

August 1, 2009

Dear Eighth Grade Parents:

In ten months our eighth graders will graduate from SAA, and in twelve months they will enter high school. We shall really miss this special group!

When your son applies to high school, The Academy will forward transcripts and teacher recommendations. Please give all teacher recommendations and transcript request forms **directly to Peggy Klein**, who organizes the packets and tracks recommendation forms to ensure that they are filed on time. I ask that you give Peggy *at least* seven days of advance notice so that we can produce this important information on time. Each packet is pretty inclusive, with a copy of your son's transcript, Stanford Achievement Test scores, teacher recommendations, the current 8<sup>th</sup> grade report card and a cover letter.

In addition, please inform the Main Office when your son will be visiting high schools so that he will not be marked absent. We prefer that the boys visit high schools on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. If your son visits a high school, he is expected to turn in all assignments (before the end of the day) to either the teacher(s) or the Main Office, and he is responsible for any work assigned (on that day) that is due on subsequent days.

Thank you for your help.

Best regards,

John Webster

P.S. If your son is taking the ISEE or SSAT, we would like a copy for our records. Please instruct your son to fill in our name as one of the schools designated to receive a copy (you get six free copies) and please forward a copy to us when you receive the scores. Since the ISEE AND SSAT are very different from the Stanford Achievement Test, feel free to call Virginia Beeler or me to learn how to interpret the scores.

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*Parents of 7th & 8th Graders*

*You are invited to The Bondurant Library on  
Thursday, Sept 10 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM  
For John Webster's discussion entitled,*

**"WHAT EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL"**

*John will outline the correct procedure for identifying  
The best secondary school for your son,  
And he will provide no-holds-barred  
Observations about the transition  
From middle school to high school.*

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San Antonio Academy is a test site for the Independent Schools Entrance Examination (ISEE) as well as the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT). The ISEE and SSAT Test are designed for students in grades five through eleven who may be interested in admission to local or regional independent schools. The SSAT and ISEE measure a student's aptitude in solving mathematical problems, using words, and understanding what he/she reads. St. Mary's Hall and TMI require that their students take the ISEE test; boarding schools typically require the SSAT; other local private schools, such as Central Catholic High School, administer their own testing.

The ISEE and SSAT tests will be offered at San Antonio Academy on the dates listed below. Registration for the tests closes two to three weeks before the test date. **SAA is only a test site and not responsible for registration**; students register directly with the testing agencies.

If you would like to register for the test, please sign up online. The site for ISEE is [www.iseetest.org](http://www.iseetest.org). The site for SSAT is [www.ssat.org](http://www.ssat.org). Please call Karl or Kim if you have any questions.

**TEST DATES at SAA**  
**ISEE Dates 2009-2010**

Saturday, October 24, 2009  
Saturday, November 14, 2009  
Saturday, December 12, 2009  
Saturday, February 13, 2010  
Saturday, April 10, 2010

**TEST DATES at SAA**  
**SSAT Dates 2009-2010**

Saturday, November 14, 2009  
Saturday, January 9, 2010  
Saturday, February 6, 2010  
Saturday, April 17, 2010

Sincerely,

Karl Graf  
ISEE Test Administrator

Kim Stanage  
SSAT Test Administrator

## 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS AND STUDENTS

It is time to order diplomas for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students – the **Class of 2010!**

Please **PRINT NEATLY BELOW** how you want your son's name to appear on his diploma. I recommend first name – middle name – last name. Also, add commas Jr. or III as appropriate.

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July, 2009

Dear Eighth Grade Parents:

At least five times each year representatives from top prep schools visit our campus to meet with prospective 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. Such visits provide eighth graders with good opportunities to ask questions and make decisions regarding where to spend their high school years.

If you would like your son to meet representatives of local or out-of-town high schools, please complete and sign the form below. I need your written permission so that boys can miss class time, if necessary, for these meetings. I will try to schedule the visits during the 7<sup>th</sup> period PE time and not during academic class time. When a school schedules a visit, I will inform you through a RENWEB announcement. You are encouraged and welcome to attend these presentations.

Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please call me.

Drew Kennedy  
733 - 7331 - ext 206

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Please return this form to Peggy Klein on BACK-TO-SCHOOL day.

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to attend:

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Local school presentations
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Boarding school presentations
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ My son may not attend school presentations.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
2009-2010