



# Marian Catholic College Counseling News

## December 2023

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### Information about ACT and SAT

Second semester of junior year is when students usually take the ACT and/or SAT for the first time. See below for information about Test Optional.

As was announced in the November 30th newsletter, the juniors will be taking a practice ACT on Wednesday January 10th. Later in January, Analyze Ed will provide each junior with an individualized report on what areas to focus on to prepare for the School Day ACT that they will take on Tuesday April 9th. Juniors should not register to take the ACT on Saturday April 13th. More details about the report from Analyze Ed and the School Day ACT will be provided after we return from Christmas.

SAT is going Digital! Starting with the Saturday March 9th test date, the SAT will no longer offer a paper and pencil test - it will only be available as a digital test. For more information about the Digital SAT, click [here](#) to go to the [College Board website](#).

If a student applies to a school that requires a test score, scores from either the ACT or SAT may be submitted.

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### Junior Parent Night

A date for Junior Parent Night is in the process of being finalized. The program will be an informational presentation on the **college search/application process** by representatives from private and public universities. Watch for more information in future newsletters and emails and on the Marian website!

## Test Optional update

The number of colleges and universities that are test optional for the Class of 2023 is over 1,700. Who will be test optional for the Class of 2024 is still to be determined. In 2020 due to COVID, many colleges and universities made the decision to become test optional permanently. Others announced that they would be test optional through the Class of 2023 while they conducted a pilot study to look at the effect / impact of not requiring test scores for admission. Some colleges and universities may announce in the upcoming months that they will return to requiring a test score for students in the Class of 2024. Be sure to check with any college or university that your student is considering applying to to find out if they will continue to be test optional.

Another excellent source for a directory of test optional schools is Fair Test. They regularly update their directory of test-optional, 4-year schools. It is available free online at <https://www.fairtest.org/university/optional> -- sort geographically by clicking on "State".

Even with the number of schools that are test optional, we recommend that juniors have at least one test score on hand, either from the ACT or SAT. Test scores may be required for some majors and scholarships. Another factor is that having a strong test score may also strengthen a student's application. This is one reason that we are offering the School Day ACT so that they will have a score available should they need it.

## ACT / SAT Test Prep Opportunities

**ACT Test Prep Class** - Watch for information in January about an in-person ACT test prep class to be taught here at Marian. Details are being finalized and information will be available after we return from Christmas Break.

If you / your junior are considering ACT test prep for the April ACT and are not interested in the class that will be held at Marian, you should start looking now. Test prep classes in advance of the April ACT will begin in late January or early February.

**Analyze Ed** - As mentioned above, juniors will take a full-length practice ACT on Wednesday January 10th. After the test, every junior who took the test will receive an individualized program to assist them in preparing for the ACT

## ACT / SAT

### Test Dates

#### SAT March 9

--Registration Deadline  
Feb. 11

#### ACT April 9 At Marian

--Registration completed  
by Marian.

#### SAT May 4

--Registration Deadline  
April 8

#### SAT June 1

--Registration Deadline  
May 16

#### ACT June 8

--Registration Deadline  
May 3

#### ACT July 13

--Registration Deadline  
June 7

To register for either test and for more information about the tests, go to their websites.

ACT [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

SAT [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

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in April. More information will be given to the juniors in mid to late January about this program.

### **Other Test Prep Possibilities**

**Jeanius Prep** offers online classes for all ACT and SAT test dates. For their complete schedule, go to [www.jeaniusprep.com](http://www.jeaniusprep.com)

**Revolution Prep** 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. They are offering a gift card for up to \$200. Visit [www.revolutionprep.com/gift-card](http://www.revolutionprep.com/gift-card) for more information and to get your gift card **before December 22nd!**

**ACT offers FREE online test prep. Click [here](#).**

**SAT offers FREE online test prep. Click [here](#).**

## **Selecting Classes for Senior Year**

In second semester, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Rodewald will meet with juniors to begin the process of selecting classes for senior year. The counselors will meet individually with each junior to check that the student is on track to meet all graduation requirements as well as admission requirements for college. Marian's graduation requirements are listed on pages 5 - 6 in the [curriculum guide](#).

## **College Counseling Conferences**

Also In second semester, parents will receive an email / letter highlighting this program and the available dates for conferences. During second semester, juniors and their parents are encouraged to meet with a college counselor to discuss the college search and application process. Conferences will be scheduled beginning mid-February. These conferences provide an excellent opportunity for the student, parents, and college counselor to meet together and get "on the same page" as senior year approaches!

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