

COLLEGE COUNSELING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS 2024 - 2025

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 11	Meeting for Parents and Guardians of Seniors	Presentation to Senior Parents and Guardians Honickman, 7:00pm	Senior Parents and Guardians
September 12	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 27 & 30	Parent/Guardian Orientations	Orientation for Parents & Guardians (led by Mr. Samson, but College Counseling presents) Grades 9 and 10 – September 27, Honickman 8:30am Grades 11 and 12 – September 30, Honickman 8:30am	All Upper School Parents and Guardians
September 18	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 24	Senior Opt-In Workshop	Identity & Community Essay Workshop – How to write an authentic essay about yourself and the community (communities) in which you belong. 1:30 – 2:05 pm, MCR	Seniors
October 4 – 7	College Application Weekend	College Application Weekend, no homework for the Class of 2025 due on October 8 th	Seniors
October 15	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: Will provide the link in the fall	All Upper School Parents

October 15	PSAT Registration	Juniors meet with College Counseling during Community Time to complete pre-test registration information.	Juniors
October 16	Senior Opt-In Workshop	Tips on how to best represent yourself before, during and after a College Interview, 1:30 – 2:05 pm, MCR	Seniors
October 17	Digital PSAT for Juniors or Practice ACT	PSAT on campus, or practice ACT at home through Compass Prep. Register by September 27 for PSAT here: https://campscui.active.com/orgs/GermantownAcademy Register for the Practice ACT through Compass Prep here: https://www.compassprep.com/schools/germantown-academy/	Juniors
November 1	No School	Comment Writing Day – No School; work on applications or visit a college.	Seniors
November 4	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
October 30	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 12	Athletic Recruitment Workshop	Athletic Recruitment Workshop – Presented by GA Athletics and College Counseling	9 th , 10 th and 11 th Grade students and families
November 19	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	Meeting for Parents and Guardians of Juniors	Presentation to Junior Parents and Guardians Honickman, 7:00pm.	Junior Parents and Guardians
December 10	Senior Opt-In Workshop	How to pay for College: information about the FAFSA, CSS Profile, scholarships, etc. 1:30 – 2:05 pm, MCR	Seniors

December 18	Presentation for 9 th Grade	Alumni Panel for 9 th Grade on Making the Most of Your Time at GA Community Time	9 th Grade
January 8	Senior Opt-In Workshop	Negotiating Deferral and Waitlist offers from Colleges, 1:30 – 2:05pm, MCR	Seniors
January 9	Alumni Panel	Recent GA Alumni Panel Presentation Arts Center, Community Time	Juniors and Seniors
January 9	Alumni Panel	Recent GA Alumni Panel Presentation to all Upper School Parents and Guardians. Honickman, 7:00pm.	All Upper School Parents and Guardians
January 21	College Seminar Begins	College Seminar starts with second semester.	Juniors
February 4	Case Studies Program Preparation	Juniors meet with the College Counseling Team to prepare for Case Studies Night (Feb 20 th). Community Time	Juniors
February 5	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 20	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 13	Meeting for Parents and Guardians of Sophomores	Presentation to Sophomore Parents and Guardians Honickman, 7:00pm	Sophomore Parents and Guardians

April 12	Practice PSAT or Practice ACT for Sophomores	Offered by Compass Prep, free opportunity for sophomores to take the exam at home. Registration link to follow.	Sophomores
April 24	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
April 25	Practice PSAT or Practice ACT for Sophomores	Offered by Compass Prep, free opportunity for sophomores to take the exam at home. Registration link to follow.	Sophomores
May 22	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 22	College Fair	College Fair at GA Field House & Annex, 6:30 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 4) – many Southern colleges start school in August, so their campuses will be populated with students.

- October 4-7 - Fall Break
- November 22 – No school. Caregiver Conferences with teachers
- December 2 – Monday after Thanksgiving. Teacher In-Service
- January 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 14 – 17 – President’s Weekend
- **March 15 – 30 – Spring Break**

Standardized Test Guidance and Dates for 2024-25

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.

2024–25 School Year SAT Test Dates

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
August 24, 2024	August 9, 2024 Register	August 13, 2024
October 5, 2024	Sept 20, 2024 Register	Sep 24, 2024
November 2, 2024	Oct 18, 2024 Register	Oct 22, 2024
December 7, 2024	Nov 22, 2024 Register	Nov 26, 2024
March 8, 2025	Feb 21, 2025 Register	Feb 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025 Register	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025 Register	May 27, 2025
<p>*Students 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> <p>**Late registration is available worldwide. Additional fees apply.</p>		

2024-2025 ACT Test Dates (National)

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline. Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9	August 25	September 6
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7	October 18
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22	December 6
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20	January 31
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16	March 28
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26	June 6
July 12, 2025*	June 6	June 20	July 4

*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.

Test Information Release for the 2024-2025 testing year will occur in September, December, and February. 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

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
(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

Ginny Maine & Mandy Marion
Chestnut Hill Educational Services
215-203-2363
215-301-3101
cmmarion2@verizon.net
vmaine@verizon.net

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

Paul Brown
215-643-4686
[paulbrown8@verizon.net/](mailto: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

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

Revolution Prep – www.revolutionprep.com

Inspirica – www.inspirica.com

Princeton Review – www.princetonreview.com

Huntington Learning Center – www.huntingtonlearning.com