



Junior Class Newsletter

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HELP!!! The ACT/SAT Dilemma

A couple of things can influence whether to take the ACT or SAT. The ACT is divided up into 4 sections: English (45 minutes)/Math (60 minutes)/Reading (35 minutes) /Science Reasoning (35 minutes). The SAT is divided up into a Verbal (Reading and Language Score) and a Math score. Both the ACT/SAT have a writing component. The SAT's writing component is not optional. If you take the SAT, you have to take the writing component. The ACT's writing component is optional. Most area schools are not requiring the writing component for admission purposes. However, there are some universities that do require this. You should check on each school's websites to determine if the writing component is optional for you. There are more sections to the SAT but both tests require about 3-3 1/2 hours of time to take. The ACT does not penalize for guessing. It is to your advantage to answer every question even if you have to guess. One point is given on the SAT for every correct answer. The SAT will also penalize a quarter point for every wrong answer that has five choices and 1/3 of a point for a wrong answer with four choices. Nothing is deducted for unanswered questions on the SAT. If you can eliminate any of the choices, it is still to your advantage to guess at an answer.

I suggest that you take a practice packet home with you when you pick up the ACT/SAT registration bulletins. Take the time to do the practice tests either from this hard copy or online. The registration bulletins offer helpful suggested strategies for having a successful ACT/SAT administration. Going into either exam unprepared can cause lower scores than you are expecting. You can take either exam more than once but I suggest a maximum of three times for each exam. After that, you probably will not do much better. Many Colleges do accept the best of both administrations, so if your Math score was better the first time you took the exam, they will use that score for admissions. Not every college will allow the best of each exam. Check their website or contact their Admissions office to clarify.

If you need a packet to register for either exam, come by the Counseling Office. The packets are outside the Counselors' offices.

PSAT/SAT—PLAN/CAMBRIDGE ACT/ACT

Some of the Junior Class has just received their PSAT scores back from the October administration. Others have gotten back their practice Cambridge ACT scores. The PSAT was designed to prepare students to take the SAT which is one of the entrance exams to attend college. In most cases, it is just a tool for the student in their preparations for the SAT. In other cases, it is part of the determining factors for the National Merit Scholarship Program or Governor's Scholarship Program. The Cambridge ACT is also a practice test for the standardized ACT, the admission test for college.

It may be helpful to look at your PSAT scores and compare them to your PLAN or practice ACT scores. (I have these scores in your permanent record if you would like to see these.) You took the PLAN as a sophomore and possibly the ACT in October or December, 2008 and the practice ACT in October. The PLAN is the practice test for the ACT. Whichever scores are better, the PLAN/ACT or the PSAT, it may be a good indicator of which college entrance test you may be more successful. You can always take both the ACT/SAT. Most colleges accept either for admission. However, check the admission policy at the school you are interested to make sure which test you need to take.

These PSAT scores will not be a factor as to whether you will be admitted into the college of your choice. The ACT/SAT scores and your Grade Point Average are two of the important measures colleges use for admittance.

If you have any questions about your PSAT/ACT scores, please feel free to come by Counseling.



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Make an educated decision in taking the ACT/SAT college entrance exams.

Scholarship Websites

There are many websites available for scholarship services and many publications available.

I suggest the following as a starting point:

www.cashe.com

www.fastweb.com (Brochures in Counseling Office)

www.salliemae.com

www.kheaa.com

These are all from The College Board and available in most book stores.

**[College Handbook](#)

**[Index of Majors & Graduate Degrees](#)

**[College Costs and Financial Aid Handbook](#)

**[Scholarship Handbook](#)

Available in bookstores:

**[Peterson's Guide to Four Year Colleges](#)

**[Peterson's Guide to Competitive Colleges](#)



Scholarship Money!!!
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Pre-Advising for Senior Classes

If you have not signed up for a scheduled advising appointment with Ms. Wardrip, please see her ASAP. There are courses that everyone will be taking, i.e. English and Theology. Some students will need an additional foreign language and others may need Government and Economics in order to fulfill the pre-college curriculum or graduation requirements. This appointment is very important to make sure you are enrolled in senior classes needed for graduation and electives that will help you in your college major area. Materials for registration will be given out to you soon.

Important Upcoming Dates:

February 6	ACT at Pres
February 12	Winter Break—No Classes
**February 24	Conferences—4:30-7pm
	Junior Parent Night—7:00PM Parents and Students are strongly encouraged to attend— Discussion of College/University Admissions, Financial Aid, Scholarships etc. Should last about an hour—in the Chorus Room
February 25-26	Junior Retreat
February 28	Mother/Daughter Brunch
March 5	Scheduling Day
March 9	Quarter 3 Ends



Check Your Calendars!!!

Quote of the Month

“Make today the day you start focusing on what you HAVE! The more you recognize it, the more you will WANT it -and the deeper your contentment will grow”.

www.meditationsforwomen.com/daily.html

“True happiness is wanting what you have not having what you want”.

Meditations for Women

**REMINDER: ARE YOU SCHEDULED TO TAKE THE ACT/SAT YET???? MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!!!!
REGISTRATION PACKETS AND WEBSITES IN THE COUNSELING OFFICE!!!!**

ACT/SAT Preparation Classes in the Area

Educational Resources—426-8002
KAPLAN - 1-800-KAP-TEST



Jump at opportunity to improve your scores.

Congratulations to the Governor's Scholars Program Candidates—2010

*Laine Anderson
*Marina Bowman
*Candice Gott
*Candice McKune
*Elizabeth Meurer
*Margaret Senn



These are students who will represent Presentation Academy on the District Level. Good Luck to all the candidates in the next level of competition.

Bobbie Householder Scholarship



Mr. Gary Householder began the Bobbie Householder Scholarship in memory of his mother. She was a civic leader and a dedicated community volunteer in Tennessee. This \$1000 scholarship is given to a current junior. Mr. Householder wants the recipient of this award to emulate the dedication and leadership qualities of his mother.

Applications are available in the counseling office. You have received a flyer in your theology classes. This is a wonderful opportunity for students who exhibit these admirable qualities to receive financial help for their senior year here at Presentation Academy. Consider looking into this scholarship.

Louisville Junior Miss Scholarship Program

This is a scholarship program for young women. Participants earn cash scholarships and college scholarships. Participants will be judged in an interview, scholastic achievement, self-expression, fitness and a 90-second talent presentation. This is not a beauty pageant. Please see Mrs. Wardrip for an application and important information.