



The Scholars' Academy

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Freshman Students,

As you are already aware, our high school course of study is accelerated and requires students to complete four Regents courses in their freshman year. This acceleration of the curriculum will allow your child to experience more advanced courses and possibly the opportunity to earn several college credits while still in high school. It also means that you and your child must begin to consider preparation for college applications earlier than you would with a traditional high school curriculum.

We have investigated the "SAT Subject Tests," offered by the College Board, which are used by several colleges to make decisions about admissions and placement. **These exams are offered through the College Board and are not required or in any way affiliated with our school.**

However, **it is suggested by the College Board that the subject specific exams be taken immediately after the course is completed.** Several of the exams offered include information covered in course work the students are completing this year, such as **Physics and U.S. History.** **Please be advised that these exams are based on National Standards and may also include information not covered in class, which is based on New York Standards.** If your child is interested in taking one of the exams, additional preparation **will be necessary.** Please speak with your child's subject teacher to determine whether they recommend taking the exam.

The exams are being offered on May 2nd and June 6th, with registration deadlines of March 31st and May 5th respectively. Please visit the site below to find out more information about these exams. Please be proactive and do as soon as possible. This **MUST BE DONE DIRECTLY BY THE PARENT/STUDENT.** **If you do not have access to the internet, please contact us so that we may facilitate with you from a school computer.** If you have any questions, please contact Steven Harris, Director of College and Career Planning, at (718) 474-6918 ext. 424 or by e-mail at sharris39@schools.nyc.gov.

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/about/SATII.html>

Respectfully,

Brian O'Connell