

COVID-19 Updates for Juniors and Their Families



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BCHS College Corner

The latest information about the college transition process for the class of 2021.



April 24, 2020

Hi Juniors and Families,

Welcome back to this week's updates. Please continue to work on your college checklist. Please reach out to me or your counselor with any questions or concerns. I am available via email (atarin@bourgadecatholic.org) to set up an appointment about the college process. We hope you are settling into your quarantine life as best you can and staying safe/healthy. (Don't have time to read? Summary of newsletter [here](#).)

Blessings,

Ms. Tarin

P.S. In case you missed last week's newsletter, read it [here](#).

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THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES



Updates for SAT Testing

by [Abigail Tarin](#) last edits on April 27

I attended a recent webinar with the College Board updates about future testing. Here is a summary of the emphasis for the Class of 2021:

- **The June test date has been canceled.**
- New Fall Test Dates:
 - Aug. 29, **Sept 26***, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5
 - Students can register for these administrations starting in May. The College Board will contact students directly during the week of May 26 to provide an exact date.
 - Eligible students can register with a fee waiver.
 - Students can get **early access** to register for August, September, and October if they're:
 - Already registered for June
 - In the high school class of 2021 and don't have SAT scores ("first-time" testers)
 - In the unlikelyhood that schools do not reopen in August, a digital (online) SAT test will be offered.
- Prepare for SAT using Khan Academy, [here](#).

Questions? Visit the [College Board website](#) for more information.

[A college admissions dean writes open letter to panicked high school juniors](#)

The Washington Post – April 20, 2020

Of particular concern to many is how they will navigate the college admissions process. Juniors are facing canceled SAT and ACT test administrations; online Advanced Placement tests; grading systems that have changed, often to pass-fail; new family financial pressures and much more.

Virtual College Fair Extended: April 20-May 8

Strive Virtual College Exploration Program will continue for two more weeks! The dates are now: **Monday, April 20 - Friday, May 8, 2020**. The Strive Virtual College Exploration Week has received

more than 30,000 student registrations for the 96 different panel presentations during the initial week, April 20-23. More than 300 different colleges and universities from



44 states and 10 countries are participating and sharing their expertise with students.

Now offering:

- Individual virtual college information sessions
 - 45-minute presentations
 - Colleges speak specifically about their institutions, connect with students, and answer questions live.

Schedule:

- Monday, April 27 - Friday, May 8, Individual college info sessions. Be on the lookout. As registration becomes available, I will update you.

[SIGN UP FOR THE VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIR HERE](#)

In-State School Opportunities

ASU - Attend a Live-hosted virtual Experience ASU. Register [here](#). Contact your admissions counselor, [Lindsay Luzania](#), with questions.

GCU - Schedule a GCU Live Tour [here](#). Contact [Nichole Jacobson](#) for more information.

NAU - The next Discover NAU is April 24th. Sign up [here](#). Your NAU contact is [Abby Tudor](#).

UofA - Attend a [virtual visit](#) and contact your admissions recruiter, [Brandon Hardy](#).

Maricopa Community Colleges - Visit this [site](#) for more information.

Other things juniors should be doing...

- See the junior college planning list [here](#) and here's [one specifically for Coronavirus](#).
 - Here are a couple webinars: Register [here](#).
 - Wednesday, April 29 at 4pm Planting Seeds for College Applications and College Essays
- Update or register for:
 - [Naviance](#) account
 - [Raise.me](#) account
 - College Board account
 - [Opportunity Scholarships](#) - 6 steps (smaller scholarships) to a \$40,000 scholarship
 - [BigFuture](#) - College Search
 - [Khan Academy](#) - SAT test prep and learning supplements

Hopefully by now, these things are not unfamiliar to you. Work a little bit each day and before you know it, you'll be a pro. Please [reach out](#) if you have questions about any of this.

Action Steps 1-8

1. Stay strong in learning from home and working towards the end of the school year. Only 4 weeks to go!
2. Review the [College Planning List for Juniors](#). Register for a [college prep webinar](#).
3. Update your college lists on [Naviance](#), [BigFuture](#), and [Raise.me](#).
4. Prepare for **SAT** and **ACT** by [practicing](#) and signing up for future exams (SAT test registration will open at the end of May—priority given to “first time” test takers or those who previously registered for the June date).

5. Go on virtual college visits and “attend” the EXTENDED [Strive virtual college fair](#) or [NAVIGATE 2020](#).
6. Sign up for [College Board Opportunity Scholarships](#).
7. For those taking AP classes, prepare for AP exams and use the [YouTube help](#).
8. Questions? Email [Ms. Tarin or your counselor](#) for questions or an appointment.

[Further Resources and Articles](#)



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