



March 15, 2021

Dear Families of 11th Grade Students,

Hello! 11th grade is the year when we start the individualized post-secondary planning process with all 11th grade students and families. In fact, many of you have likely already heard, or will soon hear, from your student's College and Career Counselor to meet individually to begin to discuss post-secondary goals and options. We are so excited to begin this work with each and every one of you!

For those students and families considering pursuing college after high school, this planning process includes taking a test called the SAT. The SAT is a test that can be part of the application process for many colleges and is required by some. Therefore we recommend that any student considering applying to college take the SAT. All 11th grade students taking Grade Level Seminar class are registered to take this test in on **Tuesday, April 13. This test will be administered in person** (the College Board does not have an option for remote testing).

To support students to prepare for this test all 11th grade students in a Grade Level Seminar Course have also begun taking a once per week "SAT Prep" course to help them learn about and practice for when they take the SAT on April 13. Students also received an SAT Prep book as part of the materials distribution in January and students are encouraged to do additional practice independently.

The SAT test administration on April 13 will be the first time most students will return to our school building since the pandemic began. This likely raises questions for families and even some concern. Please know that we will be taking all CDC recommended safety precautions including:

1. All individuals will be required to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth at all times.
2. We will observe 6 feet of social distance between individuals during test administration.
3. All individuals entering the building will go through COVID screening before entry into the school.
4. There will be no eating or drinking allowed in the building during the test.

Even with these precautions you may have questions. Please feel free to reach out to me at email and phone number provided below with any questions you may have. We appreciate your support of your child through their post-secondary planning process!

Sincerely,

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