

# Staying Ahead of the SAT Wave

Hi Parents and Students,

Junior year is a busy one. Not the least of your concerns is the looming college entrance tests that each student must negotiate. I'm here to make it a whole lot easier.

Your student probably took the PSAT in October. This is the SAT's "introduction" into their testing system. Except for being used for the National Merit Scholarship Program, the PSAT scores will not matter. The scores do, however, give you a very accurate prediction of your SAT scores. PSAT scores should come back in December.

## My advice for taking the SAT :

1. **Choose a test date** that works best for the student's schedule. The SAT is given in January, March, May, and June. Taking the earlier tests are always better than taking the later tests.
2. Plan to take the SAT just **one time** in junior year.
3. **Plan a test preparation strategy** so that the student can earn the highest possible score on the test the first time and never have to repeat the laborious, stress-filled process. I teach a class before each SAT date.
4. **Commit about 20 hours** of time over four weeks to practice at home, thereby ensuring the best possible preparation results. Students who take my class receive a very manageable schedule to follow.

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