

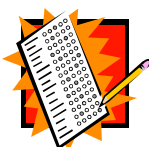


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Midterms Are Coming! Quarter Grades Are Coming!



Mid term tests are imminent. **CHECK YOUR STUDENT'S GRADES!**

Schedule time for preparation. The SUSD first quarter will be over on October 8. Don't wait until the day before the test to start studying. Schedule time now for the last week in September and the first week in

October. Often tests are weighted very heavily in the overall grade. In some high school Math classes, tests for the quarter can be up to 80% of the overall grade, so although homework may be stellar a poor mark on a midterm test can tank a quarter or semester grade.... Don't wait to get help. One time individually scheduled drop in sessions are available as are small four session packages. Call now to

reserve your favorite day, time, and tutor. If your quarter grades are not where you want them to be seriously consider starting ongoing tutoring until the semester progresses, concepts build off of first of the year concepts.



Fall Break - SEC IS OPEN!



October 11 – 15 SUSD/ AZVA
October 11 Notre Dame
October 11 PVSD
October 14 BASIS
October 11-15 Rancho Solano
October 11 - 15 Scottsdale Prep.
October 11 Brophy



Scottsdale Education Center will be open throughout all schools' Fall Breaks.

If you will not be attending your regularly scheduled sessions please call at least 24 hours in

advance and let us know and you can have a make-up session. Jessica can be reached at 480-538-0828. If you do not call or call without 24 hours notice, you will be charged for your session.

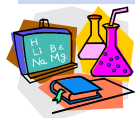


SAT/ACT Prep



September and October are very busy times for Seniors preparing for and taking SAT and ACT tests. Many are trying to take either their SAT or ACT tests one last time before submitting early applications to colleges. Next available SAT test date is October 9. Although our SAT class has already started for this date, semi-private or private tutoring is still available. Our next SAT class for the November 6 test date starts Monday, October 11. For the ACT, our next class starts Monday, November 8. See our website at www.sectutoring.com for more details.

New Chem/BioTutor



SEC is proud to announce the addition of Katelyn Cooper to our Chemistry and Biology tutorial staff. Katey is a graduate of ASU and holds a BS in Biochemistry. She was on the ASU Deans List all four years and has published work on Measuring Elastic Properties of Highly Metastatic Cells using Nanoscale Dimensions. Katey is an Oncology Volunteer at the Mayo Clinic Hospital and is a Refugee Women's Health Clinic Coalition Member. Katey has tutored math and science at elementary through college levels for over 5 years. She has a minor in Musical Theater and spent last summer working/mentoring at UCLA. Katey will be attending Medical School in the Fall of 2011 and "aced" her MCATs. Katey is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 3 and 7 PM.

DON'T FORGET:

- Register your child for the official ACT Test at www.act.org
- Register your child for the official SAT reasoning and/or subject tests at www.collegeboard.com
- Visit www.fastweb.com to research scholarships, financial aid, and colleges
- Scottsdale Education Center's new **make-up policy** allows monthly tutoring appointments make-ups with 24 hour advanced cancellation notice within 30 days of the cancelled session.
- Get your student prepared to properly study for tests by taking our Study Skills Assessment FREE (\$50 value)

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Your Bridge to Academic Success

October Events

October Payment Due	Thu 10/1
Official SAT Test (see www.collegeboard.com)	Sat 10/9
SEC SAT Session II Class Begins	Mon 10/11
Official ACT Test (see www.act.org for details)	Sat 10/23
AIMS SUSD HS Writing Retake Tests	Tues 10/26
AIMS SUSD HS Reading Retake Tests	Wed 10/27
AIMS SUSD HS Math Retake Tests	Thu 10/28

REMINDER: SEC will be in session throughout all of October. We will not be closing for October break. If you will not be coming for tutoring during your school's October break, please alert Jessica at the front desk with AT LEAST 24 hours notice and we can reschedule your session at no additional charge.

TUTORING FOR:



** GREAT option for these tests is a "12 Session Drop-In Pack" (12 hours) of semi-private, individualized tutoring. \$480. FREE diagnostic test with purchase of a 12-Pack for any of these tests.

**SAT

What: SAT 2010

When: Saturday, 11/6 and 12/4

*SAT Classes are available for these test dates at SEC. View our website for more SAT Class detail (www.sectutoring.com)

Who: Juniors and Seniors

Where: Must Register to pick testing site at

www.collegeboard.com

Why: College Admissions, College Scholarships and Honors Program placement.

**ACT

What: ACT 2010

When: Saturday, 10/23 & 12/11*

*An ACT Class is available for this test date at SEC on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm starting November 8th.

Who: Juniors and Seniors

Where: Must Register to pick testing site at www.act.org

Why: College Admissions. It is generally recommended to take the ACT with writing

**PSAT

What: PSAT

When: Saturday, 10/16 (SUSD/PVSD)

Who: Juniors and sophomores who are motivated and freshman
Where: Register at your High School

Why: (1) Top 3% of Juniors qualify for prestigious National Merit Scholar Competitions. Winners are eligible for scholarships. (2) Good precursor test for performance on SAT



Q & A Corner

How do I know if my child needs to be tutored?

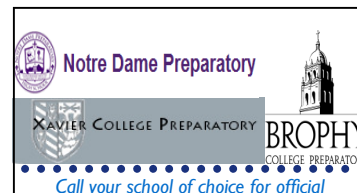


If your student has consistently struggled with a particular subject (Math, Science, Foreign Language, English, etc.), don't wait for quarter grades to get help! Or, if halfway through the first semester (approximately Oct. 8th) your child is not doing well in a class, you should bring them in for subject tutoring. Most teachers spend the first week or two in review and then progress to new material. If your child has struggled with the review and the beginning of the new concepts, they will not have a solid foundation for the rest of the year. Getting them in now cannot only help save a semester grade, but can save money in the long run. Bringing in a student a few weeks before finals to try and "save" a grade is not realistic and concept issues will compound in the second semester.

Private High School Placement Test Preparation



One of our premiere workshops with an incomparable track record for private high school placement will be offered December 4, 2010 from 9 AM to 1 PM at Scottsdale Education Center. This 4 hour class reviews all of the sections of the HSPT, as well as skills, strategies and techniques to "ACE" the exam. Two hours will be spent on English and the other two hours on math. Scottsdale Education Center has been assisting students with the HSPT for 12 years and has had a 100% success rate of students getting into their school of choice. The cost of the class is \$275 and space is limited to approximately 20 students. We already have several students enrolled! SEC offers tutoring for the HSPT Test as



Call your school of choice for official HSPT test dates.

well. Consider first taking the diagnostic of the test and based off of the results we can set up a plan for tutoring. The cost for the diagnostic is \$100 and it is about 2 1/2 to 3 hours in length. The cost includes a consultation that is to be scheduled separately from the test. Depending on your student's scores, he/she may benefit solely from the class and not need actual tutoring. **Call 480-538-0828 today to register!**

** AIMS Retake Tests

What: HS AIMS Retake Tests

When: Writing Retakes - 10/27
 Reading Retakes - 10/28
 Math Retakes - 10/29

Who: Juniors and Seniors who have not yet met requirements or those who want to exceed

Where: Your High School

Why: (1) HS Graduation Requirements to meet standard in ALL three main areas before graduation your senior year (2) If you "exceed" requirements in all three areas by the end of your sophomore or junior year and maintain a high "B" average, you may be eligible for the AIMS scholarship. Exact qualifications are reviewed by the state at this time.