtual Panel	College Conversation: International School Panel (Virtual) hosted by GFS with International Admission Representatives Date/Time: Saturday, September 30 - 12-1 p.m.	Juniors, Seniors and Parents/Guardians

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October 5	Opt-In Workshop	Topic to be determined. 1:30 pm – 2:05 pm, MCR	Seniors
October 6 – 9	College Application Weekend	College Application Weekend, no homework for the Class of 2024 due on October 10th	Seniors
October 11	SmartTrack College Funding Webinar	Funding college & what every parent needs to learn about paying less for college with SmartTrack College Funding Webinar, 7:00pm. Must register here: https://join.smarttrackcollegefunding.com/webinars/urByotek	All Upper School Parents and Guardians
October 14	Independent School Equity & Access Conference and College Fair	Westtown School, 12:30 pm – 7:00 pm, college fair 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Must register at: https://www.westtown.edu/upper-school/college-counseling/independent-school-equity-access-conference-and-college-fair/ . Transportation sign-up available in College Counseling for students needing a ride. Families may attend on their own.	Juniors, Seniors, and Parents/Guardians
October 17	Compass Prep New Digital SAT Webinar	Compass Prep Webinar on Standardized Tests & the New Digital SAT Webinar, 7:00pm.	Parents and Guardians, Grades 9-11
October 24	Financial Aid Overview Webinar	Christopher Gruber, Vice President and Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Davidson College, will provide an overview of financial aid, 7:00pm. Link to follow.	All Parents and Guardians, Grades 9-11
October 27	No School	Comment Writing Day – No School; work on applications or visit a college.	Seniors
October 27	Digital PSAT for Juniors or Practice ACT	PSAT on campus, or practice ACT at home through Compass Prep. Register by September 15 for PSAT here: https://campscui.active.com/orgs/GermantownAcademy?season=3375442 Will provide link to register for the ACT soon.	Juniors
November 2	Senior Love Day	Arts Center Parking Lot during Lunch and Flex – Enjoy games and cheesesteaks to celebrate the first major deadline in the college process.	Seniors
November 8	Coffee with College Counseling	All Upper School parents and guardians are invited to join the College Counseling team for an informal question and answer session. Parents' Room, 8:30am.	All Upper School Parents and Guardians

November 16	Intro to College Counseling & Understanding the Upper School	Presentation to 8 th and 9 th Grade Parents and Guardians Honickman, 7:00pm.	8 th and 9 th Grade Parents and Guardians
December 5	College Counseling Meeting for Parents and Guardians of Juniors	Presentation to Junior Parents and Guardians Honickman, 7:00pm.	Junior Parents and Guardians
January	FAFSA Completion Webinar	FAFSA Completion Night with PHEAA Webinar January TBD	Senior Parents and Guardians
January 4	Alumni Panel	Recent GA Alumni Panel Presentation Honickman, Community Time.	Juniors and Seniors
January 4	Alumni Panel	Recent GA Alumni Panel Presentation to all Upper School Parents and Guardians. Honickman, 7:00pm.	All Upper School Parents and Guardians
January 16	College Seminar Begins	College Seminar starts with second semester.	Juniors
February 1	Coffee with College Counseling	All Upper School parents and guardians are invited to join the College Counseling team for an informal question and answer session. Parents' Room, 6:00pm.	All Upper School Parents and Guardians
February 22	Case Studies Program	Mandatory for all juniors and strongly urged for parents. Admission deans evaluate applicants to fictitious college. Upper School classrooms, 7:00pm.	Juniors and Parent/Guardians
March	College Counselor Assignments	Sophomores are assigned college counselors in March.	Sophomores
March 1	Practice Digital PSAT for Sophomores	Offered by Compass Prep, free opportunity for sophomores to take the exam at home. Registration link to follow.	Sophomores

March 8	Majors and Career Exploration Sessions with young alumni	Upper School classrooms during community time.	All Upper School Students
March 13	College Counseling Meeting for Parents and Guardians of Sophomores	Presentation to Sophomore Parents and Guardians Honickman, 7:00pm	Sophomore Parents and Guardians
April 19	Practice Digital ACT for Sophomores	Offered by Compass Prep, free opportunity for sophomores to take the exam at home. Registration link to follow.	Sophomores
April 25	Coffee with College Counseling	All Upper School parents and guardians are invited to join the College Counseling team for an informal question and answer session. Honickman, 8:30 am.	All Upper School Parents and Guardians
May 23	Mock Interviews	Mock interviews with College Admission Counselors (sign up in College Counseling in May). Field House, Period H if free), Lunch or Flex	Juniors
May 23	College Fair	College Fair at GA Field House, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.	Sophomores, Juniors, and Parents/Guardians

GA's College Counseling Resources OneNote – all students and parents should familiarize themselves with the contents of the College Counseling Resources OneNote (access through Veracross by clicking on the College Counseling Office button in the right navigation bar). It contains information about campus visits, types of colleges, financial aid, standardized tests, and everything else you need to know about the college search and application processes.

