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**2023**

# Forging Ahead

## Forgione Tutoring Newsletter

### February 2023

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Hello Families,

We hope you are having a great year! We are busy with test prep and academic tutoring. While many of our students are preparing for the ACT or SAT, we also have a large number of students working with our tutors on AP subjects and for other coursework. Our seniors who were working with us on college application essays are waiting for word from colleges, and we are waiting to hear their good news. Looking ahead, we are working on more ways to help students put their best foot forward when it comes time to apply to college, expanding our college essay application services, offering a wider range of academic tutoring, and providing more assistance with study skills. We are also here for parents. We are available to answer your questions as they arise, so please feel free to call us.

### Forgione Tutoring College Prep: Year at a Glance

While our services are individualized to meet the needs of each student, all of our students have similar college application deadlines, which determine the general flow of our year.

	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Winter/Spring	1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> take of SAT or ACT	Diagnostic testing to decide on ACT or SAT prep
Summer	2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> take of SAT or ACT College Application Essays	Preparation begins for ACT or SAT
Fall/Winter	3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> take of SAT or ACT College Application Essays	1 <sup>st</sup> take of SAT or ACT

### SAT/ACT Score Improvement Goals

When we begin working with new students, we help them set attainable goals for score improvement and help them understand that their results will depend to a large extent on the effort they put into learning and practicing for the test. Our general guidelines for expected score growth are:

**SAT:** 100-150 points after 24 hours of test prep

**ACT:** 3-4 points after 30 hours of test prep

For students completing fewer hours, the expected improvement may be less, though many students can exceed these expectations with consistent hard work. Other students choose

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to continue preparing even after reaching their goals, making increases of 200 points on the SAT or 5 points on the ACT attainable.

## Test Prep Program Details

The SAT and ACT cover a lot of material, and students sometimes underestimate the time and practice required to see gains. Most students work with us for 3-6 months to reach their goals.

### Comprehensive Program

Covers all test subjects and requires 2-3 hours per week over 12-20 weeks. Many students stretch these hours throughout a 3-9 month period, often taking the test more than once.

Comprehensive ACT (4 subjects): 30 hours recommended

Comprehensive SAT (3 subjects): 24 hours recommended

### Subject Area Focus

Concentrates on 1-2 test subjects at a time, which limits the number of tutoring hours and homework load per week but lengthens the number of weeks required to cover all subjects.

1 test subject: 8-10 hours and 1 hour per week (8-10 weeks)

2 test subjects: 16-20 hours and 1.5-2 hours per week (10 weeks)

For more details on our test prep program, see our [SAT and ACT Prep](#) page.

## Reminder for Students Taking February and March Tests

If you are taking a February ACT, March SAT, or March ACT, make sure you have plans in place for tutoring after the test. 2-3 weeks before your test, let a Director or your tutor know which scheduling option you would like:

1. Continue tutoring without pause with the same tutoring schedule for another test attempt
2. Discontinue after the test
3. Request to hold your spot for two weeks after the test (holds are approved under specific circumstances and require approval by a Director).
  - a. We can approve holds only for national, Saturday, test dates as those scores are released 10-14 days after the test.
  - b. We cannot hold slots for students waiting on scores from a school-day administration as those can take 3-5 weeks to be released.
4. Transition to a different subject focus (e.g. from Reading/English to Math/Science.)

If you are unsure what the right schedule or testing plan should be, reach out to your tutor or one of our Directors.

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## School-day ACT

To prepare our students for the school-day ACT, we are attempting to maintain a record of the dates when schools are offering it and whether it will be on paper or computer. **If not mentioned, our understanding is that the test will be administered on paper.**

Apex - 3/8  
Apex/Friendship - 3/8  
**Athens Dr. – date TBD (online-computer)**  
Broughton 3/21  
Cary High - 3/9  
Crossroads FLEX - 3/9  
East Wake - 3/8  
Enloe - 3/21  
Fuquay-Varina - TBD  
Green Hope - TBD  
Green Level - TBD  
Heritage - 3/21

Holly Springs - 3/21  
Knightdale - 3/7 (**probably wrong. 3/7 is a teacher workday**)  
Leesville - 3/21  
**Middle Creek - 3/8 (online-on computer)**  
Panther Creek - 3/8  
Rolesville - TBD  
**Sanderson - 3/8 (online-on computer)**  
S Garner - makeup sched. 3/21  
**SE Raleigh - 3/7-3/9 (online-on computer)**  
Wake Forest - TBD  
**Wakefield - 3/8 (online – on computer)**

## SAT & ACT Mock and Diagnostic Testing

Mock and diagnostic tests are offered in midtown Raleigh and Cary at no additional cost.

