

# STANDARDIZED TESTING GUIDELINES

*Academic Year 2018-2019*

The following testing recommendations are endorsed by the St. Paul’s Counseling and Academic Support and The College Counseling Office. Furthermore, research studies show that students who are more mature, who have a greater fund of knowledge, and who engage in test preparation receive higher scores on standardized tests.

**As such, students are encouraged to make thoughtful choices about standardized testing.**

	PSAT	PreACT	SAT & SAT SUBJECT TESTS							ACT						
	Oct. 10	Jan 7	August 26	Oct. 7	Nov. 4	Dec. 2	March 10	May 5	June 2	Sept. 8	Oct. 27	Dec. 8	Feb. 9	April 13	June 8	July 13
SENIORS	****	****	YES	YES	YES	YES	***	***	***	YES	YES	YES	***	***	***	***
JUNIORS	YES	****	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
SOPHOMORES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO*	NO*	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
FRESHMEN	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO*	NO*	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

**PSAT**-Students should plan to take a practice PSAT in October in the freshman and sophomore years, followed by an official PSAT (for National Merit qualification) in October of the junior year.

**SAT & SAT SUBJECT TESTS** – Students should plan to take the SAT in March, May or June of the junior year and repeat if necessary, in October, November or December of the senior year to be used in college admissions. \*SAT Subject Tests should be taken in May or June after the appropriate course sequence is completed and with input from the subject-area teacher and College Counseling.

**ACT** – Students should plan to take the ACT in February, April or June of the junior year and repeat it, if necessary, in September, October or December of senior year to be used in college admissions. Some schools will only accept scores from tests that were taken with writing. ALWAYS sign up for the ACT with writing. It would be sad if you “knocked it out of the ballpark” with the multiple choice and a school would not accept those scores.

**Please note** – College Board’s Score Choice option allows students to choose by test date which scores to send to colleges. While this policy might tempt students to test multiple times, many highly-selective colleges require students to waive the Score Choice option and to submit their entire testing history, which may or may not be to their benefit

**Also, it is the student’s responsibility to send official test scores to colleges and other requestors as test scores are not reported on the St. Paul’s transcript.**