

Students,

This summer, the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) Mini Course will be offered to you. The PSAT is a standardized test designed by the Educational Testing Service for the College Board. College Board administers the PSAT to high school students. PSAT results are a valuable tool as students prepare for the SAT. High school students take the PSAT across the nation each October.

In 1971, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation adopted the PSAT as the qualifying test for their Merit Scholarship Program. Under this program, top-scoring juniors in every state are identified as National Merit Commended or National Merit Semifinalists in the Merit Scholarship competition.

The purpose of the summer course is (1) increase scholarship opportunities; (2) increase the number of colleges or universities a student can apply to and reasonably expect to be admitted; (3) provide a solid foundation for taking any standardized test (especially the SAT/PSAT) in the future.

The PSAT is a test of logic and reasoning tested through two subject areas: Verbal Skills and Math Skills. It is **NOT** a content test and cannot be taken like a “classroom” test.

This course (Tactical PSAT Strategies) is divided into three parts: Test-Taking Skills, Verbal Skills, and Math Skills. This course uses a “building block” approach. It requires a student to change how he/she thinks as well as how he/she responds to questions based on the question type. All junior high and high school students will strengthen their opportunity for success on the PSAT/SAT by attending the three preparation courses offered in the summer by the district.

Although this course is **recommended for students entering grades 6, 7, 8, or 9**, it is open to all secondary students. It is especially helpful for those who will be eligible to participate in the Duke Talent Search during the fall of their seventh grade year.

Duke nationally searches for superior students over the entire United States. Students with top scores receive recognition at both the state and national levels and are invited to participate in special programs offered by many universities.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WHERE: **Gentry Junior School**

WHEN: **Course 1:** June 11 - 14
(8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)
or
(11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

Course 1: June 18 - 21
(8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)
or
(11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

Course 2: June 25 - 28
(8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)
or
(11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

Cost: **Free**

Class sizes are limited to 30 students on a first come, first serve basis.

(You must have your own transportation.)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

2011-12 GRADE LEVEL: _____

COURSE WISHING TO ATTEND:

_____ A.M. Course 1 – June 11-14
_____ P.M. Course 1 – June 11-14
_____ A.M. Course 1 – June 18-21
_____ P.M. Course 1 – June 18-21
_____ A.M. Course 2 – June 25-28*
_____ P.M. Course 2 – June 25-28*

***Must have attended COURSE 1 before attending COURSE 2**

We strongly recommend taking only 1 COURSE per summer. (Exceptions: Contact Camille Burt @ Baytown Junior 281-420-4560 ext. 235 for approval)

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ABOVE FORM and return it to your COUNSELOR BY JUNE 6, 2012.

REGISTRATION FORM

**Goose Creek CISD
Presents
Tactical PSAT/SAT Strategies**

**An exciting, highly motivating program that
prepares students for the PSAT/SAT**

Are you ready to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)?

It's a fact that.....

- If you don't score high enough on the SAT/ACT, you may be turned down by the college of your choice.
- The PSAT, taken in the 11th grade, is used to determine the National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.
- Late in the junior year is a good time to take the SAT/ACT.
- The SAT is given to seventh grade students to determine recognition and eligibility for the Duke Talent Search Program.

Do you know....

- How the SAT and ACT are scored?
- What SAT/ACT score you really need?
- How to increase the odds of getting the correct answer?
- The best verbal and math tactics to use?
- How to maximize SAT/PSAT/ACT scores?
- How the SAT and ACT are structured?
- How to relax and reduce test anxiety?

Students who take Tactical SAT strategies receive a comprehensive education on the SAT. All materials are provided. Students practice doing an authentic SAT so they know what to expect when they take the test.

**SEE YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

***Making the Grade
On the
PSAT/SAT
2012***

ARE YOU PREPARED?



**The Goose Creek Consolidated
Independent School District**