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The Scheduling Continues...

During the months of March and April, I will meet with all 10th and 9th grade students, respectively, to pray for them, review their PSAT score report, review their academic progress, review graduation requirements, plan courses for the upcoming school year, review college and career objectives, and direct students to College Board online college-planning resources.

From Monday, March 22nd thru Thursday, April 1st, I will conduct *scheduled* meetings with all 8th grade students and their parents to pray for them, review the student's academic progress, review graduation requirements, plan courses for high school, review college and career objectives, and

direct students to College Board online college-planning resources. All 8th grade parents should contact me as soon as possible to schedule an individual academic counseling meeting if they have not done so already!

If you would like to be present at your 10th or 9th grade student's academic & college counseling meeting, just let me know! As always, I am eager to support you and to answer any questions that you may have.

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College Acceptances!

Congratulations to the class of 2010! To date, our seniors have received offers for admission to the following colleges and universities: Anderson University, Anna Maria College, Art Institute of Orange County, Ashland University, Azusa Pacific University (4), Baylor University, Belhaven University, Biola University (3), Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (2), California Baptist University (4), CSU Long Beach (2), CSU Monterey Bay, CSU Northridge (2), CSU San Marcos (17), Carthage College, Central Christian College of Kansas, College of Saint Scholastica, Concordia University (3), Corban College, Eastern Michigan University, Evangel University, Fort Lewis College, Grand Canyon University, Hardin-

Simmons University, Indiana University Bloomington, Iowa Wesleyan College, Linfield College (2), Midwestern State University, Northern Arizona University (2), Northwest Christian University, Northwestern College, Northern State University, Oklahoma Baptist University (2), Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma State University, Pacific University, Point Loma Nazarene University (7), San Diego State University, Texas Christian University, University of Arizona, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, University of Minnesota, University of Oklahoma, University of Redlands, Vanguard University (5), Whitworth University (2), and Willamette University.

SAT[®] Testing Information

The SAT helps college admissions officers make fair and informed admissions decisions. Combined with a student's academic record, it is a proven, reliable indicator of college success. Since its launch in 1926, the SAT has helped millions of students connect with college success and today remains the most reliable, effective measure of a student's college readiness. The SAT tests the subject matter learned by students in high school and how well they apply that knowledge - the critical thinking skills necessary to succeed in college.

SAT Facts

The SAT Reasoning Test is offered seven times a year in the United States and six times at international sites. The test takes three hours and 45 minutes and consists of 10 separately timed sections: Three sections test critical reading (70 minutes); Three sections test mathematics (70 minutes); Three sections test writing (60 minutes); One variable (unscored) section tests critical reading, mathematics, or writing (25 minutes). The test assesses critical thinking and problem solving skills in three areas: Critical Reading, Mathematics, and Writing. The SAT Reasoning Test includes three kinds of questions: Multiple-choice questions; Student-produced responses (mathematics only); An essay question. The test is machine-scored, except for the essay.

Why should students take the SAT?

Students and parents often ask why it is important to take the SAT. Reasons include: All colleges accept the SAT as an objective measurement of students' college readiness; Used with GPAs and high school transcripts, SAT scores allow colleges to fairly compare applicants; Taking the SAT gives students access to scholarship opportunities; Most colleges require an admissions test like the SAT; The SAT provides students with the most comprehensive performance feedback of any admissions test; Many institutions require a writing assessment for admission. Students who take the SAT automatically fulfill such requirements.

How difficult is the SAT?

The SAT is developed to reflect accepted educational standards. The data show that the material on the SAT and the time allocated to each section are appropriate for the intended test-taking population: On average, students answer 50 to 60 percent of questions correctly; 80 percent finish nearly the entire test; Almost all students complete at least 75 percent of the questions.

When should students take the SAT?

Most students take the SAT at least once in the spring of their junior year and again in the fall of their senior year if they are not satisfied with their spring scores. The SAT Preparation Center™ offers: sample questions, answer explanations, official SAT practice test, as well as a personalized score report. To access this resource go to www.collegeboard.com.

All juniors should take the SAT Reasoning Test at least once in the spring.

