

## Junior Student/Parent Mid-Year Checklist

If you took the PSAT, results should be in soon. I hope to get the results to you before Christmas Break so you can review your test questions.

It is time for you to start thinking about college entrance exams if you haven't already. You can register for the ACT on line at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). You need to take the ACT with writing at least one time. The cost is \$46. The ACT without writing is \$31. Here are the available testing dates for the spring:

February 7 – register by January 6

April 4 – register by February 27

June 13 – register by May 8

Answer all questions on the ACT...you are not penalized for wrong choices. Remember it is a TIMED test so be prepared to work at a faster pace than TAKS. Come by my office to get a *Preparing for the ACT* workbook. You can also find some free ACT prep on the internet. One such site is <http://number2.com/>

You can register for the SAT at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). You will take the SAT reasoning test at the cost of \$45. The writing test is mandatory with this exam. Here are the available spring testing dates:

January 24 – register by December 26

March 14 – register by February 10

May 2 – register by March 31

June 6 – register by May 5

It is also a timed test and you DO NOT answer any questions you are not sure about because you are penalized for wrong answer choices.

It would be great if every junior entered their senior year with at least one test completed. Remember, we also want your TAKS scores high so you can be exempt from another college placement exam called the THEA.

You need to start thinking about your college choices this spring and start doing some research on the colleges in which you are interested. Start looking at the admissions requirements, scholarship opportunities, and what programs they offer.

The spring semester will fly by and you want to be prepared going into your senior year so get to work now and next year will be a great experience.

*Have a very Merry Christmas and a restful holiday break.*

*Mrs. Brown*