Great College Visit Days for During the School Year

One goal for members of the Class of 2025 is to visit a variety of college campuses between now and January of their junior year so they are able to articulate to their college counselor what they want in a college by their January junior interview. Then, students may begin targeted visits. The following dates are weekdays when students do not have school, but colleges should be in session, making for great campus visit days:

- End of August (school does not begin until September 6) – many Southern colleges start school in August, so their campuses will be populated with students.
- September 25 (Yom Kippur – if not celebrating, a good visit day)
- October 6-9- Fall Break
- November 17 – No school. Caregiver Conferences with teachers
- November 27 – Monday after Thanksgiving. Teacher In-Service
- January 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 16 – 19 – President's Weekend
- **March 16 – 31 – Spring Break**

Standardized Test Guidance and Dates for 2023-24

Recommended Standardized Testing Timeline

Sophomore year

- In spring of the sophomore year, take practice ACT and SAT exams to determine your preferred test.
- Some students opt to prep for standardized tests over the summer between their sophomore and junior year; others do so during the academic year

Junior year

- In October, take the official PSAT or take a practice ACT through Compass Prep.
- Some students opt to prep in the months leading up to their first test.
- Take an official ACT or SAT in the early winter or by April at the latest.

Senior year

- Many students retake tests in August, September, and October of their senior year.

Registration for Standardized Tests

- SAT - register at www.collegeboard.org
- ACT - register at www.act.org
- You will need a credit card to register.
- Record your username and password. Never create an additional account if you are having trouble accessing your initial one. See your college counselor for help.

2023–24 School Year SAT Test Dates

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration
Aug 26, 2023	July 28, 2023	August 15, 2023
Oct 7, 2023	Sep 7, 2023 Register	Sep 26, 2023
Nov 4, 2023	Oct 5, 2023 Register	Oct 24, 2023
Dec 2, 2023	Nov 2, 2023 Register	Nov 21, 2023
Mar 9, 2024 (Digital)**	Feb 23, 2024	February 27, 2024
May 4, 2024 (Digital)**	Apr 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024 (Digital)**	May 16, 2024	May 21, 2024
<p>*Your registration options will be limited if you aren't taking the SAT for one of its main purposes. Registration for the spring 2024 test dates are subject to change.</p> <p>** Students taking the digital SAT who need to borrow a device from College Board will need to register and request their device earlier than the registration deadline—at least 30 days before test day.</p>		

Registration is not yet open for the digital SAT exams in the spring. We anticipate space to be very limited for these exams, so it will be vital to register as soon as registration opens.

2023-2024 ACT Test Dates (National)

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline. Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18	September 1

October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6	October 20
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	December 1
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	February 2
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	April 5
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024*	June 7	June 21	July 5

Test Information Release for the 2023-2024 testing year will occur in September, April, and June. See www.act.org/the-act/tir for more information.

Free Prep Options

For the SAT, KAHN Academy has partnered with the College Board to offer amazing free on-line prep. Students can link their PSAT results to receive targeted prep (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>).

For the ACT, ACT offers free personalized prep through ACT Academy (<https://academy.act.org>)

Local Tutors and Companies

The following list includes individuals and companies who provide SAT and ACT tutoring. These individuals are not endorsed by Germantown Academy; however, they have been identified by community members who have worked with them or know them. GA provides this list as a service to you!

Matt Joseph Test Prep
215-242-2408
www.mjtestprep.com
Located in Chestnut Hill

(610) 804-3740

C2 Education of Bluebell
610-222-6468
Blue.bell@c2educate.com
www.c2educate.com
_C2 Education of Doylestown
4383 W Swamp Rd
Doylestown, PA 18902
267.202.7120
doylestown@c2educate.com

A+ Tutoring
215-619-0333
Gwynedd Office
North Wales, PA 19454
<http://www.aplustutoring.com/>

Franklin Yard
<https://www.franklinyard.com/>
Tara Higgins
Program Consultant

Ginny Maine & Mandy Marion
Chestnut Hill Educational Services
215-203-2363

215-301-3101

cmmarion2@verizon.net
vmaine@verizon.net

Paul Brown
215-643-4686
paulbrown8@verizon.net

Premier College Prep
140 E. Butler Ave
Ambler, PA 19002
(215) 884-5789
<https://premiercollegeprep.com/>

Crowne Education
686 Dekalb Pike, Suite 202A
Blue Bell, PA 19422
Email: info@crownetutors.com
Phone: 484-684-7712

National Test Prep Companies

National companies offer classroom courses locally, small group tutoring, and individual tutoring.

Compass Test Prep – www.compassprep.com (online tutoring)

Kaplan Test Prep – www.kaptest.com

Revolution Prep – www.revolutionprep.com

Inspirica – www.inspirica.com

Princeton Review – www.princetonreview.com

Huntington Learning Center – www.huntingtonlearning.com

The AP Academy
1256 Welsh Road, Suite 100
North Wales, PA 19454
Phone: (215) 699-8734 / (215) 390-3084
<http://www.theapacademy.net/>

Premier College Prep
140 E. Butler Ave
Ambler, PA 19002
<https://premiercollegeprep.com/>

Y2Academy
1218 Welsh Rd. Suite # A3A
North Wales, PA 19454
215-412-9253