

## COLLEGE REP VISITS

Each year, over 140 admission office representatives from colleges and universities across the nation visit John Burroughs. This year some will visit in person and some will continue making virtual visits. Whatever the form, these visits offer a remarkable opportunity for seniors and juniors to hear about a particular college and to ask specific questions of the college representative.

Since the majority of these visits occur between mid-September and mid-November, students can often use these visits to make more informed decisions about their college choices. Following a general session with students (usually about 30-40 minutes), college counselors often have an opportunity to talk with the representative about our candidates for admission.

The schedule for all visits will be available through Cialfo so students will easily be able to register ahead of time.

### *Virtual Visits (before school)*

- College visits from schools visiting us virtually will be held before school from 7:50-8:20am in Conference Room #1 off the Commons.

### *In-Person Campus Visits (during the school day)*

- Seniors may be excused from class by teachers when the student makes prior arrangements regarding the work to be missed. Seniors are not excused from tests, etc. (Individual teachers may establish rules about the timing of arrangements, about the number of allowed absences for this purpose, and about making up missed work.)
- If, due to a conflict, test, etc., students cannot remain for the entire session or must come late, they should present themselves to the representative at the beginning or end of the visit and explain.
- Sophomores and juniors may attend only during a free period. Sophomores and juniors should be learning about the college scene—learning about the differences among schools, hearing examples of questions to ask, exploring and considering all possibilities—rather than focusing on a few schools, so any presentation can be helpful.

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Students who visit colleges on school days are excused if they have submitted a completed permission form **at least three school days before the trip begins**. Sophomores are encouraged to use breaks in second semester or the summer to visit a few colleges. It's recommended that juniors take no more than two days for college visiting during the school year; for seniors, it's recommended that they take no more than three days of school for college visiting. As much as possible it's helpful when students use three-day weekends to minimize the number of school days they must miss.

The permission form ("green slip") is available from the Principal of Grades 11 and 12. Its timely use assures planning between the student and the college counselor about the trip and between the student and teachers about coursework.

**NOTE:** Any student who thinks they might play a sport at a Division I, IAA, or II college or university should sign up for the NCAA Clearinghouse by March of their junior year. Contact Dr. Nicholas with questions.