



Friar Facts – September 7, 2017—Guidance and Learning Center

COLLEGE NIGHT

Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Jesuit Prep School

12345 Inwood Road, Dallas

(972) 387-8700

To sign up, go to the following link, and search for “Catholic High School College Fair”:

<https://www.gotocollegefairs.com/Registration/EventSelectForState?StateName=Texas>

- ◇ **Bring labels with your name and address to leave with college reps**
 - ◇ **Receive college information hand-outs/catalogs**
 - ◇ **Meet with college representatives**
 - ◇ **Learn about college admissions procedure**
 - ◇ **Scholarship/financial aid information and guidelines**
- ◇ **Pick up applications and learn about hundreds of colleges**
 - ◇ **All seniors, juniors, and parents are welcome**
- ◇ **Dress to impress... ties for the guys, skirts, dresses or slacks for the ladies--**
 - ◇ **No jeans, hats, shorts, short skirts**

Progress Reports and Report Cards

The Progress Report is a snapshot of grades at the end of the day on Monday, Sept. 11. Progress Reports are not mailed home. To view the Progress Report, log in to FriarNet on the BL home page. (If you do not know your FriarNet login/password, email FriarNet@bishoplynch.org.) Once logged in, click FriarNet Classroom, then click the grades tab. The Progress Report is listed under “Report Card” and will remain there until replaced by the 1st Quarter Report Card.

Ineligibility for sports activities is NOT determined by this first Progress Report. Rather, ineligibility will be determined by the 1st Quarter Report Card. Quarter 1 ends on October 6, and Report Cards will be mailed home several days later.

Sophomore/Junior Parent Guidance Program

Wednesday, October 4, 6:00-7:00 pm – BL Theater

Followed by Naviance Training for Junior Parents

7:00-8:00 pm --Library

- Importance of sophomore/junior years
- Preparing for college
- Getting organized
- College exploration



- College admissions rep visits at BL
- Naviance Family Connection—what is it?
- The SAT and ACT
- Resumes
- Dual enrollment information

Free PSAT Practice Test Opportunity for Sophomores & Juniors

Are you ready to take your PSAT test on this year's National Testing Day, Wednesday, October 11? The PSAT is a test that will help you prepare for taking the actual SAT, and is the qualifying test for juniors to establish eligibility for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition. To help you prepare for this test, we will be offering a free PSAT Practice Test on Saturday, September 16 at 10:00 AM in the Bistro for all BL sophomores and juniors. Please use the following link to register for this free practice test: http://kaplan.formstack.com/forms/blhs_psat

PSAT Test Prep Course Offering for Sophomores & Juniors

In addition to the free PSAT Practice Test on September 16, we are also offering a tuition-based PSAT Preparation Course tailored specifically for any sophomore or junior with strong academic standing who would like to pursue consideration for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition. We are able to offer this PSAT Test Prep Course at the BL campus through our partnership with Kaplan. The course will be conducted on two Saturdays and three Sundays in September and October just prior to the October 11 National Testing Day.

The tuition for this 16-hour course breaks down to just over \$30 per hour, which is less than half of what you would pay for private tutoring. Additionally, the college admissions and scholarship offers that you might receive as the result of your PSAT/SAT test scores could make this a very worthwhile investment of your time and money. Please click on the following link and take a look at the Kaplan flyer for course details (and make sure to use the Kaplan free promo code in the upper right-hand corner to receive the special course price along with free student access to Kaplan's online SAT and ACT test prep): <http://kaplanatschool.com/bishoplynch>

ATTN: Junior and Senior Students and Parents—SAT and ACT Prep

Helen Witt is continuing to offer test prep classes for juniors and seniors to prepare for the October, November, and December ACT and SAT test dates on campus at Bishop Lynch. Please visit <http://bltestprep.com> register your junior or senior. **Payment is due upon registration.**

Spring prep schedules will be out soon, but please note that the next SAT class will not be until April (to prepare for the May test). If your junior or senior student is interested in the SAT, Ms. Witt recommends beginning preparations this fall. If you are unsure which test will be best, then consider the Combo class for the December test dates.



Three class types are being offered:

- ACT only (\$249, 16 hours), offered for the October 28th test
- SAT only (\$219, 12 hours), offered for the October 7th and November 4th tests
- ACT/SAT combo (\$199, 10 hours) offered for the December 2nd (SAT) and 9th (ACT) tests only

Tentative schedules and class descriptions for each class are posted on the website. Each class must have at least 12 juniors or seniors to make. If the class you selected doesn't make, a refund will be issued, or you may opt to register for another class. In the event of a change of plans, you may request a refund up to three weeks before the start of class, or you may apply your funds to another class up to one week before the start of your selected course.

Please note the refund window for the October 7th SAT class has passed, and **registration for this class ends September 9th**. This class begins September 16th.

Please direct all questions to helenperrywitt@gmail.com

College Rep Visits at BL

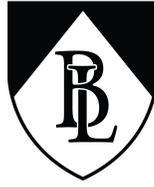
Seniors and juniors, don't forget that **college recruiters love BL students** and that we will have literally scores of them on campus starting the first week of September and lasting all the way through the end of April, 2018. So, be sure to **check your Naviance Family Connection account weekly**, and click on the "Colleges" tab to see which of your colleges are scheduled to visit BL, and sign up to meet with them when they are on campus. Remember, when you "**demonstrate interest**" by making contact with a college admissions representative, it can play a significant role in the consideration of your application to that college.

SAT and ACT at BL

Juniors and seniors, please be mindful of upcoming SAT and ACT testing dates. To sign up for an SAT, go to <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register>. To sign up for the ACT, go to <http://www.act.org>. Links to the ACT and SAT can be found on Naviance Family Connection. A flyer of all testing dates for the 2017-2018 school year is available in the Guidance Office. The Bishop Lynch School Code needed for registration is 441-718.

ACT Accommodations

Students who have never previously applied for accommodations for the ACT must contact Mrs. Hublein in the Learning Center before the registration deadline.



Accommodations Plans For Students With Documented Disabilities

BL offers a limited number of accommodations to students with appropriate documentation. In order to meet the criteria of Bishop Lynch's, College Board's and ACT's extended time testing policies, medical notes from a personal physician in the case of both learning disabilities and ADD/ADHD are inadequate; a *complete psycho-educational evaluation is required*, with both cognitive and achievement testing. Documentation requesting accommodations at BL must meet the following stated criteria used by the College Board:

1. State the specific disability, as diagnosed.
2. Be current (less than three years old).
3. Provide relevant educational, developmental, and medical history.
4. Describe the comprehensive testing and techniques used to arrive at the diagnosis of the disability (including evaluation date(s) and test results with subtest scores from measures of cognitive ability, current academic achievement and information processing.
5. Describe the functional limitations supported by the test results.
6. Describe the specific accommodations requested and state why the disability qualifies the student for such accommodations.
7. Establish the professional credentials of the evaluator, including information about license or certification and area of specialization.

If your student has a documented learning difference, meets the documentation criteria, and would like to write an Accommodations Plan for the 2017-2018 school year, please send two copies of the documentation by mail to the attention of Jan Hublein in the Learning Center, even if you have already previously submitted the evaluation to Admissions. Or, you may email the documentation to Mrs. Hublein as an attachment. She is contacting parents for appointments with you and your student beginning late July/early August. Please feel free to call or email: 214-324-3607 x 4132 or jan.hublein@bishopolynch.org.