

May 2020

Anticipated Test Dates

SAT Test Dates:

August 29, 2020
September 26, 2020
October 3, 2020
November 7, 2020
December 5, 2020

Register online at
www.sat.org/signup

ACT Test Dates:

June 13, 2020
July 18, 2020

Register online at
www.act.org

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St. David's School

Collegebeat...

An Update from the College Counseling Office

Updated AP Exam Schedule

Week 1

	12:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Monday, May 11	Physics C: Mechanics		US Government
Tuesday, May 12	Latin	Calculus AB Calculus BC	
Wednesday, May 13		English Literature	European History
Thursday, May 14			
Friday, May 15	Art History	United States History	Computer Science A: Programming

Week 2

	12:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Monday, May 18		Biology	Environmental Science
Tuesday, May 19	Music Theory		
Wednesday, May 20		English Composition	
Thursday, May 21	French Language		Macroeconomics
Friday, May 22		Statistics	Spanish Language

Students planning to take AP exams should read the email Ms. Markoff sent on April 30 and all other subsequent emails and attachments, well in advance of taking AP exams. Should you not sign on to the exam on the day of the regularly scheduled exam, College Board will automatically send you an AP Exam "ticket" to test on the conflict dates June 1-5. If you begin the exam on the original date and encounter problems, you will need to request a new ticket for the make-up date within 48 hours. You will need to save a copy of your original ticket in order to request a new ticket in this situation. Please read page 3 of this edition for more important information regarding AP exams.



IMPORTANT NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE COMMON APP

Do not complete requests for teacher and counselor recommendations via Common App!

Instead, follow the directions sent out by Ms. Markoff for SCOIR. Recommendations are sent electronically through SCOIR.

**St. David's School
Code is 343236**

**St. David's School
is classified as an
independent school
with a 4.0 grading
scale using
weighted averages.**

**Date of graduation
is May 28, 2021.**

How to find a college that fits collegeboard.org May 9, 2019

Some students want to find the perfect college. The truth is, there's no such thing. You can find many colleges at which you'll be happy and get a great education.

The college search is about exploring who you are and what you want and then finding colleges that will meet your goals.

Still, you do need to narrow down the possibilities into a manageable list. Here are steps you can take to find colleges where you will thrive.

- Stay open to all the possibilities — don't limit your search.
- Ask yourself what's important to you, where you want to be and who you want to become. Then you can figure out what types of colleges will allow you to reach your goals.

Here are some aspects to consider:

A college's size, location, distance from home, available majors and classes, housing options, makeup of the student body, extracurricular activities and campus atmosphere.

Which of these aspects are things you feel you must have to be comfortable at a college? Which things are you flexible on?

Also, think about what you want to accomplish in college. Do you want to train for a specific job or get a wide-ranging education? If you have a major in mind, are the colleges you're considering strong in that area?

While it's good to have some ideas in mind about what sorts of colleges will be right for you, stay open to all the possibilities at the beginning of your search.

Challenge your assumptions about what will work for you. For example, "you may not think you're able to thrive in a large institution because you come from a small high school, but ... you may actually do better in that type of setting," notes Luis Martinez-Fernandez, a history professor at the University of Central Florida.

Talk to people who know you. Tell parents, teachers, relatives, family friends and your school counselor about your goals, and ask if they can suggest colleges that may be a good fit for you.

Don't limit your search. At the start of this process, you may rule out colleges because you think that they are too expensive or too hard to get into, but this may not be the reality. Remember that financial aid can make college more affordable and colleges look at more than just grades and test scores.

Once you have a list of schools, it's time to do research. To learn more about the colleges you're considering, check out college guidebooks and the colleges' websites. Jot down your questions and get answers by talking to your school counselor or teachers, checking out colleges' student blogs, contacting college admission officials, asking admission officials to recommend current students or recent graduates to talk to and visiting college campuses.

During your search, keep asking yourself questions about your preferences and goals. You are changing throughout high school, so your answers may change during the search process.

And remember that there are many good college matches for every student, and that you can be successful at many types of schools.

Important AP Exam Reminders

Due to the changes College Board has made because of COVID-19, students need to pay special attention to their email inbox as this is where important information will be distributed by College Board in order to administer AP exams. Parents will not be copied on these emails from College Board.

