



DSA Counseling Newsletter

November
2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

Senior Scholarship Search Night

Tuesday, December 6th
6:00 pm
Library

Looking for scholarships can be extremely overwhelming! It is hard to know where to even start!

DSA Counselors will be available to give guidance on how to find scholarships as well as review deadlines.

Many scholarships have deadlines quickly approaching so take the time now with your counselors to research and get organized!

Students will have the opportunity to sit and search for scholarships and ask questions to their counselors as they work. If available, students should bring a laptop.

This is a great opportunity for seniors to get started on applications, so they can continue working on them over winter break.

In the meantime, check out some large upcoming scholarships on the next page!

November 1st

Boettcher Application Due

November 2nd

8th Grade Career Fair

November 4th

No School for Students

November 15th

PTSO Community Meeting

7-8pm Concert Hall

November 21-25th

No School – Fall Break

November 30th

Daniels Fund Application Due at 4pm

December 6th

Senior Scholarship Search Night

December 19th

Black Day Finals

December 20th

White Day Finals



Check out these large Scholarships:

Daniels Fund Scholarship – due November 30th at 4pm. Students must have earned a 17 in each section of the ACT and demonstrate financial need. <http://www.danielsfund.org/Apply.asp>

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship – due November 30th. Students must have a 3.5 GPA or higher with a minimum score of 1200 (SAT) or 26 (ACT). They also must demonstrate financial need (family income up to \$95,000) <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/college-scholarship/>



8th Grade Career Fair Wednesday November 2nd

Every year DPS offers a Career Fair for 8th grade students. Each year students take surveys to find out their career interests. Those career interests are then used to help guide students in their intentional interactions at the fair.

The Career Fair helps students explore and plan for their own unique future. Representatives from local high schools, colleges, and more than 75 business partners are available to introduce the students to their requirements and opportunities.

Assignment #3
October 20 – December 16 by 3:00 pm

You will take a full length practice SAT test on Khan Academy.

By now, you should have your own Khan Academy account. I have “invited” you all into a Khan Academy class. It’s called Junior Independent Study Class. The class code is Z3E4PK. I will be your “coach” for the class. I am able to monitor when you do your work.

*** If you have done this – please skip to step 3.

Google Khan Academy

Create a user name/password

Sign in to Khan Academy



You will land in a dashboard which has: math by subject, math by grade, science, computing, etc. Look for and click on Test Prep/SAT

Click on B – take your first diagnostic quiz

It will take you to your dashboard. Where it says dashboard, it also says: dashboard, practice, tips/strategies, full tests, review. Click on Full Tests.

There are 6 full length practice tests. Take practice test 1

There are 4 sections in the test: 65 minutes, 35 minutes, 55 minutes and 50 minutes. Make sure you have 3 ½ hours before you begin.

Even though you can take one test in a sitting (waiting to do the rest at a later date), please take the entire test at one time. This mimics the actual SAT.

No food, no drink, no music, no TV, no phone. Make yourself do it in a “real” SAT environment. Sit in a quiet place and give yourself one 15 minute break after the “writing and language” section.

Once you start a section, you can’t stop. Make sure you are ready to test.

Once you are done, you need to print out your score card for me. You can screen shot it and then print it out. I have put an example screenshot on the junior website. There is also one on the reverse of this sheet.

If you do not have “Miranda Odom” as your “coach”, you need to add me.

On the dashboard, look for “coaches”.

To add a coach, enter the class code: Z3E4PK and click “join the class”

SAT Score Ranges/Readiness Ranges are as follows:

	Red	Yellow	Green
Reading & Writing	200-450	460-470	480-800
Math	200-500	510-520	530-800

In order to receive credit for the assignment, you must reach a minimum of the 9th Grade SAT Benchmark scores:

Reading and Writing – 410
Math – 450

Print out a copy of your score report with the minimums recorded. No parent signature is required.