

# CRUSADER College Connection

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### **GUIDANCE** Spotlight

### **ACT TESTING AT ST. DOMINIC | April 8, 2025**

ACT - In April 2025, the National ACT will undergo some significant changes. The National ACT will be reduced to a two hour test with fewer questions and more time on each question. They are also making the science section optional. Please click on this link, **The ACT Test Is Evolving Article**, to learn more.

Please note the 2025 District ACT test will remain the same-three hours in length, on paper with a science section. This is the test **ALL of our Juniors take on April 8, 2025**. St. Dominic registers students for this test.

The June 14, 2025 National ACT will be offered at Saint Dominic and you can register/pay for this test by going to <a href="ACT Registration Link">ACT Registration Link</a>. You can pay for the TIR (Test Information Release) on the June ACT.

#### What is Test Information Release?

By purchasing Test Information Release (TIR), you will receive a digital copy of the multiple-choice test questions, your answers, a copy of your answer document, the answer key, and the conversion table used in determining your ACT scores. This is an extremely helpful tool that can be used to prepare for additional ACT tests.

**Juniors and Seniors!** Prepare for the upcoming District and National ACT tests in April! Registration now open for **ACT Bootcamp!** 

Spring ACT Bootcamp

Registration

### SCHOLARSHIP Update

There are many free scholarships available to apply for. Check out our live **Scholarship List 2024-2025**. The document is organized by monthly deadlines, which can be found at the bottom of the page.

Also, check out these popular search engines to locate more scholarships specific to your student:

My Scholarship Central | Scholarships.com

#### SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

- Feb 1 Fire Hydrant Scholarship | St. Louis University Jesuit Community Scholarship
- Feb 3 Elks Scholarship
- Feb 6 McDonald's HACER Scholarship Program
- Feb 15 George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest
- Feb 18 Farm Kids for College Scholarship
- Feb 20 Gordon A. Rich Memorial Foundation
- Feb 28 Information Security Scholarship

2024-2025 Scholarship Information





**Missouri Valley College** 

February 6



**University of Alabama** 

February 22



**Kansas State University** 

February 23



Truman State University

February 27



Missouri University S & T



**University of Missouri** 



Feb. 3

2025-26 Course Registration Begins

#### Feb. 3-13

Individual Registration Guidance Meetings during English classes

#### Feb. 11

Class of 2029 Freshman Registration Night

Feb. 24

2025-26 Registration

Fee due (pay online)

#### Feb. 13

Applications due for Biomed, Art 1, Yearbook, Digital Art 2, Ceramics, and Lifetime Sports/Fitness.

#### Apr. 8

Pre-ACT/ACT Testing - Freshman, Sophomores & Juniors

### HELPFUL Links

COLLEGE GUIDANCE

www.stdominic.org/college

SCOIF

www.scoir.com

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

www.fastweb.com | myscholly.com

#### **FAFSA**

www.studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

#### COMMON APP

www.commonapp.org

#### **NCAA ELIGIBILITY**

web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3

#### ACT

www.act.org

#### SAT

www.satsuite.collegeboard.org

#### Feb. 14

2025-26 Course Registration Forms Due to English teacher.

#### Feb. 19-20

Online Registration Completed in English class.

## Alumni Spotlight

**Madeline Stewart '19** 

Benedictine College | Communications, Graphic Design & Journalism



Madeline Stewart is a 2019 graduate of St. Dominic High School who was a member of Peer Ministry, AD Club, Cross Country and Soccer. Maddy excelled as a leader on the soccer field where she would go on to play on the Benedictine College team after high school. While at Benedictine College, Maddy pursued a passion she had for communications, graphic design and journalism, earning a degree in

December of 2022. She credits the foundation needed to succeed in these areas to her four years as a Crusader.

"The emphasis on critical thinking, effective communication, and creative problem-solving laid a strong foundation for my studies at Benedictine College. Plus, the supportive environment and opportunities at SDHS helped me develop the skills and confidence needed to pursue a dynamic career in media and content creation."

During her time at Benedictine off the field, Maddy found many ways to gain the experience needed in the field of communications in addition to being the 2021 BC Yearbook Editor. Maddy managed the women's soccer instagram account, completed a two-year communications internship with a pharmacy out of Jefferson City remotely, and a second internship with a custom marketing materials company out of St. Louis called Repete Marketing. Maddy encourages SDHS students interested in this field to "take a course your senior year of high school or your freshman year of college. Shadow or get an internship somewhere! This job takes a lot of creativity, but it's rewarding and the digital relationships you make are incredible."

Maddy Stewart is currently the Marketing and Community Manager at BY Design Home Staging and Staging Studio where she lives in San Antonio, TX. In addition, Maddy recently got engaged in December of 2024 to her fiance, Austin, whom she met at Benedictine College. Congratulations Maddy!

## Monthly Wellness

Amy Bauer | Wellness Counselor abauer@stdominichs.org

## BE GOOD TO YOUR BODY: INSIDE AND OUT

- Exercise—Take some time during study breaks to walk, run, dance, or whatever it takes to get the blood flowing and the lungs pumping. It'll help relieve tension and increase your ability to focus.
- Nutrition—Keep your brain in top form with well balanced meals that include dark green leafy veggies, whole grains, and fish or eggs. Go easy on the sugar.
- Rest—Don't let fatigue set in. Take mental and physical breaks through cat naps, meditation, or focused breathing exercises. And be sure to get a good night's sleep before your exams!

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### SAINT DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

## **ACT BOOTCAMP**

The ACT Bootcamp is designed to prepare our St. Dominic Class of 2026 for the April 8 District ACT and the Class of 2025 for the National ACT on April 5

DATES: MARCH 31, APRIL 1,2,3 MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE

DISTRICT ACT ON APRIL 8

TIME: 4:30-7:45 PM

COST: \$250

LOCATION: ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 24

ALL SUBJECTS TAUGHT BY ACT CERTIFIED ST. DOMINIC STAFF MEMBERS SUBJECTS COVERED: READING, MATH, ENGLISH, AND SCIENCE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 14, 2025
REGISTRATION/PAYMENT:
HTTPS://STDOMINICHIGHSCHOOL.REGFOX.COM/SPRING25-

ACTBOOTCAMP

QUESTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT JEAN NERO AT JNERO@STDOMINICHS.ORG OR 636.240.8303 EXT. 123

APRIL 5 ACT NATIONAL TEST REGISTRATION @ ACT.ORG
NATIONAL ACT REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2025

