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Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to thank you for attending the SAT-ACT program. I hope that you found the information helpful. Navigating the world of college admissions, in general, can be a daunting experience; adding in the landscape of testing and its myriad configurations must have seemed even more overwhelming.

Unfortunately, there is no easy or uncomplicated way to explain what is happening with the various tests, how the colleges are viewing the scores, or exactly what your children should be doing. As I stated last night, it is best to expose students to both exams. It is *impossible* to tell how a student will do from just a cursory look at the tests or from some “magical” free test compiled by a commercial test-prep company that will predict definitively what your child should take.

As far as actual test-prep, please be aware that the SAT and the ACT are vastly different in style and approach. The methodology needed for one test does not always translate to the other. If you would like your child to have a start on the SAT, please check our winter schedule or ask me about our one-on-one and small group programs. The next reading and writing courses at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South will begin in December. The dates and times for the math class will be announced shortly. If you would like to begin with the ACT, private tutoring is available as well as small private classes formed by groups of friends.

Last night might have raised more questions than were answered! If you are confused or would just like more information, please do not hesitate to give me a call. Also, if you would like help evaluating your child’s strengths and weaknesses regarding test-taking and/or planning appropriately for the proper approach for your child, we could set up a consultation. Please contact me for details.

*Barbara Kalmus*

**HANDOUTS FROM LAST NIGHT:** In addition to the attachments to this email, you will be able to access the test booklets, which I gave out last night, directly from the websites of the College Board ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)) and the American College Testing Service ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org)). On both sites go to the test preparation center; there, you will find the complete tests available to download. If you have difficulty finding them – give me a call!

**FYI:** if you have a junior at home, you might want to consider the February test date for the ACT. For the first time, our district will be hosting the test (site is High School North).

**ONE MORE NOTE!** Has your child signed up for the *Question of the Day* from the College Board? If not, please do so. Could make for an interesting dinner table activity!

**DON'T FORGET!** For a complete listing of test-optional schools: [www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org)

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