

## COMPREHENSIVE TESTING PROGRAM FOR SAINT PAUL'S STUDENTS 2013-2014

Saint Paul's School has designed a comprehensive testing program for students on each grade level. Keeping the individual students and their academic needs in mind, we have implemented the following tests:

### **READISTEP** [www.readistep.collegeboard.org](http://www.readistep.collegeboard.org)

WHO: Eighth Grade

WHAT: **ReadiStep** measures skills students need to be on track for success as they transition to high school. It provides insight into students' academic progress and also equips educators with tools they can use to make informed decisions in the classroom.

WHEN: Friday, October 18, 2013

GOAL: ReadiStep can help students and their parents understand which skills need work as students make the important transition into high school. It also lets students see how their skill levels compare to those of other students nationally. All ReadiStep test takers also receive free access to MyRoad™, an online college and career planning tool that helps students explore opportunities for the future.

*\*\*Selected eighth graders will also take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 16, 2013\*\**

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### **EXPLORE** [www.act.org/products/k-12-act-explore](http://www.act.org/products/k-12-act-explore)

WHO: Ninth Grade

WHAT: **ACT Explore** is designed to help 9th graders explore a broad range of options for their future. EXPLORE® contains four curriculum-based assessments: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. The assessment is based on the major areas of high school and postsecondary instructional programs and measures the skills and knowledge needed for college success. Additionally, EXPLORE includes a career exploration component that stimulates students' thinking about future plans and relates personal characteristics to career options.

WHEN: Thursday, March 20, 2014

GOAL: It prepares students not only for their high school coursework but for their post-high school choices as well. EXPLORE also: helps you choose high school courses that will get you ready for college; helps you find careers that match your interests; shows you the subjects in which you need to improve; helps you see which subjects are most important for certain careers

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### **PSAT and PLAN**

#### **PSAT** [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html)

WHO: Tenth grade

WHAT: **PSAT**--A comprehensive assessment program that measures college readiness and provides students with the tools they need to start planning for the future. Used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation as an initial screening of entrants in its annual competitions for recognition and college scholarships (typically, entrants are in their third year of high school). PSAT measures skills in three academic areas: critical reading, mathematics and writing skills. PSAT is also an integral component of the College and Career Readiness Pathway, a series of assessments that includes **ReadiStep**™ for eighth- and ninth-graders and the SAT® for 11th- and 12th-graders.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 16, 2013

GOAL: Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT receive free access to **My College QuickStart™**, a personalized online college- and career-planning kit that helps students search for colleges, explore majors and careers, and get a personalized SAT study plan. Learn more at [www.collegeboard.org/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.org/quickstart)

**PLAN** [www.act.org/products/k-12-act-plan](http://www.act.org/products/k-12-act-plan)

WHO: Tenth grade

WHAT: **ACT Plan** serves as the midpoint measure of academic progress in ACT's College and Career Readiness System. ACT Plan helps 10th graders build a solid foundation for future academic and career success and provides information needed to address school districts' high-priority issues. It is a comprehensive counseling resource that helps students measure their current academic development, explore career/training options, and make plans for the remaining years of high school and beyond. Whether students are college-bound or plan to enter the workforce directly after high school, ACT Plan can help all students.

WHEN: Monday, February 3 – Thursday, February 06, 2014

GOAL: Taking ACT Plan as a 10th grader is a great way to prepare for the ACT Test—and helps you get ready to succeed in college and beyond! ACT Plan includes four multiple-choice tests: English, Math, Reading, and Science. Your skills in these subjects will make a big difference—in school and, eventually, in your career. Your ACT Plan score report will help identify your strengths and areas where you need improvement.

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## **PSAT and ACT**

**ACT** [www.act.org/products/k-12-act-test](http://www.act.org/products/k-12-act-test)

WHO: Eleventh grade

WHAT: The ACT is not an aptitude or an IQ test. Instead, the questions on the ACT are directly related to what students have learned in high school courses. Test scores reflect what students have learned throughout high school and provide colleges and universities with excellent information for recruiting, advising, placement, and retention.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 18, 2014

GOAL: The ACT is the capstone of our College and Career Readiness System. The test uses the same score scale as ACT Explore and ACT Plan, making the system an effective tool to monitor academic progress and student growth

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WHEN: Wednesday, October 16, 2013

GOAL: Juniors who elect to take the PSAT and earn a qualifying score, may be eligible to participate in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

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**ASVAB** [official-asvab.com/counselors.htm](http://official-asvab.com/counselors.htm)

WHO: Twelfth grade

WHAT: The **ASVAB** is offered to high school and post-secondary students as part of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program. The program provides tools to help students learn more about career exploration and planning, in both the civilian and military worlds of work.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 17, 2013

GOAL: The ASVAB tests are designed to measure aptitudes in four domains: Verbal, Math, Science and Technical, and Spatial. Career Exploration will be highlighted during ASVAB test results presentation during Civics classes on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.