

January 31, 2019

Dear 10th or 11th Grade Parent or Guardian,

This is an invitation for your son or daughter to take part in a **FREE** SAT/PSAT prep “academy.” As you know, students in the Class of 2021 and beyond must earn certain SAT scores in order to graduate. In addition, strong SAT scores are an important factor in many post-secondary options for our students. Our plan is to work with interested and committed students specifically before the state exam dates of April 9 and 10 to get them ready to do amazingly on these important standardized tests. [New data from The College Board](#) has found that studying between 6 and 20 hours for the SAT/PSAT can raise students’ score 90-200 points! That is a huge increase!

Students who choose to register are asked to meet at 3:15 in the library each Monday and Thursday **starting Thursday, February 21**. The prep will go from 3:15 to 4:45 for 12 sessions. This is offering 15+ hours of FREE, focused instruction and practice. Students will work in small groups on specific content, test-taking skills, and practicing not just *what* is on the test but also *how* to approach these tests. There will be some use of Khan Academy, as well, but this time is intended to supplement what students and teachers are already doing in the classroom. The SAT and the PSAT are significant steps in college admission and scholarship awards.

We will have snacks available for participants and will also work on stress reduction, managing time, and perhaps some limited college and career exploration.

General Schedule:

3:15-3:30: Welcome/Snack/Warm Up Activity	3:30-4:00: Session 1: Math or English (student groupings)
4:00-4:15: General Test Taking Strategies/Break	4:15-4:45: Session 2: English or Math (student groupings)

Please complete the registration form on the following page to sign your child up for SAT/PSAT Academy. If you prefer, the form is also available electronically on the THS website. The form should be turned in to the main office by Thursday, February 14. If you have any questions or concerns about our SAT/PSAT Academy, please feel free to contact Kristen McCloskey at 720.972.2843, or [mcc005977@adams12.org](mailto:mcc005977@adams12.org). Ms. McCloskey will also be at Parent/Teacher Conferences from 5:00-8:00 on Feb. 14 to answer questions.

We are excited about this opportunity to work with your child to move to the next level of preparedness.

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Skrobela  
Principal  
Thornton High School

Kristen McCloskey  
IB Coordinator  
SAT/PSAT Academy Coordinator

# SAT/PSAT Academy Information and Registration Form

**Academy School Dates:**

Monday	Thursday
Feb. 25	Feb. 21
March 4	Feb. 28
March 11	March 7
March 18	March 15
S P R I N G	March 21
April 1	B R E A K
April 8	April 4

April 8 Celebration of Completion and Preparedness!

**Time: 3:15-4:45**

**Snack will be provided. Should you want to donate \$5 for snacks, that is appreciated but not necessary.**

Please cut along the dotted line and return the bottom of this page to the THS Main Office by Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019.

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Clearly)

School ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: 10th 11th

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Clearly)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I give my child permission to participate in THS's SAT/PSAT Academy.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand my child is responsible for attending. Students are expected to remain the entire session they are in attendance.

Student: Have you taken the SAT/PSAT before at THS? YES NO

**Purely for planning purposes:**

Do you have internet access at home or outside of school? YES NO

Do you have a computer or other device you can connect to outside of school? YES NO