

PSAT SAT Preparation Classes 2015

SAT/new PSAT (College Board) Preparation Classes for high school students (grades 9-12) will meet once a week for 8 weeks. Eighth grade students who have completed Algebra 1 may also enroll. The Preparation Course includes an Orientation Class, summer vocabulary quiz mail-ins, the 8 two-hour classes, two books, and weekly class packets of practice exercises. Actual PSAT tests are provided for additional practice for PSAT students. The cost for the PSAT/SAT Prep Course is **\$400.00**. *

* **Trinity Christian 2015 students only, with full payment on or before April 30th, price is discounted from ~~\$400.00~~ to \$320.00.**

ORIENTATION - Student and parent attendance is highly recommended. Guests are welcome. Choose one Orientation Class:

- **May 5th** or **May 21th** from **7:00-8:30 pm** at **Grace Preparatory Academy**, 3300 West I-20, Arlington, TX 76017, or
- **May 7th** from **7-8:30 pm** at **Temple Christian School**, 6824 Randol Mill Road, Fort Worth, TX 76120.

CLASSES - Classes begin the week of **August 10th** (*Aug. 8 for the Saturday class*) and continue through October 1st, a total of 8 weeks. Monday and Tuesday classes will meet at Grace Preparatory Academy at 3300 W I-20, Arlington, TX 76017; Thursday classes meet at Temple Christian School, 6824 Randol Mill Road, Fort Worth, TX 76120; and Saturday classes meet at Trinity Christian Academy, 4954 I-20 Frontage Rd, Willow Park, TX 76087

Mondays	or	Tuesdays***	or	Thursdays	or	Saturdays
(Grace Prep Academy)		(Grace Prep Academy)		(Temple Christian School)		(Trinity Christian Academy)
4:45-6:45 or 7-9:00 pm**		7:00-9:00 pm		7:00-9:00 pm		1:30-3:30 pm

** The **Monday 7-9:00 pm** class is an **Advanced Class**, recommended for previous students and/or high scoring students.

*** The Tuesday, August 11th class will meet on Wednesday, August 12th due to room availability.

ESSAY WRITING CLASSES (Optional) - All students taking the Prep classes listed above, in order to be prepared for the SAT Essay Section, are invited to take this excellent, although **optional**, two part class (1 ½ hour each), for an additional total cost of \$40. The Essay Classes are scheduled for **Tuesday, June 2nd, 7-8:30 pm** (part 1) and **Saturday, August 22nd, 9-10:30 am** (part 2). Both held at Grace Prep Academy at 3300 W I-20, Arlington, TX 76017. **If you register for the Essay Writing Class, please add \$40.00 to your check (add only \$32.00 if a Trinity Christian student).**

REGISTRATION – Submit registration form with **\$150.00** registration fee (If taking Essay class, registration fee is \$190.00) to secure your place for the 8 week course. For discounts registration and payment in full must be received **BY APRIL 30th**. This allows enough time for the ordering of books and production of class materials, some of which will be distributed at the May Orientations. Please **mail** your registration form and fee (checks made out to Mary Hamilton) to:

Mary Hamilton
3139 Lipscomb St.
Fort Worth, TX 76110

Questions? **817-921-4404**
m_s_hamilton@yahoo.com
www.maryhamilton.us

TUITION BALANCE: If not paying in full by April 30th to receive the discount, the **balance amount of \$250.00 is due at the first August class**. Please understand that the economics of maintaining small, effective classes does not allow for either reduced payments or refunds for missed classes, whether planned or unplanned.

GENERAL INFORMATION: The **Writing** (grammar) preparation includes review of punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, and common usage errors. The **Critical Reading** preparation includes an intense vocabulary study (including Latin and Greek prefixes, suffixes, and roots), as well as a study of successful test taking strategies for the **Sentence Completion** and **Reading Passages** portions of the test. The **Math** preparation reviews the Geometry and the more extensive Algebra covered on the SAT, as well as time saving shortcuts and helpful strategies, such as back solving and using special numbers. General test-taking strategies are also taught. Weekly assignments include readings, vocabulary memorization, reworking math problems, and review of class notes. Weekly at home SAT /PSAT Practice Tests are an integral part of this course, providing the student an opportunity to practice each week's newly learned skills. The Orientation Class, Writing Class, and summer vocabulary memorization schedule are designed to help students accomplish as much work as possible before the busy fall semester begins. The 8 week Preparation Course, designed with the most effective timing in mind, begins the week of **August 10th** (*Aug. 8th for the Saturday class*) and is scheduled for completion immediately preceding the SAT test date of October 3rd and PSAT test date October 14th.

