

# ACT PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR ST. MARK'S STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THE DECEMBER 2019 EXAM

## Standardized testing in the 2019-20 school year

Academic Approach is offering a standardized test preparation course for St. Mark's students who have targeted the December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 ACT exam date (Registration deadline is November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019). This course is best suited for students who are interested in an efficient preparation course reviewing key skills in reading, writing, and math, and their applications on the ACT. The 24 hours of instruction introduce reading annotation, math problem-solving, grammar and rhetorical skills with an emphasis on their application on the rigorous ACT.

To accommodate students' demanding academic and co-curricular commitments, we have scheduled 24 hours of instruction on some Tuesdays and Fridays 7:30 – 9:00 PM on St. Mark's campus.

Diagnostic tests will be administered on four Sundays from 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM. Please see the included schedule for exact dates of classes and tests.

## **Highly-Customized Classroom Instruction**

Academic Approach's philosophy is that the most efficient and effective classroom instruction is highly customized to meet each individual student's needs. Each Academic Approach course begins with a diagnostic test, and the data from the diagnostics are used to drive classroom instruction. Subsequent diagnostic tests enable instructors to measure student progress and realign instruction according to the most prevalent and immediate test preparation needs of the entire class, as determined by a score-report analysis.

#### **Expert Tutors**

Academic Approach believes test preparation is an opportunity to engage students in real learning. Academic Approach tutors are warm and supportive teaching professionals who know how to motivate and engage students while conducting an effective classroom experience that improves scores, is academically enriching, and, just as importantly, is fun.

## **Communication and Support**

Academic Approach understands that for these programs to succeed, parents require information and guidance. Academic Approach directors will supervise and ensure the high quality of all programs and will alert you to absences, provide access to online score reports, and support your needs along the way.

## How to Sign Up

To sign up, simply fill out linked form: <u>Academic Approach Fall 2019 SAT/ACT Registration for St. Mark's School</u>. Cost for the ACT class will be \$ 849.00. Financial Aid available for qualified students. Billing will come directly from Saint Mark's School upon receipt of registration.

Sunday, September 15th: 12:30-4:00 pm	Diagnostic ACT
Tuesday, September 24th: 7:30-9:00 pm	English: correcting punctuation and grammar
Friday, September 27th: 7:30-9:00 pm	Science: reading strategy and types of data analysis
Tuesday, October 1st: 7:30-9:00 pm	Math: algebraic manipulations; word problem translation
Friday, October 4th: 7:30-9:00 pm	Reading: Grasp, Prove, Eliminate
Sunday, October 6th: 12:30-4:00 pm	Practice ACT
Tuesday, October 8th: 7:30-9:00 pm	English: subject/verb agreement, modifiers, and verb tense
Tuesday, October 15th: 7:30-9:00 pm	Science: graphical translation, pacing strategies
Friday, October 18th: 7:30–9:00 pm	Reading: elimination techniques; passage and question types
Sunday, October 20: 12:30-4:00pm	Practice ACT
Tuesday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup> : 7:30-9:00 pm	Math: functions; quadratics; coordinate geometry
Friday, October 25th: 7:30-9:00 pm	English: editing for logic and style
Tuesday, October 29th: 7:30-9:00 pm	Science: advanced data analysis; opposing viewpoints; experimental design
Sunday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 12:30-4:00 pm	Practice ACT
*Open Weekend. Practice test administration will proceed as scheduled*	
Tuesday, November 5th: 7:30-9:00 pm	Math: imaginary numbers; matrices; logarithms; advanced conics
Tuesday, November 12th: 7:30-9:00 pm	Reading: building speed
Friday, November 15th: 7:30-9:00 pm	The ACT essay
Sunday, November 17th, 12:30-4:00 pm	Practice ACT
Tuesday, November 19th: 7:30-9:00 pm	Test review and practice
Tuesday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup> : 7:30-9:00 pm	English/Reading Review
Tuesday, December 10th 7:30-9:00 pm	Math/Science Review
Saturday, December 14th	Official ACT