



ILLIANA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

December 1, 2020

Dear Juniors and Parents,

Junior year is an important one as students are becoming more serious about making post-high school plans. Many of Illiana's students are considering colleges and hoping for scholarships. One of the steps in that process is taking the ACT test. The ACT is used by almost all colleges as a factor in admission decisions and scholarship awards. The best way to prepare for the ACT is to take challenging core coursework as there is a strong correlation between the rigorous core courses and high performance on the ACT.

The ACT will be offered at Illiana on April 17, 2021. However, students may register to take the test on a different date. To register and to search for additional test dates, go to www.act.org. As part of the registration process, be sure to use Illiana's school code, **154444**, so the test results can be included on students' transcripts.

The counselors strongly encourage students to take the test at least twice because students are often able to improve their scores. For example, students may want to take the test in April and again in June or July after they have received their initial scores and have completed junior year. Often, colleges will look at the highest scores in each of the subcategories and take that information into consideration when making admission and scholarship decisions.

Illiana is again offering juniors a four-night ACT preparation program presented by our own teachers in the four areas of ACT testing—math, reading, English, and science. The dates for this program are **March 18, 23, 25, and April 6** from **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** The teachers involved are Mr. Lagerwey, Mr. DeVries and Mr. Sylvester. This program will give participants a refresher in content and valuable test taking strategies that we believe will improve their ACT performance. **The sign-up deadline is January 15, 2021. The cost is \$50 and must be paid in advance by check or cash.** Students are not able to charge this fee to their tuition. **They can register in the office.**

As in previous years, we will also use a company called ExcelEdge to offer test preparation. This company has done an excellent job in the past preparing our students for the ACT. Additional information how to sign up for ExcelEdge coaching and the dates are in the accompanying letter from their company.

In the Challenge of His Service,

Peter Boonstra
Principal



November 2020

Illiana Christian High School Junior,

College entrance exams, the SAT and the ACT, have become a rite of passage for juniors because of the pivotal role they play in college admissions. Illiana Christian recognizes that its students may want a choice for their preferred entrance exam. As a result, Illiana Christian has invited ExcelEdge to offer two test preparation programs -- **SAT 1600** and **ACT 36**.

Give yourself *the Edge*. A leader in Midwest test preparation, ExcelEdge has meticulously analyzed the College Board SAT and its counterpart the ACT to ensure students receive a highly-specialized program tailored to each test. This year our classes will be hosted live using Google Meets to ensure an interactive classroom experience. To see what our schools, our parents, and the graduates of **SAT 1600** and **ACT 36** have said, please visit our website: www.exceledgeinc.com.

SAT 1600: You can count on certified instructors to teach you point-producing offensive and defensive strategies to navigate difficult items. We will show you exactly what to expect on the Writing and Language Test, the Reading Test, the Mathematics Test, and the Essay Test. We will teach you how to eliminate choices, how to answer items quickly, and how to maximize your score.

ACT 36: You must know the rules of the road: what the English, Math, Reading, Science and Writing tests look like, how to strategically narrow answer options, and how to increase speed without sacrificing accuracy. At each class, certified teachers will give you the tools to do well on the ACT.

Timing is everything. We have deliberately scheduled **SAT 1600** and **ACT 36** to wrap up just before the April 13th SAT and the April 17th ACT. By spring, students will have mastered junior curriculum, which each exam targets. By completing the program in the weeks just before they test, students can put these skills to immediate use.

Students may enroll in our eight-week **SAT 1600** test preparation program or our eight-week **ACT 36** test preparation program on the following days/times. Please select from the following days/times. Students may make up absences on alternate days.

SAT 1600: Mondays–7-9pm, Tuesdays–4-6pm or 7-9pm, Wednesdays–4-6pm or 7-9pm, Thursdays–7-9pm, or Saturdays–10am-noon

ACT 36: Tuesdays--7-9pm or Thursdays--7-9pm

Register for SAT 1600 or ACT 36. To join either program, which will be held online, please visit the ExcelEdge website – www.exceledgeinc.com. Tuition is \$325, which includes the textbook. **Registration is now open and closes on December 31.**

Contact us with any questions. We pride ourselves on personal attention, as you will discover. If you have any questions about either course, please feel free to contact ExcelEdge at info@exceledgeinc.com / 219-838-0740.

Your SAT and ACT scores are too important to leave to chance. By enrolling in **SAT 1600** or **ACT 36**, you can give yourself an edge in the competitive college market. You will find that **SAT 1600** and **ACT 36** are more than test prep books; they are new ways of thinking about tests. Plan to join us!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcy Paddock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marcy Paddock, MEd

ExcelEdge SAT and ACT Test Prep for Illiana Christian Juniors

**Giving Illiana Christian juniors the competitive edge...
SAT 1600 and ACT 36 Classes Begin in February.**

- What?** **SAT 1600** and **ACT 36**, each course is an 8-week online test preparation program hosted live using Google Meets for the April 13th SAT and April 17th ACT. Students should have a webcam and a microphone, if possible.
- When?** Beginning the week of February 1st, choose a day and time that work best for your schedule. Make-ups on a different day are welcomed.
- SAT 1600:** Mondays–7-9pm, Tuesdays–4-6pm or 7-9pm, Wednesdays–4-6pm or 7-9pm, Thursdays–7-9pm, or Saturdays–10am-noon
- ACT 36:** Tuesdays--7-9pm or Thursdays--7-9pm
- Who?** **All** college-bound juniors
- Why?** As thousands of ExcelEdge graduates know, test preparation can make the difference between a good score and a great score.
- Cost?** \$325 for either **SAT 1600** or **ACT 36**
- How?** **Register online:** www.exceledgeinc.com / **Registration due date:** 12-31-20
- Contact?** ExcelEdge: info@exceledgeinc.com / 219-838-0740

Not just test preparation ... New ways of thinking