



# Junior Newsletter

Grade 11/12 High School Guidance  
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Souderton Area High School  
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## FEBRUARY

### College Corner- Things to do in February

- ⇒ Students should be conducting a preliminary search of colleges. Students should use the internet (some websites are listed below) or resources in the guidance suite (such as books by Fiske, Peterson's or Rugg) .
- ⇒ Become familiar with admissions requirements for each school.
- ⇒ Things to consider when searching for colleges:
  - Do they have majors that you are interested?
  - Do you like the location? (proximity to home, urban/rural, large vs small)
  - Does the school have extracurricular activities that you are interested?
  - What is the professor/student ratio? What are the education levels of the professors?
- ⇒ The more effort you put forth today with the college selection process, the better informed you will be to make this big decision.
- ⇒ Speak with your parents regarding your search!

### DEFINITIONS

**Safe School**—Schools in which you are almost certain that you will be accepted because you have exceeded all admissions requirements.

**Match School**—A school in which you fall in the middle of all admissions requirements.

**Reach School**— After reviewing admissions requirements, there is a chance of being accepted, but you are on the low side of the requirements. **In addition, all highly selective colleges and universities should be considered reach schools. The admissions requirements at these schools are so high that no one is guaranteed admissions, regardless of your grades, test scores, or activities.**

### SAT Dates

Test Date:	Register by:
3/13/10	2/4/10
5/1/10	3/25/10
<i>(May SAT offered at SAHS!)</i>	
6/5/10	4/29/10
<i>(SAT Subject tests offered in May and June)</i>	

NEW. NEW. NEW. NEW. NEW.

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
has the SAT practice test online....FREE



EXPLORE AND PLAN

### Helpful Websites:

- \* [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- \* My College QuickStart (accessed at collegeboard.com)
- \* [www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)
- \* [www.mymajors.com](http://www.mymajors.com)
- \* [www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org)
- \* [www.pacareerzone.org](http://www.pacareerzone.org)
- \* NCAA Clearinghouse at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)



# EXPLORE THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Souderton Area  
High School

Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: Session One 8:30 am

or

Session Two 6:30 pm

For: SANS parents

Location: SANS



To reserve a seat,

# RSVP

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## A FEW DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

### HIGH SCHOOL

Mandatory →

FREE →

Many graded assignments and tests →

Teachers, counselors, administrators  
may contact you about receiving extra help →

Teachers available throughout day to contact →

Can usually make up all work when absent →

Absences can be followed by excuse notes →

Assignments/tests announced when  
they come up →

In school for 7 consecutive hours →

Each class is 1.5 hours per day for one semester →

Parents may be very involved →

Frequent tests on less content →

People won't remind you to study →

### COLLEGE

Voluntary

EXPENSIVE

Only a few papers and tests  
make up your entire grade

YOU must ask for help

Professors meet with you during  
scheduled office hours

Must hand in assignments on as signed  
day (typically NO excuses)

Absences typically result in lowered  
grade. 3 or more is usually an automatic  
failing grade

A syllabus that you receive the first  
day of class has all assignments/tests

May only have a few classes per day  
and have time in between

Classes have 15 week semesters, then a  
final exam week. Classes may be 50 min  
3x/week, 1.5 hrs 2x/wk, or 3 hrs 1x/wk

Teachers/college may not release any  
information to parents, even grades!

Usually only 1 or 2 all semester

You must prioritize study time over  
all other activities

*\*These are just a few of the differences between high school and college\**