Seniors in the Spotlight



Erin Smith is currently one of the top seniors attending TCCS! When asked to what she attributes her academic success, Erin replied, "God has gifted me with the love of learning." Erin's cumulative GPA is 4.74! Her rigorous course

schedule includes: AP (Advanced Placement) Literature, AP Calculus, AP Biology, Civics/Economics Honors, and Philosophy. Erin plans to major in chemistry; however, she has yet to select a specific college or university.

Important Dates to Remember

March 25, 2010

Registration Deadline for the May 1st SAT

All juniors are encouraged to take the SAT at least once in the spring of their junior year and again in the fall of their senior year if they are not satisfied with their spring scores. Taking the test early in the spring of the junior year enables the student, parent, and college counselor to see the results while conversations about college are going on. It also means the student has the information while researching and visiting colleges over the summer. Note that juniors enrolled in an AP class should take the associated SAT Subject Test on May 1st.

April 20, 2010

San Diego National NACAC College Fair

Plan to attend a NACAC College Fair on Tuesday, April 20th from 6:00 – 8:30 PM at the San Diego Convention Center for information on admission requirements, financial aid, testing, and college majors. This is a great opportunity to meet with representatives from the world of higher education and plan for the future! For more information, or if you wish to join us, please contact Robert Norton via email at robert.norton@tccs.org.



Palomar College EAP Testing

Are you a senior planning to attend community college? If so, Palomar College representatives will conduct placement testing in English, reading, and math at TCCS on Monday, April 26th at 8:00 AM. Participating seniors will be invited to a special Early Acceptance Day at Palomar in June! On that day students will have an orientation, tour, and register for their fall classes with the assistance of a Palomar counselor. Follow these four easy steps to take advantage of this great opportunity:

- 1 Sign up in the TCCS College & Career Center to participate in the Palomar College Early Acceptance Program.
- 2 Submit your application online at www.palomar.edu/admissions and obtain a student ID before April 26th.
- 3 Take the EAP Placement Test at TCCS on Monday, April 26th at 8:00 AM in the library.
- 4 Attend the special Early Acceptance Day at Palomar College in June!

Important Websites

College Search Sites

www.christiancollegeguide.net

Christian college search and college planning services

www.aiccu.edu

Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities

www.collegenet.com

College search, scholarships, links to resources for financial aid, test prep

www.calstate.edu

General information about the CSU system

www.csumentor.edu

This is the CSU application site

www.universityofcalifornia.edu

General information about the UC system

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions

This is the UC application site

Student Athletes

www.ncaa.org

The official NCAA registration site

www.athleticquest.net

Recommended if you want to play college sports

Career Information

www.myroad.com

Comprehensive college and career planning website



Building Christian Character

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Tri-City Christian School is a Christ-centered, college preparatory educational community that partners with families in pursuing excellence for the glory of God.

Christian Service Hours

This an important reminder that **all secondary students at TCCS are required to perform Christian service hours during the school year.** Here are the guidelines from the Secondary Parent/Student Handbook:

1. Service projects cannot be done for immediate family members, and students cannot receive payment for their service.

2. Requirements by grade:

**Junior High 15 hours per year
High School 30 hours per year**

3. Non-completion of service hours will affect the student's eligibility for continued enrollment and graduation.

For more information, see the Secondary Parent/Student Handbook available online at www.tccs.org or contact the College Counseling Department at (760) 806-8247 x202.



2009-2010 Test Dates



SAT & SAT II

Register at least four weeks prior to the test date at

www.collegeboard.com

Test Date	Reg. Deadline
Oct. 10	Sep. 9
Nov. 7	Oct. 1
Dec. 5	Oct. 30
Jan. 23	Dec. 15
Mar. 13*	Feb. 4
May 1	Mar. 25
Jun. 5	Apr. 29

***SAT Reasoning Test Only**
SAT High School Code 053669



ACT

Register at least four weeks prior to the test date at:

www.act.student.org

Test Date	Reg. Deadline
Sep. 12	Aug. 7
Oct. 24	Sep. 18
Dec. 12	Nov. 6
Feb. 6	Jan. 5
Apr. 10	Mar. 5
Jun. 12	May 7

ACT High School Code 053-669