

CAP @ MAST

October 2008

SENIORS and JUNIORS October will be an important month for you. Juniors, you'll be taking the PSAT. Seniors, you'll be double checking your applications for schools in Florida's State University System (SUS), finalizing details, getting materials together for other college applications.

I urge you to take advantage of the month ahead to plan and prepare for college. October is the time to do so.



The Tests

If you are eligible for free or reduced lunch, you may receive fee waivers for the ACT, SAT and SAT II exams in the C.A.P. office. Limit two per exam.

ACT

The ACT is a college entrance exam measuring knowledge, comprehension and skills that a student has acquired throughout his or her education. The scores are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities and may be used in place of SAT scores. The ACT measures competency in English, Reading, Math and Science and may include an optional 30 minute writing test. Some students find their ACT scores are higher than the SAT equivalent, because there is NO PENALTY for incorrect answers. Register online: ACTSTUDENT.org

PSAT

The Preliminary SAT is an important test for JUNIORS. It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT. It is ALSO the **National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test**. A high score on the PSAT/NMSQT will ensure a spot in the competition for scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Being a National Merit Scholar or Finalist is a fine distinction and can catch the eye of many colleges and universities. You may also take the test in 9th and 10th grade by paying \$13.00. (Although, the time to do so is early in September).

SAT & SAT II (Subject Tests)

The most widely used admissions test among colleges and universities is typically taken by JUNIORS AND SENIORS. The SAT is an objective way to measure what students know in Reading, Math and Writing. Before taking the SAT, it is a good idea to become familiar with the test and testing conditions. I recommend purchasing the SAT practice books and drilling yourself before testing. Not all colleges look at the Writing score, but many do, so if your writing is weak, you should also practice timed writing.

Some colleges require that you take 1-3 SAT II Subject Tests. There are a variety of subjects. If you are applying to a college that requires SAT II scores, you should register for the subjects in which you do well. Collegeboard.com has a list of these.

C.A.P. OFFICE
THE
DOOR IS OPEN
8 a-3 p:
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

SIGN UP

for College Visits

BROWSE

College Brochures

College Indices and Guides

DISCUSS

College Applications

Scholarships

Options

APPOINTMENTS ARE
NOT REQUIRED—BUT
THEY DO

MAKE LIFE A BIT EASIER.
(Fruit roll-ups® also available)

COLLEGE VISITS AT MAST

Sign up for the visit at least ONE DAY IN ADVANCE. When you walk into the CAP Office, look in the BLUE BINDER to your immediate right. There is a current list of schools that will be at MAST throughout the months ahead. It is up to your teacher whether or not you attend. If visits are scheduled during a class you should not miss, please notify me so that I can get you the information you need.

UPenn 11 am Thur. Oct. 2

Boston University 2:30 pm Monday Oct. 13

FSU 1 pm Oct. 13

Hofstra University 1:30 pm Wednesday Oct. 15

Simmons College 2:00 pm Wednesday Oct. 15

Carnegie Mellon 11:30am Thursday Oct. 16

Caltech 1 pm Monday Oct. 20

Pace University 1:30 pm Tuesday Oct. 21

Salve Regina 10:30 am Wednesday Oct. 22

Babson College 8:30 am Thursday Oct. 23

Barnard College 9:30 am Thursday Oct. 23

Smith College (Time TBD) Thursday Oct. 23

Pitzer College 8:00am Monday Oct. 27

Loyola in Chicago 9:30 am Monday Oct. 27

Sarah Lawrence College 1 pm Monday Oct. 27

U of Southern California 2:30 pm Monday Oct. 27

Colorado College 8:30 am Tuesday Oct. 28

Pomona College 9:15 am Tuesday Oct. 28

Davidson 10 am Tuesday Oct. 28

Skidmore 11 am Tuesday Oct. 28

Swarthmore 2:30 pm Oct. 28

Washington U @ St. Louis 9:30 am Wed. Oct. 29

Rollins College 11 am Wednesday Oct. 29

CHECK OUT **FACTS.ORG** FOR HELPFUL LINKS!

COLLEGE FAIRS near the 305

Ft. Laud. NACAC Fair Thursday Oct 16, 5-8 pm
Broward City Convention Center, Fort Lauderdale

Miami NACAC Fair Saturday Oct. 18 10 am-12 pm
FIU South Campus, Miami.

Michael Krop Sr. High Tuesday Oct. 21, 6-8 p
1410 NE 215 st. Miami, 33179

The National Association for College Admission Counseling will host about 150 colleges and universities for undecided seniors and other students who wish to jump into the search for the perfect college.

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPT. 26, 1 pm:

Savannah State Univ. President, Dr. Earl G. Yarbrough Sr. will be visiting MAST Juniors and Seniors to discuss the Marine Biology program at Savannah State in Chatham, GA.

OCT. 15, 8-11 am:

PSAT TESTING for Juniors. Seniors will attend a Financial Aid introduction and discussion of Florida Bright Futures.

IMPORTANT SUS INFO.

SUS MINIMUMS

You will not be considered if you do not meet these.

SAT:	ACT:
Reading- 440	English- 17
Math- 440	Math- 19
Writing- 440	Reading- 18

SUS DEADLINES

FSU—OCT. 15

UF—Nov. 1

FGCU—Nov. 15

UNF—OCT. 31

FIU—DEC. 1

NCF—FEB. 15

SCHOLARSHIP INFO.

It's no secret that college is expensive. There are many scholarships available for high school seniors and juniors as well as the underclassmen. Some of the scholarship applications available in the C.A.P Office include the Gates Millenium Scholars and Ford Salute to Education. Stop by for more information.

NEXT MONTH...

- *November 12:* Career & College Fair for Juniors: Activities Period.
- The FAFSA
- The CSS
- C.A.P. for freshman and sophomores