HISTORICALLY THE COURSE HAS YEARLY YIELDED 7 TO 10 KNOWN NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS AND FINALISTS, PLUS COMMENDED, NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT, AND HISPANIC SCHOLARS.

Come join us! Success stories abound!

Registration form on next page

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PSAT/SAT 2015 Registration Form

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Complete this form and mail it with the registration fee to:

Mary Hamilton, 3139 Lipscomb St., Fort Worth, TX 76110

Student Name: _____ Phone: _____

Student's Cell: _____ Parent's Cell: _____

Parent name: _____

Address: _____ (Include city and zip)

Grade level (as of the fall of 2015): 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th (Circle one)

Name of your school or homeschool support group: _____

Choice of Orientation Class: 1st choice, _____ 2nd choice, _____

Choice of weekly Prep Class: 1st choice, _____ 2nd choice, _____

Student's E-Mail Address : _____

Parent's E-Mail Address : _____

1st, 2nd, or 3rd year to attend. (Please circle one.)

Please check all appropriate boxes:

- A. \$ 320.00 Trinity Christian students registering and paying in full on or before April 30th (\$320.00 = 20% discount)
B. \$ 350.00 Students registering and paying in full by April 30th.
C. \$ 400.00 Students registering and paying balance by 1st class in August. (\$400 = \$150 registration, plus \$250 balance due at 1st class)
D. \$ 40.00 Students registering for the optional SAT Essay Writing Classes
E. \$ 32.00 Trinity Christian students registering for the optional SAT Writing Classes

Calculations for amount due at registration:

A only = \$320.00; A + E = \$ 352.00; B only = \$ 350.00; B + D = \$ 390.00; C only = \$150.00; C + D = \$ 190.00

Amount Paid: \$ _____ [] Check # _____ * PLEASE NOTE THE STUDENT'S NAME ON THE CHECK.
[] Cash * PLEASE DON'T SEND CASH IN THE MAIL.

Please identify titles of PSAT/SAT prep books used in a previous class(es)

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Q. Why take a PSAT/SAT Preparation class?

Unlike in years past, today most serious students preparing for their college education are taking a preparatory class to increase their college entrance exam scores. These students will have an advantage over those who do not take one.

Desirability for higher college entrance exam scores are pretty straight forward and generally fall into one of the three following categories:

- 1) To pass the admissions standard for the **college of your choice**
- 2) To gain acceptance into the **honors program**
- 3) To qualify for **scholarships**

Q. When should you take a preparatory class?

A. The sooner the better.

- As a **Senior** to score higher on the SAT to qualify for admissions and scholarships
- As a **Junior** to compete for National Merit Scholar status and the increased scholarships that come with it.
- As a **Sophomore** and/or a **Freshman** (*as long as you have completed Algebra I*) because:
 - o The course content is jam-packed and it is unlikely ALL the information will be retained from taking the course only once.
 - o The mathematics, critical reading skills, grammar, and vocabulary taught in the course help students in their regular academic courses, potentially increasing GPA.
 - o There is a much higher probability of achieving National Merit status when the course is taken two (2) or even three (3) times. Most of my Commended students, National Merit Semi-finalists, Finalists, Scholars, and students making perfect scores, have taken the course at least twice.
 - o Some students begin preparing as **Eighth Graders**. (*Completion of Algebra I is a pre-requisite.*)

Exciting 2010 class results:

Several Commended Students,
Several National Hispanic Scholars, and
10 National Merit Scholar Semifinalists/Finalists!

Exciting 2011 class results:

9 Commended Students,
Several national Hispanic Scholars, and
9 National Merit Scholar Semifinalists/Finalists!

Exciting 2012 class results:

7 PSAT scores 220 or above (Nat'l Merit Scholar Semifinalist/Finalist level)
2 National Achievement Scholars

Exciting 2013 class results (available to date):

7 PSAT scores 220 or above (Nat'l Merit Scholar Semifinalist/Finalist level)
11 PSAT scores greater than 200, but less than 220
a 36 on the ACT and a 34 on the ACT