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ACT/SAT

- *Next ACT Test date is October 25. The last day to register is September 19. Late registration is September 20-October 3 (The test is on our campus).*
- *Next SAT Test date is October 4. The last day to register is September 9. Late registration is September 10-16 (This test is on our campus).*
- *Students can pick up registration and preparation packets in the career center of the guidance office or they can register online at: ACT www.actstudent.org SAT www.collegeboard.com. Students who qualify for free and reduced lunches can obtain a registration fee waiver-see Mr. Lewis.*

College Entrance Exams Information and Tips

When should students take the SAT or ACT?

Students should start taking the SAT at the end of the junior year. It is also a good idea to take the ACT. The ACT is more curriculum-based while the SAT is more a measure of reasoning ability. Most universities will accept both and students may perform better on one than the other.

Should scores be sent to colleges of interest?

When SAT or ACT scores are sent to a university, the school will see every attempt made by a student. For this reason, it is recommended that students always choose to send scores to four colleges for free. Remember, they will see the scores at some point anyway. If students choose not to send scores to a university, it will slow down the application process and there will be a card to send the scores. Remember the universities want students to do well. Many will look at the highest scores, even if the two highest scores are from two different test dates.

How can students prepare for the SAT or ACT?

Thorough preparation takes approximately 40 hours. Students should visit www.collegeboard.com everyday and answer the SAT questions of the day. There are also practice tests. Barrons, Kaplan, Princeton Review, and Sylvan all publish CD ROM study materials. Some companies offer SAT preparation classes, but parents and students should give careful thought before signing up and paying for these classes since there are a lot of other free resources for test preparation.

ASVAB Test September 17, 2008

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test will be given on Wednesday, September 17, beginning at 9:15 A.M in the main gym. The test is free for the first 600 juniors/seniors that show up. The test provides students with ideas for careers that they may be interested in pursuing as well as indicating how successful a student will be in those careers. Each student's test results are cross-referenced to over 400 jobs/career fields recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor so it gives them insight into college majors and career fields they might have never considered. Some students taking this "free" test will use their scores to qualify for admission to the Armed Services, however, taking the test does NOT obligate you in ANY manner. The ASVAB is an outstanding preparation for AIMS and college admission testing, such as the ACT and SAT.

Perfect Attendance

Students with perfect attendance and no tardies (no absences except school related) who are enrolled in regular or basic classes and are earning a grade of "C" or better will be exempt from final exams. Students enrolled in Pre AP/ Advance Placement coursework will still be required to take final exams regardless of their attendance record. These are the only absences from class that will not count against perfect attendance:

- S - School related
- O - Office