



## NEWS FROM COLLEGE COUNSELING

### DECEMBER 2021

Parents,

Be sure to check the January Newsletter for information about Junior Parent Night. We are tentatively looking to schedule the program during the week of March 14th or 21st. More details will be in next month's Newsletter

Some reminders about ACT, SAT, and test prep opportunities.

Second semester of junior year is when students usually take the ACT and/or SAT for the first time. Considering the number of colleges and universities that are test optional, that has changed. Today I received an email from [Fair Test](#) stating more than 1,400 colleges and universities have extended their test optional policy through the fall of 2023.

As you and your junior discuss whether they will take the ACT or SAT, we suggest a blog post (if you haven't already read it) that was in the November newsletter - [Should You Take the SAT/ACT or Not?](#).

**Here are the test dates for the ACT and SAT in second semester.**

To register and for more information about the ACT, go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

<b>ACT Test Dates</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Late Deadline</b>
February 12	January 7	January 21
<b><i>April 2 @ Marian</i></b>	February 25	March 11 <b><i>(This test date is during Spring Break)</i></b>
June 11	May 6	May 20
July 16	June 10	June 24

To register and for more information about the SAT, go to [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

<b>SAT Test Dates</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Late Deadline</b>
March 12	February 11	March 1
May 7	April 8	April 26
June 4	May 5	May 25

**Test Prep** - If your junior decides to take the ACT or SAT, then they have to decide on if they want to do some type of test prep. Here is Information about some of the different options that are available.

### **In-person Prep Classes**

Two classes will be offered at Marian in second semester. One will be taught by Marian Faculty members. The other will be taught by Excel Edge, which has been offering ACT Test Prep at Marian for over 30 years.

The class taught by **Marian Faculty** will begin in February. Classes will be on Sunday afternoon. The first class will be a full-length practice ACT. After Christmas break, registration information will be distributed to juniors and emailed to the parents.

The **Excel Edge** class will be on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Class will begin on Thursday, February 3 and meet for the next seven Thursdays, ending on March 24. The class will include a full length practice ACT. More information about the Excel Edge class was attached to the November newsletter. If you aren't able to locate the newsletter, email Mr. O'Brien at [gobrien@marianchs.com](mailto:gobrien@marianchs.com) for the information.

To register, go to [www.exceledgeinc.com](http://www.exceledgeinc.com) Registration closes on December 31 or once the sections are filled. The cost is \$350. If you have questions, contact Excel Edge at 219-838-0740 or [info@exceledgeinc.com](mailto:info@exceledgeinc.com).

### **Other Test Prep Possibilities**

**[One-to-One Learning Services](#)** (ONLINE) Classes for the April ACT will be on Sunday afternoons and start in late January. The cost is \$450. Course registration is available online at [www.one-to-ones.com](http://www.one-to-ones.com) or call Amy Berland at 847-501-3300

**[Jeanius Prep](#)** offers online classes for all test dates. Classes for the February ACT will start in December. For the complete schedule, go to [www.jeaniusprep.com](http://www.jeaniusprep.com)

**[Revolution Prep](#)** also offers online classes for all test dates and is also offering a holiday gift. Revolution Prep has a team of professional tutors who have been teaching online for over a decade, and they are offering Marian families a gift card for up to \$200 toward live online tutoring and test preparation. Visit [www.revolutionprep.com/gift-card](http://www.revolutionprep.com/gift-card) to get your gift card **before December 31st!**

You can also see a digital flyer about the promotion [here](#). If you have questions or want to learn more about Revolution Prep, you can reach out to a dedicated Revolution Prep team member at (800) 993-7780. You can also email them at [midwest@revolutionprep.com](mailto:midwest@revolutionprep.com).

**ACT offers FREE online test prep at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) - ACT Academy**

**SAT offers FREE online test prep at [www.satpractice.org](http://www.satpractice.org) or [www.khanacademy.org/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/sat)**

## **College Counseling Conferences**

In January, you will receive information on how to schedule a College Counseling Conference. This is an opportunity to meet with your student's college counselor in person to ask whatever questions you have about the college search and application process. Watch for more details in January.

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