

This week, students were asked to register for the SAT during their advisory.

Some students, if they hadn't already registered from their home computer, used the time provided during activity block to sign-up for the test. If, for some reason, a student didn't register or complete the registration process, another registration session will be offered during advisory on Monday, March 31. **Remember, it is the student's responsibility to register for the May or June SAT test session** (or both, depending upon Juaquin's advice during your family meeting). Students/parents may register for an SAT test date online at www.collegeboard.com at any time before a test deadline. *(For students requiring extended time, see Melissa to register for the exams.)*

Standardized Testing: The Big Picture

Standardized for Your Protection

It's tough for colleges to compare students who come from different regions, experiences, and kinds of schools. There are thousands of high schools, and courses and grading standards can vary.

An "A" earned in the same course taught by different teachers in your child's school may not represent exactly the same amount of work, the same teaching, or the same level of learning. Likewise, an "A" earned in the same course but in different schools and different parts of the country may not really be the same.

Test results are an added tool for admission counselors to evaluate students from many different high schools.

Admission Is Never Based on Test Scores Alone

Test scores supplement, not replace, other important information, like your child's high school transcript. For most college admission offices, things like your child's grades and courses are still considered the best academic predictors.

Keep in mind, too, that these tests do not measure motivation, creativity, or special talents (even though these qualities will contribute to your child's success in college and throughout life). A test is just one of many tools that help colleges make admission decisions.

Tests Are Tools for Your Child, Too

Depending on the test, the scores can help students to:

- Compare themselves to students at the colleges they're considering.
- Show what they've achieved & learned throughout their academic life.
- Assess strengths & weaknesses to see where they should focus work.

Upcoming SAT Test Dates

Next Test Date: May 3, 2008
Registration Deadline: April 1, 2008

Test Date: June 7, 2008
Registration Deadline: May 9, 2008

Tutors for Standardized Testing

Creative Learning Center (3736 Eubank Blvd. NE)
Contact: Janelle, 296-5505, Janellec42@netstorm.net

eRead, Inc. (2322 Wisconsin NE)
Contact: pennelynn@e-read.org or 232-3136

Kaplan Educational Centers (2501 San Pedro NE Suite 203)
Contact: Ann Farrell, 884-8880, Ann_farrell@kaplan.com
www.kaplan.com

Onmiac Education (3200 Carlisle NE)
Contact: Mark Truman, 884-3367

The Princeton Review www.princetonreview.com
Contact: Gretchen Raff, 1-800-2Review

Sylvan Learning Center (6261 Riverside Plaza NW Suite A-3)
Contact: Heidi Chavez, 899-3061, H.Chavez@sylvanhmj.com

Test Coach Tutor www.testcoachtutoring.com
Contact: Laura Hoberg (fellow Bosque parent), 792-3100

Just a friendly reminder to **schedule your family meeting** if you haven't already done so.

John Hopkins summer program:

John Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering will offer "Engineering Innovation," a summer program for motivated high school students, June 30-July 25, at the Albuquerque Academy in Albuquerque. The curriculum provides a challenging and rewarding academic experience for students who have an interest in, and a talent for, math and science and want to explore engineering disciplines while receiving college credit. Application deadline is April 30. For more information, visit the program's website: <http://engineering-innovation.jhu.edu/>

Leadership & Scholarship Opportunity

State Farm Accepting Applications for Service-Learning Youth Advisory Board Members

Deadline: April 18, 2008

As part of its service-learning efforts, insurance company State Farm (http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/topics/sfyboard.asp) is accepting applications for associate board member positions on its youth advisory board.

The State Farm youth advisory board is comprised of thirty young adults between the ages of 17 and 20 from communities across the United States and Canada, with three at-large members representing State Farm's national service-learning partners. The board's mission is to create and oversee a signature service-learning initiative to address pressing issues that have a direct impact on communities. The youth board is responsible for identifying these issues, overseeing the site selections and grantmaking process, providing technical assistance to the site grantees, and assisting with communications and outreach.

Students selected to serve on the board will serve as an associate member in 2008, with the option to serve as a board member in 2009.

Associate youth advisory board members receive a \$3,000 scholarship toward their postsecondary education at a four-year, two-year, or vocational training program. Board members receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

Program information and application forms are available on the State Farm Web site.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10011474/statefarm>