



DSA Counseling Newsletter

December 2018

DSA Alumni Advice Night January 7th at 6pm

Join us as a panel of recent DSA alumni from a variety of colleges discuss the following topics:
(This is a great event for all high school grade levels!)

Preparation:

What do students need to do at each grade level to prepare for college?

Course Selection:

Advice for keeping up with grades in high school, study tips, and what are the best courses to take at DSA.

Making a College List:

How do students start to make a list of colleges to apply to? How many schools should students apply to?

Testing:

Advice on what tests to take, when to take them, and how many times to take them.

Scholarships and Financial Aid:

Advice on how to apply for and find scholarships!



Dates to Remember:

December 17th
Stripe Day

December 18th
Black Day Finals

December 19th
White Day Finals

January 7th
School Resumes
Alumni Advice Night

January 11th
Senior Baby Ads Due

January 21st
No School

February 1st
No School

DSA Final Exam Schedule

December 17th: Stripe Day

December 18th: Black Day Finals

December 19th: White Day Finals

December 20th: Make Up Finals

December 20th/21st: No School



Assignment #3 for your SAT Class

You have from Wednesday, October 10, 2018 – Friday, December 14, 2018 at 3 pm to complete the assignment. You will take a full length practice SAT test on Khan Academy.

- Google Khan Academy
- Create a user name/password

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.

1. Sign in to Khan Academy
 2. 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
 3. Click on B – take your first diagnostic quiz
 4. 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.
 5. There are 8 full length practice tests. Take any one of the practice tests – you select which one
 6. 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.
 7. 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.*
 8. *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.
 9. Once you start a section, you can’t stop. Make sure you are ready to test.
- 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. There is also one on the reverse of this sheet. I do not need a parent’s signature.

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