

April 2018

SAT/ACT Exams

SAT Test Dates:

May 5, 2018

June 2, 2018

Register online at

www.collegeboard.org

ACT Test Dates:

June 9, 2018

Register online at

www.actstudent.org

SAT PREP CLASS

St. David's School offers a high-quality SAT prep course designed to help improve students' scores.

July 24 - 26

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

July 26, Practice Exam

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Full Course \$ 360

Verbal Only \$ 240

Math Only \$ 240

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www.sdsd.org/campus-life/camps

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St. David's School

Collegebeat...

An Update from the College Counseling Office

2018 AP Exam Schedule

Week 1

	Morning - 8:00 a.m.	Afternoon - 12:30 p.m.
Monday, May 7	Chemistry	Psychology
Tuesday, May 8	Seminar Spanish Language	
Wednesday, May 9	English Literature	
Thursday, May 10		Environmental Science Chinese
Friday, May 11	United States History Studio Art—digital portfolios due	Computer Science: Principles

Week 2

	Morning - 8:00 a.m.	Afternoon - 12:30 p.m.
Monday, May 14	Biology Music Theory	Physics C: Mechanics (2 p.m.)
Tuesday, May 15	Calculus AB Calculus BC	French Language and Culture Computer Science: Programming
Wednesday, May 16	English Composition	
Thursday, May 17		Statistics
Friday, May 18		European History Latin

All students taking AP exams must attend a mandatory pre-registration meeting on Wednesday, April 25, at 8:00 a.m. Seniors will meet in the Concessions area. Juniors and sophomores will meet in the Dining Hall.

AP Exams will be given at **Ridge Road Baptist Church, 2011 Ridge Rd, Raleigh.** Students should arrive a few minutes early to get settled before the exams begin.

Parking is available at Ridge Road Baptist but students should park in the back lot. Please look for directional signs. For students who cannot drive and need transportation to the exam from St. David's, please email Mrs. Shaw at pshaw@sdsd.org by April 27 to reserve your bus seat.

Please remember to bring pens, #2 non-mechanical pencils and a calculator if taking a math or science exam. Please see <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/ap-coordinators/on-exam-day/calculator-policy> for the AP Exam calculator policy. Cell phones will be collected at the exam.

Sophomores enjoy trip to Richmond, Virginia colleges

The St. David's Class of 2020 set out to Richmond, VA on March 19 to experience what their college counselors like to call "college whip lash". The class visited two completely different types of colleges in order for students to begin thinking about what type of school is the best "fit" for them. After all, the college search and application process is all about "a match to be made and not a prize to be won."

First, students visited Virginia Commonwealth University, a large, urban, public school with strong academic programs in the arts, design and allied health fields. Students listened to an information session about the university and its unique characteristics, and then toured the Monroe Park campus on foot seeing classroom space, the library, recreational gym (with the nation's largest indoor rock climbing wall at a university) and finally, the dining hall where students were able to choose from a variety of tasty foods. In the end, the pizza and mint ice cream were crowd favorites. While in transit to the next stop, students wrote down their thoughts and reflections on all they had just experienced. Russel Herrington expressed excitement over the effort universities make to connect students and to provide ample opportunities for activities and a vibrant student life.

As the bus pulled off the interstate, students began to notice the transition from downtown city living to suburban living. Tucked away in a beautiful neighborhood sits the University of Richmond. Students were immediately impressed by the architecture and appearance of the campus. Founded in 1830, the University of Richmond is a highly selective school with a total undergraduate population of around 3,000. It boasts a strong international business education program (ranked #1 by Bloomberg Business in 2011) and Jepson School of Leadership Studies. After an information session, students once again toured by foot and walked through the business school, physics lab, library, student commons and several classroom buildings. At the conclusion of the tour, students took a few minutes of downtime to explore the student store and campus lake. Campus cuisine did not disappoint and students enjoyed the dessert bar which included decadent chocolate cake and an assortment of sweet delights. The bus was rather quiet on the ride home but students commented that overall they really enjoyed their visits and learned a lot about themselves and what they are looking for in a college campus. In particular, Connor Dunn noticed that he did not feel very connected at VCU due to the structure of the campus being spread out within the city while he liked the contained campus environment at the University of Richmond. Having students make these types of discoveries was the goal of our trip and overall our trip was a success!



Sites at Virginia Commonwealth University: the desk to represent continual learning and state-of-the-art recreational facilities



Sites at the University of Richmond: bookstore and Heilman Dining Hall

Start early when planning your athletic recruitment timeline
 by Lee Bierer *College Admissions Strategies Blog* February 27, 2018

You've probably seen the headlines where eighth graders who can't drive yet and haven't taken algebra are being recruited to play athletics in college. Both sides of this equation sound a little crazy to me.

