

DSA Counseling Newsletter

October
2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 6th

Senior Parent Brown Bags

7:45am & 2:45pm

October 10th

Concurrent Enrollment Information

7:40am & 3pm Counseling Office

October 19th

PSAT – All Juniors

October 19th

9th/10th Grade Parent Night

6-8pm Concert Hall

October 21st

End of the 1st 9 week grading period

October 26th and 27th

Parent Teacher Conferences

October 27th and 28th

No school for students

October 30th

Performing and Visual Arts Fair

1-3pm Infinity Park

9th/10th Grade Parent Night

Wednesday, October 19th

6:00 pm

Concert Hall

Topics that will be discussed:

Academic Overview

What you need to know about credits, transcripts, graduation requirements, and course planning.

Scholarships now

What your students can be doing now early on in high school to start earning scholarships as well as an overview of financial aid.

Naviance

What is Naviance? How your students can use this program for college and career planning right now.

Opportunities for questions

High school is overwhelming for both students and parents. There are lots of questions and you don't always know who to ask. This is be a wonderful opportunity to meet your student's counselor and ask those important questions.



Parent Brown Bags: October 6th

Ever wonder what goes on in those Brown Bag meetings? Are you worried your student isn't giving you ALL the information? Come to our Parent Brown Bags and receive the same presentation your students receive.



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.

SAT Assignment #1

August 25 – October 21 by 3:00 pm

Parent signatures must be present on pages 3 and 225 stating the work was done

DOWNLOADABLE COPY OF ASSIGNMENT #1

Each junior must stop by Miss Odom's office, sign for an SAT practice book and label his/her SAT practice book. We have bought one book for every junior.

The Assignment

You will be doing some general reading as well as practice items.

- 1) Read Chapters 1 and 2 (pages 3-19)
Parents must sign page 3
- 2) Read pages 27-29
- 3) Read Chapters 18-23 (pages 225-326)
- 4) Parents must sign page 225

Part 1 and Part 2

This is a general overview of the SAT. College Board will talk about the format of the test and explain how the test is scored. Take notes. Highlight. You will come away with a good understanding of what to expect on test day. These 2 parts of the assignment should take you less than an hour.

Part 3

Math. Pages 225 – 326. Take this in chunks. You decide how big each chunk is going to be. Do one chunk a week. College Board will tell you EXACTLY how many questions are in each section and what types of math questions to expect.

They then give you PLENTY of practice – explaining the math. The questions are in the gray boxes. Try do answer the questions on your own before you read the explanation. If you get a problem wrong, read why. If you see a TYPE of question you don't understand, ask your math teacher at a Wednesday morning tutoring session.

There are dozens of "REMEMBER" cues in the margins of the book. Make sure to read those as well.



To get credit for the assignment, your parent needs to sign pages 3 and 225. Your parent is stating, by their signature, that you read the introduction and practiced the math sections at home/school. You need to bring your SAT book to Miss Odom's office and show her pages 3 and 225. She will also have you sign that you showed her the book by the October 21st deadline. Your parent will then receive an email to confirm that Miss Odom received their signature on your SAT book. It is our hope is that the more you expose yourself to the SAT content and practice, the better you'll be on the actual test day.

All SATs books, with parent signature, must be shown to Miss Odom ON OR BEFORE 3 pm on October 21st. Those turned in after this date and time will not be accepted for credit for the SAT class.

COLLEGE VISITS FALL OF 2016	DATE	TIME
Belmont University	10/12/2016	8:00 AM
Blair School of Music @ Vanderbilt	9/28/2016	11:00 AM
Carnegie Mellon University	10/13/2016	10:00 AM
Columbia College of Art and Design	10/17/2016	8:30 AM
Columbia University	10/19/2016	10:00 AM
Evergreen State University	9/30/2016	8:30 AM
Grand Canyon University	9/28/2016	9:30 AM
Grinnell College	9/29/2016	8:30 AM
Hamilton College	10/6/2016	11:00 AM
Hofstra University	9/30/2016	7:30 AM
Illinois Wesleyan University	11/1/2016	9:30 AM
Indiana University	9/28/2016	8:00 AM
Kenyon College	9/30/2016	11:30 AM
Knox College	10/5/2016	8:00 AM
Lawrence University	9/30/2016	12:30 PM
Lewis and Clark	10/6/2016	10:30 AM
Macalester College	9/29/2016	9:30 AM
Marymount California	9/28/2016	8:30 AM
McDaniel College	10/4/2016	7:30 AM
McNally Smith College of Music	9/28/2016	11:30 AM
Metropolitan State University of Denver	10/6/2016	9:00 AM
Miami University	9/28/2016	7:30 AM
Middlebury College	9/28/2016	12:00 PM
New York Film Academy -- LA	10/6/2016	7:30 AM
Oberlin College	9/29/2016	10:00 AM
Pomona College	10/3/2016	10:30 AM
Quest University Canada	9/30/2016	7:30 AM
Roosevelt University	9/30/2016	11:00 AM
Skidmore College	10/21/2016	11:00 AM
St. Lawrence University	9/29/2016	12:00 Noon
The New School	10/18/2016	9:00 AM
Trinity College - Hartford	9/30/2016	7:30 AM
University of British Columbia	9/29/2016	8:00 AM
University of Redlands	9/30/2016	9:30 AM
University of the Arts	10/31/2016	11:00 AM
Vanderbilt University	9/30/2016	12:00 Noon
Vassar College	9/29/2016	11:30 AM
Wesleyan	10/4/2016	8:00 AM
Willamette University	10/3/2016	10:00 AM
Williams College	10/5/2016	9:00 AM