Below are a few critical reminders:

- Two days before each exam, you will receive an email with your personalized e-ticket and your AP ID#. On test day, you will need to click the e-ticket containing your AP ID# to access the exam.
- In advance of each exam, you must print and complete the **AP Student Exam Day Checklist** and have it with you when you begin to test. You may access the checklist at cb.org/apchecklist. Details for each item on the checklist are explained in the [2020 AP Testing Guide](#).
- Each exam has different requirements for preparing your test papers ahead of time, choosing software, and using an acceptable device. These requirements are listed in the 2020 AP Testing Guide.
- The Music Theory exam must be taken on a tablet or smartphone and requires that you have your own recording app or software. *You must print the answer sheet for this exam in advance.* (see p. 15 of the 2020 AP Testing Guide).
- The French and Spanish exams must be taken on a tablet or smartphone. *You must also download the AP World Language Exam app* (see p. 16 of the 2020 AP Testing Guide).
- Information regarding testing accommodations may be found on p. 17 of the 2020 AP Testing Guide or at cb.org/ap2020accommodations.

VERY IMPORTANT: Beginning on Monday, May 4 you will have access to AP exam demo videos, which will show you how to use the testing system. Go to cb.org/ap2020. You will need to use the latest version of one of these browsers: Chrome (preferred), Firefox, Safari, or Edge. *Do not use Internet Explorer. If you are not able to access the exam demo, you will not be able to access the exam on test day. You will need to follow the steps on page 51 of the 2020 AP Testing Guide to change your browser.*

The following videos offer additional details about testing day, and you may find these helpful after you have reviewed the testing guide:

[Explainer Videos:](#) New videos are available to give students quick, easily accessible information about their test day experience, what they need to do to prepare, exam security, and more. Explore the [playlist](#).

Completing these important preparatory steps in the coming week will make your test day experience run much more smoothly. You should position yourself to concentrate on the subject material that day, not the technical details involved in online examination.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact College Counseling.

Save The Date!

**The Class of 2021
will have their
Senior Kickoff at
noon on Tuesday,
August 18, 2020
(First Day of
School).**

**After a senior class
lunch, students will
hear from an
admissions
professional about
what is expected of
college application
essays. Bring your
device and be ready
to write! College
Counseling will also
deliver important
information about
the application
process.**



Congratulations Class of 2020!!!

Andrew Alcock	University of Tennessee	JuJu Medlin	UNC Chapel Hill
Emily Alcock	Loyola University of Maryland	John Monaco	Parsons School of Design
Ella Alford	Virginia Tech University	Lizzie Carr Montague	NC State University
Thomas Bartholomew	NC State University	Madeleine Morris	Auburn University
Ashley Baucom	Appalachian State University	John Nicholson	USMA West Point
Daniel Baucom	NC State University	Madison Nobrega	Hampton University
Ka'von Benbow	Keiser University-Flagship Campus	McKenzie Nobrega	University of Central Florida
Tyler Bennett	NC State University	Connor Outlaw	UNC Chapel Hill
Harrison Bowman	Appalachian State University	Alyssa Parnelli	UNC Chapel Hill
Anna Grace Call	NC State University	Bryan Pennington	NC State University
Hunter Camp	NC State University	Andy Plyler	Clemson University
Sydney Cook	East Carolina University	Gracie Powell	Auburn University
Noelle DeFelice	NC State University	Nicholas Priester	Elon University
Jessica Du	Vanderbilt University	Lindsey Rittenmeyer	NC State University
Clay Duckworth	Auburn University	Jacob Robbins	Wake Tech Comm. College
Connor Dunn	UNC Chapel Hill	Buzzy Russell	NC State University
Claire Feeney	Wheaton College	Colby Sanders	University of Tennessee
Grace Haile	UNC Chapel Hill	Bryce Seemann	Colorado State University
Russel Herrington	UNC Chapel Hill	Bella Smith	James Madison University
Garret Hitmar	NC State University	Blake Stanley	Clemson University
Andrew Hoffman	UNC Chapel Hill	James Talton	Clemson University
Bill Huang	Rice University	Winston Tuttle	Appalachian State University
Lily Grace Kelly	Meredith College	Hunter von Helms	Dallas Baptist University
Christy Korniychuk	New York University	Bryson Weaver	Appalachian State University
Sasha Korniychuk	Fashion Institute of Technology	Trey Weddington	UNC Wilmington
Olivia Leshnock	UNC Chapel Hill	Cole Whitford	UNC Chapel Hill
Hoyt Lewis	UNC Chapel Hill	David Wiley	NC State University
Chad Lilly	Southern Methodist University	Kennedy Wordsworth	NC State University
Susanna Martin	University of Virginia	Catherine Yancey	University of Tennessee
Luke McClutchey	Coastal Carolina University	David Yopp	University of Tennessee
Parker McConnell	UNC Chapel Hill		

*List to date as of printing



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