Dear families,

In December, all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking two important assessments, the SAT and the STAAR US History\*. Please note: all students must come in person to take these assessments, even if they are enrolled in the Online at Home mode.

Please read below for a summary of important information. We will be sharing updates on a regular basis as we approach both testing dates.

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Testing Date	Saturday, December 5	Wednesday, December 16
Testing Location	Testing Center (in person)	YES Prep home campus (in person)
Testing Format	Paper	Computer
Tested Content	Mathematics and English, Evidence- based Reading and Writing	US History (multiple-choice)
What is the impact of this exam?	Your student's SAT scores are sent to colleges and universities. Their scores impact their admissions and what scholarships they may be eligible for.	Passing the US History STAAR EOC is a graduation requirement for all students.
What happens if my student is ill and cannot test?	The next testing opportunity is not until March which will be at your YES Prep campus.	There will be two makeup dates (Dec. 17 and 18). The next testing opportunity is not until May 2021.
How will my student prepare?	Students are preparing for the exam primarily in Junior Seminar. Students are using Kaplan SAT Prep and Khan Academy resources. Students may be asked to attend tutorials.	Students are preparing for the exam primarily in US History class. Students will be completing review modules based on their previous assessment data and may be asked to attend tutorials.
What else can I do to support them?	<ul> <li>Ensure your student is practicing at home</li> <li>Make sure you have a plan for transportation for the day of the exam (we will be sending out a survey for STAAR to determine if a bus is needed for online students) and your student arrives on time</li> <li>Make sure your student gets rest the night before</li> </ul>	

