

# YOUR GUIDE TO SURVIVING JUNIOR YEAR!

## PSATS, SATS, SAT SUBJECT TESTS, ACTS!!?!?!?!?



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## THE DREADED SATS, SAT SUBJECT TESTS & ACTS

We all know how incredibly important SATS are and for those of you who don't know, your score on this test may weigh heavily on which college you can get into.

⇒ Make sure to organize your time. If you are taking any AP classes, you probably shouldn't take your SATS in May because the AP test is also in May. Try not to overwhelm yourself.

⇒ Courses are offered at Francis Lewis H.S, Kaplan & Princeton review. Check out their websites for more information.

⇒ It is recommended to only take the SATS twice.

⇒ It costs \$49 to register for your SATS. Late registration costs \$75.

### Available Test Dates:

<u>Dates Available:</u>	<u>Register By:</u>
Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>
Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Dec. 30 <sup>th</sup>
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	April 6 <sup>th</sup>
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May 8 <sup>th</sup>

## JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT COULDN'T GET ANY WORSE...

### SAT SUBJECT TESTS & ACTS

Did you know that most top colleges now require scores from at least **2 SAT subject tests**?

⇒ For those of you that don't know, SAT subject tests are basically a 1 hr long exam ranging from 50- 100 multiple choice questions about 1 specific subject. It is recommended that if you are taking an AP class; take the SAT subject test for that subject.

⇒ For more information, go to [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

⇒ To learn about the differences between the SATS & ACTS go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Let's not forget that colleges not only look at your SATS, ACTS & SAT SUBJECT TESTS scores but also at your overall average & your class averages. There is NO room for error so, for your own good, stay focused, seek guidance & do your ABSOLUTE BEST this year.

## HO-HO-HOLD UP, CHECK IT OUT

\*If you thought being book smart was the only thing colleges looked at, you're in for a BIG surprise.

-> Colleges want to know that throughout your 4 years of High School, you didn't just concentrate on academics.

-> Join CLUBS & TEAMS. Be involved in your school's activities!

-> VOLUNTEER! Colleges LOVE seeing community service hours on your application.

### Join Arista!

⇒ Your overall average must be over 90.

⇒ In order to do that, you must be recommended by your guidance counselor or one of your teachers.

⇒ Arista suggests about 200 hrs of volunteer work.

You can volunteer at a:

- Senior Home
- Animal Shelter
- Hospital
- Day Care
- Red Cross
- YMCA
- After School Programs and so much more!

Remember to go to your guidance counselor to put these community service hours in your file! Make sure to get a letter from the place you volunteered at that states how many hours you did. You can also go to the S.O office (Room 158) and ask for the BLUE sheet. You must be an S.O member in order to receive credit for community service.

## STEPS FOR SUCCESS!

1. Create an account with College Board at **collegeboard.org** to be able to sign up for the SATS & SAT SUBJECT TESTS.
2. SIGN UP FOR SAT COURSES. If you cannot afford courses or a tutor, go to Barnes & Nobles and start cracking those SAT review books!
3. Try your best, don't worry about getting the 2400/2400, most people can't do that; just focus on reaching your highest potential.
4. Figure out what you want. Read up and research colleges you may be interested in applying to.

Remember the harder you work, the greater the reward.



## GRADUATES OF 2013, YOU GOT THIS.

After reading this pamphlet you're probably having a mini heart attack.

Good; that was kind of the point.

Realize how much work you have to do this year.

- DON'T SLACK OFF.
- TURN OFF THE TELEVISION.
- TELL YOUR FRIENDS **NO!** YOUR FUTURE IS A LOT MORE IMPORTANT THAN HANGING OUT.
- MAKE SURE TO TALK TO YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR.
- TALK TO YOUR PARENTS! INVOLVE THEM IN YOUR DECISION MAKING.
  - JOIN CLUBS & AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. COLLEGES WANT TO SEE THAT YOU DIDN'T JUST STUDY ALL 4 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL
- TAKE COMFORT IN THE FACT THAT YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

GOOD LUCK JUNIORS! REMEMBER, YOU'VE GOT THIS.



