



ROUNDTABLE

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR AND FROM KNIGHTS

MCS SAT Boot Camp Rebooted



After a brief hiatus, Mount Carmel School will once again offer its SAT Boot Camp. First offered in the fall of 2009, the six-week boot camp is designed to help students improve their performance on the College Board's SAT, a standardized test used for most college admissions in the United States. The school announced that the program has been updated to reflect recent changes in the SAT.

The program curriculum helps students master several skills necessary to do well on the test. These skills include analyzing and explaining how the test is designed and scored; learning and utilizing effective test-taking strategies; and easing test-taking anxiety and increasing comfort and confidence by taking practice tests. Students will also review and refresh their content knowledge in English and math.

Over the years, over a hundred students have taken the boot camp, many of whom have increased their SAT scores by an average of 200 points. In some cases, students have raised their scores by almost 400 points.

Last year, the College Board redesigned the SAT to increase the number of curriculum-based questions, revise the essay section, and refine how student performance on the test is scored.

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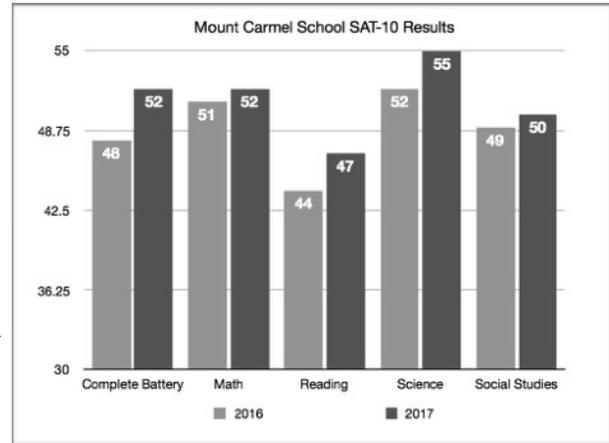
MCS Knights Improve on National Standardized Tests

Mount Carmel School announced that its students fared very well in recently administered SAT-10 and College Board AP national standardized tests. The results show significant improvement in all subjects across all grade levels. On average, students performed at or above the 50th percentile on the SAT-10 and improved from the previous year.

For the complete 2017 battery, the average performance of all students was in the 52nd percentile, up from the 48th percentile in 2016. National percentile ranks indicate the relative standing of a student in comparison with other students in the same grade in the norm reference group who took the test at a comparable time. Based on the school's results, students at Mount Carmel School scored, on average, better than 52 percent of the rest of the nation.

Performance on specific subject areas also showed marked improvement from previous years. The average performance in math increased from the 51st percentile in 2016 to the 52nd percentile in 2017, while the average performance in reading increased from the 44th percentile in 2016 to the 47th percentile in 2017. The average in science increased from the 52nd percentile in 2016 to the 55th percentile in 2017, while the average in social studies increased from the 49th percentile in 2016 to the 50th percentile in 2017.

High school students also demonstrated marked improvement in the College Board AP Tests. In AP English Literature and Composition, average



student performance improved by 43% from 2016 to 2017, while average performance in AP US Government and Politics improved by 19% in the same timeframe.

School president, Galvin DeLeon Guerrero, attributed the success to the school's consistent emphasis on instructional quality and initiatives to boost literacy. He said, "We are constantly improving in the area of instructional quality, especially under the leadership of our principal, Frances Taimanao, and vice principal, Helene Manning." He added, "Plus, tools like Achieve3000 are helping our teachers meet the individual needs of all our students." Achieve3000 is a cloud-based suite of interactive readings, formative assessments, and other resources that promote differentiated instruction and interdisciplinary reading for all grade levels. Last year, incoming 6th grader Leyonne Tolentino, was recognized by Achieve3000 for ranking as one of the nation's top readers two years in a row. Achieve3000 consultant, Troy Akiyama, even visited the school to personally congratulate Tolentino.

Announcements

MCS Rebooted SAT Boot Camp

Crack the NEW SAT, boost your score, and get into college. Enroll in Mount Carmel School's famous SAT Boot Camp, which has been rebooted for the new and redesigned SAT. August 29 to October 5. \$200 for MCS students, \$300 for non-MCS students. Applications available at MCS or online at www.mountcarmelsaipan.com. Applications due by Monday, August 28. For more information, call 234-6184 or email galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com.

Traffic and Parking

All employees and student drivers are reminded to park only in the lot south of the cafegymnasium. Please note that the entrance for Building C (north of the Cathedral) and the driveway for the Maturana Building (high school building) are designated as drop-off and pick-up areas. **DRIVERS MAY NOT PARK IN THE DRIVEWAYS AND LEAVE THEIR VEHICLES AT ANY TIME.** This causes traffic congestion and endangers the safety of our students.

Student Activities Fair and Leadership Retreat

All student clubs (extra-curricular, athletics, etc.) that are interested in participating in either the Student Activities Fair or the Student Leadership Retreat should notify Student Council president, Erika Mendiola as soon as possible.

In the Future

Student Activities Fair

Wednesday, August 23
Activity Period

Student Leadership Retreat

Saturday, August 26
8:00 am–12:00 noon

Faculty & Staff Retreat

Friday, September 1 (no classes)

ESLR of the Week

#2. Consistently exhibit Catholic attitudes, values and behaviors.

SAT Boot Camp

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In turn, the school's SAT Boot Camp has been retooled to help students prepare for the new test. In addition, the program will continue offering proctored practice tests, which have been effective at improving student focus and persistence during the test.

This year's SAT Boot Camp will run from August 29 through October 5, leading up to the October 7 SAT, and is open to all high school students. The fee is \$200 for Mount Carmel School students and \$300.00 for those not enrolled at the school. Application forms are available at the school and online at the school's website, www.mountcarmelsaipan.com. Application forms are due by Monday, August 28. For more information, call 234-6184 or email galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com.

PTO Corner

Schedule of Meetings

September 6
Parent Representatives Meeting
5:30 pm • Faculty Lounge

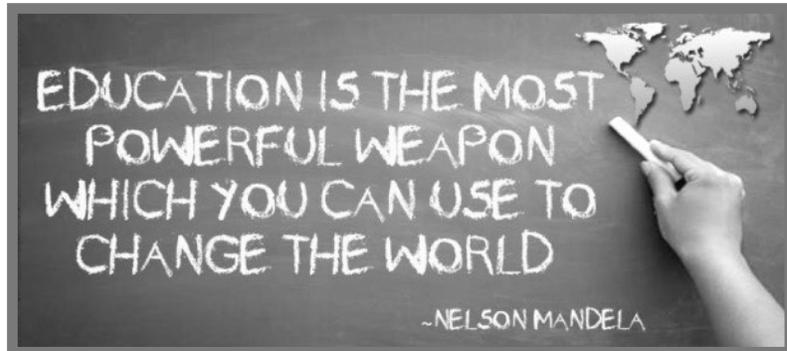
October 4
Parent Representatives Meeting
5:30 pm • Faculty Lounge

November 8
Election of Officers
5:30 pm • Faculty Lounge

November 14
Turkey Trot

All parents are encouraged and welcome to join us for these important meetings.

For more information, contact PTO President, Luis Camacho, at 287-9753.



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