- For students undecided about SAT vs. ACT and are at the beginning stages of the preparation, we recommend taking both an SAT and ACT diagnostic, especially if they did not take a recent PSAT or pre-ACT.
- Mock testing measures students' progress and gives us information to help students prepare for the actual test. Students should take a mock test as a simulation 2-3 weeks before the real test.
- We offer simulations for those students approved for extended time but those are usually dates other than our regular Sunday mock testing schedule. Additional extended time tests can be scheduled by request.
- Please contact a Director to schedule a mock or diagnostic test. An updated list of testing dates will be mass emailed periodically.

## Mock and Diagnostic Testing Dates

Date	Midtown Raleigh	Cary
Friday, January 27	SAT	Not available
Sunday, January 29	SAT	ACT (full)
Monday, January 30	None	ACT extended time
Sunday, February 5	ACT	ACT
Sunday, February 12	SAT	ACT
Sunday, February 19	Open for either	SAT
Monday, February 20	Extended time ACT Regular time SAT	SAT

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## Testing Plans

Families are encouraged to communicate with tutors about target dates for a first take and second take of the SAT and ACT. Below are the 2023 SAT/ACT national dates and deadlines. Those with an asterisk (\*) are anticipated dates that have not yet been confirmed.

**SAT** (Order the Question and Answer Service when available)

[www.Collegeboard.org](https://www.collegeboard.org)

<i>Test Date</i>	<i>Registration Deadline</i>	<i>Late Deadline</i>
<b>March 11</b>	February 10	February 28
<b>May 6</b>	April 7	April 25
<b>June 3</b>	May 4	May 23
<b>August 26*</b>	July 28*	August 15*
<b>October 7*</b>	September 8*	September 26*
<b>November 4*</b>	October 6*	October 24*
<b>December 2*</b>	November 3*	November 21*

**ACT** (Order the Test Information Release (TIR) when available)

[www.act.org](https://www.act.org)

<i>Test Date</i>	<i>Registration Deadline</i>	<i>Late Registration Deadline</i>
<b>February 11</b>	January 6	January 20
<b>March (various dates)</b>	School-day ACT	–
<b>April 15</b>	March 10	March 24
<b>June 10</b>	May 5	May 19
<b>July 15</b>	June 16	June 23
<b>September 9*</b>	August 4*	August 18*
<b>October 21*</b>	September 15*	September 29*
<b>December 9*</b>	November 3*	November 17*

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## Academic Tutoring

Our tutors have diverse academic backgrounds that allow us to offer coaching and instruction in a number of academic areas. Availability for these subjects varies by location and tutors' schedules. Contact Heather or Charles to inquire: [heather@forgionetutoring.com](mailto:heather@forgionetutoring.com), [charles@forgionetutoring.com](mailto:charles@forgionetutoring.com).

Academic skills	study skills, reading, writing
Middle school	Math, English, Science, Social Studies, SSAT
High school	Math, English, Science, History and Government
Languages	Spanish, French, Latin, English as a Second Language
AP courses	Calculus, US History, World History, European History, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Government, Economics, Language and Composition, Literature and Composition, Research, Seminar

## The Digital PSAT (2023) and SAT (2024)

We have begun preparing for the computer-based PSAT and SAT, analyzing the new tests that have been made available and preparing test prep materials for them. **The switch to the digital PSAT takes effect in 2023 and to the digital SAT in March of 2024.**

## Attendance Policy Reminder

Regular attendance is necessary to achieve significant score gains. If attendance drops below 50% for a specific time slot in any 4 week period, we may offer the slot to someone else. **Let your tutor know if you anticipate any schedule conflicts.**

## Refer a Friend

Most of our students learn about us by referrals. If you refer a friend who completes 4 hours of tutoring, you will receive a free hour of tutoring as a thank you. We appreciate all of the positive feedback that we receive from families, and we pass it on to our tutors, who work hard to help all students reach their goals.

## Invoice Questions?

Please view your itemized invoice by clicking on the invoice number. If you have questions, you can contact our bookkeeper: [cherie@forgionetutoring.com](mailto:cherie@forgionetutoring.com).

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## Follow us on Facebook and Instagram

We post fun and informative articles and posts related to testing, learning, and the college application process. You can also see our Tutor Spotlights on our Facebook Page. Check us out on the [Forgione Tutoring Facebook Page](#) or [Forgione Tutoring on Instagram](#).

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