Standardized Testing Logistics

Although standardized tests are just part of the picture that you will present in your application to college, they are, nonetheless, important. These guidelines should help with questions about the testing process.

Test Preparation:
Preparation for standardized tests can make a significant difference in improving your test scores. All Newman juniors take the College Prep class, which provides test prep for the SAT and ACT. Additionally, SAT and ACT practice tests are offered every non-holiday Saturday morning throughout the school year. Juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend. It is ultimately the effort that you give to practice that will make a difference.

Registration:
Most Newman students take the SAT or ACT for the first time in the spring of junior year. Registration for all SAT and ACT testing administrations is the student’s responsibility. Students should make certain to register using the same name (initials, Jr., etc...) for each test. To register for these tests, visit www.collegeboard.com (SAT) and www.actstudent.org (ACT). Preparation booklets and registration materials for both tests are available in the college counseling office.

Which Tests to Take:
Colleges in the United States, Canada, and Europe accept either the ACT or the SAT with no preference. Due to different testing formats, we recommend that students take practice tests for both the SAT and the ACT to assess the best test for them.

A very small number of the most selective colleges require or suggest SAT Subject Tests. Students should talk with the College Counselors to ascertain if and which Subject Tests to take.

Sending Scores:
Students are responsible for sending official score reports from the appropriate testing agency to the colleges by the published application deadline.