



# CRUSADER

## College Connection

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## ACT Focus



### Tip of the Week:

#### Plan by Considering Your Target Score

If you know your target ACT score, you can use this goal to help yourself feel a little more comfortable about guessing (or push yourself to find a solution to a question you are having trouble with!)

Below is an example of an official ACT scoring chart. This chart indicates how raw ACT scores (i.e., the number of questions you answered correctly on a section) generally convert into final scaled scores in the 1-36 range (these scores translate differently on each ACT). You can use this chart to figure out what your raw score needs to be in order to arrive at your target scaled score for a particular ACT section. Then, you will know how many questions you can afford to answer incorrectly in each section.

**This is an easy way to take the stress out of guessing.** If you already feel confident on enough ACT questions to reach your target score, the questions you are not sure about are just potential bonus points.

Also, if you find yourself guessing a lot on ACT practice tests and it is preventing you from reaching your target score, make sure you mark every question you guessed on (even if you got it right). This way, you can come back to it later and work on understanding the correct answer.

Scale Score	Raw Scores				Scale Score
	Test 1 English	Test 2 Mathematics	Test 3 Reading	Test 4 Science	
36	74-75	59-60	40	40	36
35	71-73	57-58	38-39	—	35
34	70	55-56	37	39	34
33	69	54	36	38	33
32	68	53	34-35	—	32
31	67	51-52	33	37	31
30	66	49-50	32	36	30
29	64-65	47-48	31	35	29
28	63	45-46	30	34	28
27	61-62	42-44	—	34	27
26	59-60	39-41	29	32-33	26
25	56-58	37-38	28	31	25
24	53-55	34-36	26-27	29-30	24
23	50-52	32-33	25	28-29	23
22	47-49	31	23-24	24-25	22
21	44-46	29-30	22	22-23	21
20	41-43	27-28	20-21	20-21	20
19	39-40	25-26	19	18-19	19
18	37-38	22-24	18	17	18
17	35-36	19-21	16-17	15-16	17
16	32-34	16-18	15	14	16
15	29-31	13-15	14	13	15
14	26-28	10-12	12-13	11-12	14
13	24-25	8-9	11	10	13
12	22-23	7	10	9	12
11	19-21	5-6	8-9	8	11
10	16-18	4	7	7	10
9	13-15	—	6	6	9
8	11-12	3	5	5	8
7	9-10	—	—	4	7
6	7-8	2	4	3	6
5	6	—	3	—	5
4	4-5	1	—	2	4
3	3	—	—	1	3
2	2	—	1	—	2
1	0-1	0	0	0	1

## SCHOLARSHIP Update

Schedule a time to sit down and really discuss the financial side of college.

This is an important piece to the post high school puzzle. This conversation needs to be open and honest and continue throughout the college selection process. Here are some topics to discuss:

#### How much has been saved?

Explain where the money is coming from i.e. 529 or savings account

#### How much can you, the parent, contribute each year?

This is not about your yearly salary- it is about how much you can contribute out of pocket each year.

#### What will your child be responsible for?

Set the expectation now if you expect them to have a part-time job, take out student loans, or work over the summer to help finance their education.

#### Discuss the pros and cons of borrowing money

This is definitely the time to explain how loans work! Do engage in the conversations of delinquency and default and the effects these have on individuals.

#### Determine what is a reasonable amount of debt.

This includes discussing the student's earning potential after graduation in relation to the net cost of college.

## SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

### September 30

"Don't Text & Drive" Scholarship  
 Money Metal Exchange Scholarship  
 Be Bold Scholarship  
 Nitro Scholarship  
 Cirkled In Scholarship

### October 8

AES Scholarship

### October 15

Heisman High School Scholarship  
 Newcomer Funeral Service Group Scholarship  
 American Muscle Student Scholarship

## THIS WEEK'S COLLEGE REPS

College Reps are available at 11:10 during Empower Hour, located in the Learning Commons Classroom.

### WEDNESDAY 9/29



McKendree University, Lebanon, IL

- App. Deadline: Rolling Admission
- Scholarship Information: [www.mckendree.edu/offices/financial-aid/scholarships](http://www.mckendree.edu/offices/financial-aid/scholarships)

### THURSDAY 9/30



Savannah College of Art & Design, Savannah GA

- App. Deadline: Rolling Admission
- Scholarship Information: [www.scad.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-scholarships](http://www.scad.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-scholarships)



# LOOKING Ahead

Fall 2021

## September 28

Junior/Senior College Night

## October 1

FAFSA opens

## October 1

Oct. 23 ACT Late Registration

## October 2

SAT Test Date

## October 13

SDHS Testing Day  
(PreAct & PSAT)

## October 15

Oct. 23 ACT Late Registration

## October 23

ACT Test Date

## November 1

Priority Application

Deadline (*Most Universities*)

## November 5

Dec. 11 ACT Registration

## November 6

SAT Test Date

## November 19

Dec. 11 ACT Late Registration

## December 3

Dec. 11 ACT Late Registration

## December 4

SAT Test Date

## December 11

ACT Test Date

## HELPFUL Links

### COLLEGE GUIDANCE

[www.stdominichs.org/college](http://www.stdominichs.org/college)

### SCOIR

[www.scoir.com](http://www.scoir.com)

### SCHOLARSHIPS

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) | [myscholly.com](http://myscholly.com)

### FAFSA

[www.studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa)

### COMMON APP

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

### NCAA ELIGIBILITY

[web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3](http://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3)

### ACT

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

### SAT

[www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org)

## Alumni Spotlight

### Natalie Johnson '12

Marian University & Lindenwood University  
BFA in Graphic Design | Minor in Art History



Natalie Johnson is a 2012 graduate who was very active in the Performing Arts at SDHS as a member of Jazz Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Chamber Choir, Mass Choir and Stage Crew. In addition, she was also a member of National Honor Society, Gardening Club, French Club, Outreach Club, FCA, Track and Tennis. Upon graduation, Natalie pursued a degree in Graphic Design at Marian University in Indianapolis and completed that degree in

2016 at Lindenwood University in addition to receiving a minor in Art History. At Lindenwood, Natalie continued to be very involved in the fine arts as she was part of the Creative Arts Society, Sax Quartet and Marching Band among others.

Natalie is currently a Graphic Designer and will be speaking this week to Ms. Nasser's Honors Advanced Art class about her college and career path. Natalie recalls how she found her interest in the career saying "*I was always making something growing up! Looking back to high school specifically, I remember always creating t-shirt designs and flyers for the different SDHS clubs*" that started her interest in the field. In addition, she also echoes the importance placed by SDHS of being a "life long learner" and needing to be flexible in the Graphic Design field as it is "always changing, evolving and improving."

We are excited to have Natalie be a guest speaker this week in Honors Advanced Art, but for all students at SDHS, Natalie would like them to know that it is "*so important to support and celebrate others' creativity around you. Learn the importance of collaboration – we aren't going to be good at everything, and that's ok, but lean on others so that a creative vision can be that much stronger!*"

## Weekly Wellness

Amy Bauer | Wellness Counselor  
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### Did you know ...

The important role of taking psychotropic medicine every day, at the same time, plays in increasing success and decreasing vulnerability for your son or daughter?

Forgetting to take needed medication can make for a difficult school day. It's best for parents to supervise this. Let your son or daughter learn responsibility by setting the alarm on their phone to remember that it is time to take their medication.

Any questions about this reach out to:

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