



# Tuscola High School Junior Newsletter

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## SAT Rescheduled

Please be aware due to inclement weather and the no school day on Tuesday, October 30th, the SAT that had been scheduled for November 3rd has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 17th, here at THS.

You should be receiving emails from College Board with information on the retest date.

If you have questions please notify College Board at:  
<http://sat.collegeboard.org/home> or 866-630-9305

## Your Counselors

### Kari Francoeur

Last names that begin with A through G

### Joy Sollie

Last names that begin with H through O

### Julia Plott

Last names that begin with P through Z

## ACT VS. SAT

It is often debated over which test to take, SAT or ACT. What is the difference between the SAT and the ACT? Both the SAT and ACT are nationally administered standardized tests that help colleges evaluate candidates. Most colleges and universities accept either test. So, which test should students take? One should weigh options, and keep in mind there are differences in test structure and the type of content assessed. The chart below shows which test makes the most of a student's strengths to help determine which test might be most advantageous.

	ACT	SAT
Length	3 hours, 25 minutes (Including Optional 20 minute writing section)	3 hours, 45 minutes
Sections	4 Sections: English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing (Optional)	10 sections: 3 Critical Reading, 3 Math, 3 Writing, 1 Experimental
Science	Science (analysis, interpretation, evaluation, basic content, and problem solving)	Science not included
Math	Math accounts for 1/4 of overall score (Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and trigonometry)	Math accounts for 1/3 of overall score (Arithmetic, geometry, algebra, and algebra II)
Essay	Last thing you do (optional); 30 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not included in composite score</li> <li>Topic of importance to students</li> <li>Address counterarguments</li> </ul>	First thing you do; 25 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Factored into overall score</li> <li>More abstract topic (vs. ACT)</li> <li>Pick a side and stick to it</li> </ul>
Scoring	Total composite score of 1-36 (based on average of 4 tests) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 scores of 1-36 for each test</li> <li>Score of 0-12 for the optional essay</li> </ul>	Total score out of 2400 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 scores of 200-800 for each section</li> <li>Score of 0-12 for the Essay</li> </ul>
Wrong Answer Penalty	No wrong score penalty	1/4 point subtracted per wrong answer (except for Math Grid-in questions)

For more information visit [www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com)



## MILITARY INFORMATION



### **Army:**

Joseph Crystaloski  
1-877-283-4751

### **Marines:**

Christopher Lowe  
1-828-253-2855

### **Navy:**

Nicholas Lund  
1-828-586-2715

### **Air Force:**

Travis Stagnoloa  
1-828-586-2930



## COLLEGE BOUND ATHLETES

### STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING SPORTS IN COLLEGE MUST REGISTER WITH NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE.

- WHAT IS THE NCAA? THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SERVES AS THE ATHLETICS GOVERNING BODY FOR MORE THAN 1,280 COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, CONFERENCES, AND ORGANIZATIONS.
- WHAT IS THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER? THIS WILL CERTIFY THE ACADEMIC AND AMATEUR CREDENTIALS OF ALL COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT ATHLETES WHO WISH TO COMPETE IN NCAA DIVISION I OR II ATHLETICS.
- HOW DO I REGISTER? VISIT [WWW.NCAACLEARINGHOUSE.NET](http://WWW.NCAACLEARINGHOUSE.NET).

## Elon University

### Application for Junior Elon Scholars



Elon University recognizes North Carolina high school juniors for superior academic achievement and exceptional involvement in areas that are highly valued as part of Elon Education.

**Requirements:** An A average, 1900 or higher on SAT, or a score of 29 or higher on the ACT.

**Deadline:** Completed application and materials **MUST be postmarked by February 10th, 2013.**

**Award:** Recognition in your high school and community, early notification of admission decision at Elon, Presidential Scholarship valued at \$18,000 over 4 years at Elon.

IF INTERESTED come to counseling office

## College Planning Glossary

- ⇒ **Admissions Counselor**—This is an admissions staff member whose goal is to recruit the best high school students in his or her territory and who can become your advocate in the admission process.
- ⇒ **Application Fee**—Most colleges charge a non-refundable application fee for applying –averaging about \$25—but some can go as high as \$60.
- ⇒ **Campus Visit**—If you are a college-bound student, you should schedule visits to your top college choices. Be certain to contact each college and reserve your visit so you'll be sure to get a great tour, along with any other services they provide.
- ⇒ **Common Application**—This is a time-saving device for students applying to any of the more than 300 colleges that participate in the program run by the non-profit Common Application Organization.
- ⇒ **CSS/Financial Aid Profile**—This is the financial aid application service of the College Board. More than 600 colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools, and scholarship programs use the information on the PROFILE to determine eligibility for nonfederal student aid funds.
- ⇒ **Early Action**—This is an emerging trend in admissions that allows students to apply for admission to the college of their choice early and receive a decision within a few months, well in advance of the normal response dates in the spring.
- ⇒ **Early Decision**—This is a binding agreement between the applicant and the college which basically states that, if accepted, the student agrees to attend the college.
- ⇒ **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)**—This is a tool used to calculate a student's eligibility for need-based federal financial aid. It's the amount a family is projected to contribute toward a student's education, based on family earnings, net assets, savings, size of family, and the number of students in college.
- ⇒ **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**—This is an official application that needs to be completed in order to apply for virtually all types of financial aid for higher education.

For more information visit [www.quintcareers.com/college\\_planning\\_glossary.html](http://www.quintcareers.com/college_planning_glossary.html)

### SAT Preparation Programs

- **WNC S.A.T. Prep Services**— Offered in the Spring will be late March. Contact Susan Kingshill @ 421-4862, or Lynn Smith @ 452-1267.
- **POWERSCORE**—Find more information at [www.powerscore.com](http://www.powerscore.com) or call 800-545-1750 to enroll. Live online classes begin November 10th, 2012.

### Opportunities from MAHEC

- \* **How To Study & College Scholarship Workshop**—11/08/12 6:30pm—9:00pm (Cost is free but you must register.)
- \* **Finding Financial Aid For College**—11/13/12 6:00pm—7:00pm (Cost is free but you must register.)
- \* Register for all classes with [jacquelyn.hallum@mahec.net](mailto:jacquelyn.hallum@mahec.net)