The idea of a college or university betting its future on an adolescent whose hormones may or may not have kicked in seems a little risky. And a very young teen deciding where he or she is going to college five years down the road, really? But this is happening – granted not too often – and the athletic recruitment calendar is skewing earlier and earlier.

High school athletes interested in playing in college need to understand some basic principles. Visits are specifically defined as “official” and “unofficial.”

Official visits are paid for by the institution. According to NCAA rules and regulations, these are not allowed before a prospective student-athlete becomes a senior in high school. It's also important to note that student-athletes are limited to one “official” visit per institution and a total of five overall.

The rules also state that the visit cannot last more than 48 hours and that the student must already have registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center and had his or her test scores and high school transcripts sent to the college or university.

An unofficial visit is when a student-athlete and any accompanying family members choose to visit a college or university and are not reimbursed by the institution. Prospective student-athletes are allowed to make as many of these visits as they like during their sophomore, junior and senior years.

A typical unofficial visit might include a tour of the campus, meetings with coaches and with other student-athletes. Athletic departments may choose to arrange interviews with the admissions office, as well. Even if no colleges are showing you the love, that doesn't mean you shouldn't be proactive in your pursuit of playing your sport in college. Here is a basic athletic recruitment timeline:

Junior year

- Compose and revise your college list at the beginning of the year. It's important to remember that Division 3 schools do not offer athletic scholarships, so if you're thinking about being recruited for the financial incentives, prepare your list accordingly.
- Research the performance of your sport at each college or university you'd like to consider. Some sports such as swimming and track are time-based, and it's easy to get a solid grasp on how competitive you'd be at each school. Team sports such as basketball, football, soccer and lacrosse are much more nuanced. Contact coaches at each school before Thanksgiving. Ask your current coach to contact each of the coaches, too.
- Make unofficial visits.
- Prepare and send a sports/academic/extracurricular resume.
- Prepare and send a highlights video to each coach.
- Follow up with the coach with your stats, schedules, etc.
- Register with the NCAA Clearinghouse in May.
- Send your final junior year transcript.

Summer before senior year/during senior year

- Participate in camps and showcases during the summer.
- Make official visits as a senior.
- Stay in touch with coaches and follow through on all requests for materials.
- Request timelines and adhere to all deadlines.

Save the Date

April 3

ACT for Juniors and participating Sophomores

April 3

Senior College Counseling Meeting (for students)

12:05-12:35 p.m.

PAC

April 5

Cup of College (for parents)

8 -9 a.m.

Welcome Center Conference Room

April 20

Sophomore College Counseling Meeting (for students)

10:00-0:20 a.m.

PAC

April 27

Junior College Counseling Meeting (for students)

10:00 -10:20 a.m.

PAC

College Decisions

Elizabeth Campbell	UNC-Chapel Hill	Alex Nechyba	NC State University
Brett Duckworth	Wake Forest University	Josh Rhoads	University of South Carolina
Jack Dunn	UNC-Chapel Hill	Carly Rittenmeyer	UNC-Chapel Hill
Pete Garrabrant	UNC-Chapel Hill	Dillon Roberts	UNC-Wilmington
Will Hanna	University of Michigan	Aaron Shahrokhi	NC State University
Charlotte Hoff	University of South Carolina	Hudson Taylor	Rhodes College
Hannah Jinnette	Elon University	Walker Taylor	Rhodes College
Camden Jordan	Wake Forest University	Grace Thompson	UNC-Chapel Hill
Estelle Lilly	High Point University	Brinkley Thompson	NC State University
McCauley Matthews	NC State University	Lucas Trujillo	University of Colorado-Boulder
Ethan McConnell	UNC-Chapel Hill	Cammy Welch	UNC-Chapel Hill
Max Michaud	Coastal Carolina University	James Wiley	UNC-Chapel Hill
Kris Monroe	Providence College	Andrew Wilmoth	NC State University

Scholarship Opportunities

SeniorHomes.com Senior Living Scholarship

SeniorHomes.com Senior Living Scholarship supports students who are passionate about helping the elderly. Two awards of \$1,000 each are awarded each year to help pay for tuition or books.

Application deadline: July 31, 2018

Application link: www.seniorhomes.com/scholarship

Eligibility: High school seniors who are matriculating in the Fall of 2018 are eligible to apply for the scholarship. No application fee required and applicants' contact information will only be used to notify them in the event they are awarded the scholarship.

Couch Oil Cares Scholarship Program

Couch Oil Company, in partnership with the Durham Bulls, will offer the Couch Oil Cares Scholarship to four deserving high school seniors. This \$1,000 scholarship is available to students who have been accepted into either a four-year or community college and reside in a 12-county area surrounding the Triangle.

Applications link: www.couchoilcompany.com

Application deadline: July 30, 2018

Please see College Counseling for a hard copy of the application.



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