



ILLIANA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

November 23, 2021

Dear Juniors and Parents/Guardians,

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 SAT test. The SAT is used by almost all colleges as a factor in admission decisions and scholarship awards. The best way to prepare for the SAT is to take challenging core coursework as there is a strong correlation between the rigorous core courses and high performance on the SAT.

As the State of Indiana continues to make changes regarding the ways in which it measures student college and/or career preparedness and the effectiveness of each school's curriculum, **Indiana is now requiring ALL juniors to take the SAT.** This has now become a graduation requirement. **The SAT will be offered at Illiana on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 and ALL juniors MUST take it on this date.** Because the state requires this test, it is also paying for the test on this date. If students choose to take the test on another date, they will have to register and pay for that test on their own. However, students may register to take the test on a different date.

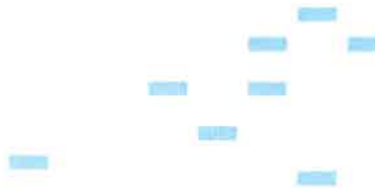
The counselors strongly encourage students to take the test at least twice because students are often able to improve their scores. For example, students who take the test in March may also choose to take it again in June or August after they receive their initial scores and have completed junior year. 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 SAT preparation program presented by our own teachers in the three areas of testing—math, reading and English. The dates for this program are **January 31, February 7, and February 14** from **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** The teachers involved are Mr. Lagerwey and Mr. DeVries. This program will give participants a refresher in content and valuable test taking strategies that we believe will improve their SAT performance. **The sign-up deadline is January 7, 2022. 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 with Mrs. West.**

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 test. Additional information on 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



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Illiana Christian High School Junior,

The SAT has become a rite of passage for juniors. To prepare its junior class, Illiana Christian High School has invited ExcelEdge to offer **SAT 1600**.

Give yourself the Edge. A leader in Midwest test preparation, ExcelEdge has meticulously analyzed this College Board SAT to ensure students receive a highly specialized program tailored to the test. You can count on experienced instructors who are certified content specialists to teach you point-producing offensive and defensive strategies to navigate difficult items. Our teaching team will show you exactly what to expect on this test. We will teach you how to eliminate choices, how to answer items quickly, and how to maximize your score. To see what our schools, our parents, and the graduates of our program have said, please visit our website: www.exceledgeinc.com.

Timing is everything. We have deliberately scheduled **SAT 1600** to wrap up just before the March 2nd SAT exam. By spring, students will have mastered junior curriculum, which the exam targets. By completing the program in the weeks just before the SAT, students can master test content and strategy and put these skills to immediate use.

Register for SAT 1600. To join our program, please visit the ExcelEdge website – www.exceledgeinc.com. Tuition is \$325, which includes a textbook. **Registration is now open and closes on December 31.** Please reserve these dates:

Tuesday -- 7-9pm -- 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22 (Practice SAT 5:30-9:00pm), & 3/1

****Class will be held online if school is cancelled due to inclement weather or other circumstances.**

****Classes run based on enrollment. If enrollment is low and class is cancelled, you have the option to either take the course at another school or online.**

Contact us with any questions. If you have any questions about **SAT 1600**, please feel free to contact ExcelEdge at info@exceledgeinc.com / 219-838-0740. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marcy Paddock'.

Marcy Paddock, MSED



ExcelEdge Test Prep for Illiana Christian Juniors

SAT 1600 Classes Begin in January

- What?** SAT 1600, a 7-week test preparation program for the March 2nd SAT
- When?** Tuesday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00pm
Tues: 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22 (Practice SAT 5:30-9:00pm), & 3/1
- Who?** All juniors
- Where?** Illiana Christian High School
- Why?** ExcelEdge test prep is a proven system. SAT 1600 sharpens students' essential skills and test smarts.
- Cost?** \$325
- How?** To join our program, please visit our website: www.exceledgeinc.com. Registration is now open and closes on December 31 or once sections are filled.
- Contact?** ExcelEdge: info@exceledgeinc.com / 219-838-0740

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