

Wednesday Round-up for 2 December 2009

PSAT RESULTS GO HOME TODAY

Please review the two handouts that will help students and parents make sense of the results. Realize that sophomores take the test as practice, so this is a year earlier than normal. It is a good opportunity to assess and then start/continue preparation for the PSAT and then SAT through this year, sophomore, and junior year. On the reverse, see a note from Ms. Peitersen.

ADVENT ANGEL TREE – LOTS OF “ORNAMENTS” REMAIN!!!!

One of our Solidarity Teams is running an Angel Tree through the DePaul Family Center. Their tree (and the gift tag ‘ornaments’ for members of the receiving family) will be set up in the school office area. Community members are invited to participate, starting 23 November. Gifts need to be returned no later than Friday, 11 December, and can be placed back under the tree. The tree will also contain ten gift tags for baskets for the elderly, also through the DePaul Family Center. There will be a flyer available to explain the program, especially the gift baskets.

ADVENT BRUNCH – RSVP PLEASE!

Just a reminder – the final Wednesday school Mass of 2009 is Wednesday, 9 December. The Mass will start at 8:35 a.m., with a brunch to follow in our school wing. **The Parents Group – Event Committee has been able to get all the needed supplies for the brunch – thanks, ladies. SO ALL WE NEED ARE PARENTS!!** We need to know how many people to expect. Please email the school (lsullivan@johnpaul2chs.org) to RSVP.

MASS ON 8 DECEMBER – HOLY DAY

We will have Mass in the morning on Tuesday, 8 December for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

AMBASSADORS NEWS

Below is a list of upcoming events. Contact Dr. Kenney if you have any questions or you would like to volunteer for an Ambassador event.

High School Placement Test - JP II - 5 Dec 8 a.m. – Noon

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP THIS SATURDAY MORNING, in uniform.

BASKETBALL TEAM - BUS TRIP CAUTION

The next fan bus trip has been planned for Friday, 4 Dec. to the Boerne Geneva School game. The weather forecast is now calling for nastier weather, and as a result, we are going to make a decision Thursday during the day if we will be running the bus. We will make that call during the day on Thursday. If we do run the bus, we will leave right after school, the game starts at 5:30 p.m., and we will arrive back at the school at 8 p.m. We will eat dinner after the game, on the way back. If we don't run the bus, we will add another bus trip to our schedule.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS – NEED MORE!!!!!!

Please review the letter from four weeks ago – posted now on RenWeb – and do what you can to participate in this tradition!



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Dear Parents,

The following text has been taken directly from www.collegeboard.com in an effort to help you understand and interpret the significance of your child's PSAT score. The students will be given a presentation on the meaning of the scores and I will meet with each one of them to address any concerns and answer any questions that they might have. Please take this opportunity to register on the website and get more information about Collegeboard tests and college preparation. As always, please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

God Bless,

Liz Peitersen, MA, LPCI

Standardized Testing: The Big Picture **College Admissions and Academic Goals**

Your child may have to take tests like the SAT® and SAT Subject Tests™ because they're a requirement for college admissions. Many colleges require the SAT for admissions because it's an important additional piece of information in admitting students.

Standardized for Your Protection

It's tough for colleges to compare students who come from different regions, experiences, and kinds of schools. There are thousands of high schools, and courses and grading standards can vary.

An "A" earned in the same course taught by different teachers in your child's school may not represent exactly the same amount of work, the same teaching, or the same level of learning. Likewise, an "A" earned in the same course but in different schools and different parts of the country may not really be the same.

Test results are an added tool for admission counselors to evaluate students from many different high schools.

Admission Is Never Based on Test Scores Alone

Test scores supplement, not replace, other important information, like your child's high school transcript. For most college admission offices, things like your child's grades and courses are still considered the best academic predictors.

Keep in mind, too, that these tests do not measure motivation, creativity, or special talents (even though these qualities will contribute to your child's success in college and throughout life). A test is just one of many tools that help colleges make admission decisions.

Tests Are Tools for Your Child, Too

Depending on the test, the scores can help students to:

- Compare themselves with the student body at the colleges they're considering.
- Show what they have achieved and learned throughout their academic life.
- Assess strengths and weaknesses, to see where they should focus work.

PSAT/NMSQT®

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is co-sponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). It offers your child:

- Low-stakes practice for the SAT
- An evaluation of your child's skills and comparison with other college-bound students
- An opportunity to enter scholarship competitions
- A chance to learn about colleges interested in students with a profile similar to your child



FALL 2009 EXAM SCHEDULE

Exam	Day	Time	subject
Exam #1	Wed., 16 Dec.	8:35-10:05 a.m.	Algebra
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Exam #2	Wed., 16 Dec.	10:30-Noon	Theology I (Gents)
Exam #2	Wed., 16 Dec.	10:30-Noon	Theology I (Ladies)
Exam #3	Thurs., 17 Dec.	8:35-10:05 a.m.	PAP English I (Gents)
Exam #3	Thurs., 17 Dec.	8:35-10:05 a.m.	PAP English I (Ladies)
Exam #4	Thurs., 17 Dec.	10:30-Noon	Spanish I/II
Exam #4	Thurs., 17 Dec.	10:30-Noon	Latin I
Exam #5	Fri., 18 Dec.	8:35-10:05 a.m.	PAP Biology I (Gents)
Exam #5	Fri., 18 Dec.	8:35-10:05 a.m.	PAP Biology I (Ladies)
Exam #6	Fri., 18 Dec.	10:30-Noon	Government (Gents)
Exam #6	Fri., 18 Dec.	10:30-Noon	Economics (Ladies)