

COUNSELORS' CORNER

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Adventures in Education advises students and parents to Keep on Track.

For freshmen

As you prepare for final exams over the next few weeks, remember these tips:

- Organize your folders for each subject.
- Look over previous tests to review the materials previously missed.
- Form a study group to help you prepare.
- Set aside time to study regularly.

For sophomores

Here are a few final items for your summer break:

- Read two or three college admission books, or check out some college Web sites.
- Familiarize yourself with college and financial aid vocabulary.
- Review finances and budget for the next two years. Start turning in applications for summer jobs.
- Coordinate work and vacations with the school calendar.
- If possible, visit one or two colleges during the summer.
- Discuss summer enrichment programs with your parents and counselor.

For juniors and seniors

Last-minute hints for Advanced Placement exams:

- Dress in layered clothing on the day of the test. Testing rooms can sometimes be very chilly or very hot. You want to be comfortable in any temperature.
- Wear a watch and monitor your time.
- Take plenty of pencils and pens to the test. Check your calculator and test the battery. Take an extra battery, just in case.
- Keep your candidate pack. Place the booklet in a safe place, as you may need to refer to it later for information regarding your scores.
- Remember the advice of your AP teachers.

For parents

Over the next few weeks your child will be taking different types of tests. To assist him or her during this time, remember these suggestions:

- Mark all test dates on your calendar so that the family's events do not interfere with study time.
- Be informed about the types of tests your teen will take and the role that the tests play in your child's education.
- Volunteer to help your teen review for the tests.
- Set the stage for a good study atmosphere by keeping unnecessary distractions to a minimum during these weeks.
- Celebrate when testing is over with a favorite meal or activity.
- These tests are important for your teen. Your support and involvement are critical to his or her success.

Important dates

Test Name	Scheduled Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
SAT and Subject Tests	Saturday, May 2, 2009	Tuesday, Mar 31, 2009	Thursday, Apr 9, 2009
SAT and Subject Tests	Saturday, Jun 6, 2009	Tuesday, May 5, 2009	Friday, May 15, 2009
ACT	Saturday, Jun 13, 2009	Friday, May 8, 2009	Friday, May 22, 2009

To get more information on the SAT or SAT Subject Tests, access useful tools, or register, visit the [College Board's Web site](http://www.collegeboard.com) (www.collegeboard.com) or call (866) 756-7346.

Who is my student's counselor?

The student's last name determines his or her counselor. Please feel free to call your student's counselor for information or help. The alphabet distribution has changed. Check to see if your student has been assigned to a different counselor.

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