



# DSA Counseling Newsletter

December  
2017

## DATES TO REMEMBER

## Admissions Officers share the most common mistakes:

US News and World Report asked admissions officers what mistakes drive them crazy!

- 1) *Neglecting to read directions*
- 2) *Letting parents take the lead*
- 3) *Submitting a lengthy resume*
- 4) *Hitting submit without proofreading*
- 5) *Waiting until the last minute to submit*
- 6) *Repeating yourself*
- 7) *Asking for information that is easily found*
- 8) *Giving them what you think they want to hear*
- 9) *Writing a one size fits all essay*
- 10) *Skipping the optional essays*
- 11) *Exaggerating your extracurricular activities*
- 12) *Failing to check the requirements*
- 13) *Not giving enough information*

### November 30th

Daniels Fund Application Due

### December 14th

Senior Scholarship Search Night

### December 15th

Boettcher Semifinalist Application Due

### December 18th

Semester 1 Black Day Finals

### December 19th

Semester 1 White Day Finals

### December 20th

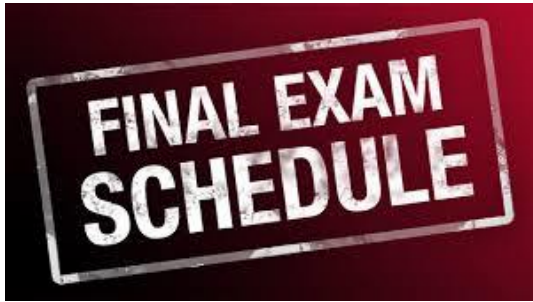
Makeup Final Exams

### Dec 20th-Jan 7th

No School

### January 12th

Senior Baby Ads Due to Yearbook



## DSA Final Exam Schedule

December 18th: Black Day Finals

December 19th: White Day Finals

December 20th: Make Up Finals

December 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>: No School

### SAT ASSIGNMENT #3

*You have from Thursday, October 12, 2017 – Friday, December 15, 2016 at 3 pm to complete the assignment*

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

I have “invited” you all into a Khan Academy class. It’s called DSA Class of 2019 Study Class: SAT. The class code is GJDXU347. I will be your “coach” for the class. I am able to monitor when you do your work. If you have created a Khan Academy account – please skip to step 3.



- 1) Google Khan Academy
- 2) Create a user name/password
  - a. *You need to use your name for the username. If you put GolfGuy95, for example, I will have no idea who you are. Make sure to use your full name.*
- 3) Sign in to Khan Academy
- 4) 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
- 5) Click on B – take your first diagnostic quiz
- 6) 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.
- 7) There are 8 full length practice tests. Take any one of the practice tests – you select
- 8) ***In order to receive credit for the assignment, you must reach a minimum of the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade SAT Benchmark scores:***  
***Reading and Writing – 410***  
***Math – 450***
  - a. 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.
  - b. 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.
  - c. *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.
  - d. ***Once you start a section, you can’t stop. Make sure you are ready to test.***
- 9) In order to get credit for the assignment, you need to print out your score card and turn it into me. You can also screen shot it and then print it out. I have put an example screenshot on the junior website. I do not need a parent’s signature.
- 10) 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: GJDXU347 and click “join the class”

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