

Springfield Catholic High School

ACT PREP

A non-credit class for SCHS Students interested in learning how to approach the ACT exam is being offered after school hours. This class will focus on the nature of questions and strategies for solutions in each of the **ACT** subjects.

There will be a total \$30.00 fee for the classes.
For evening classes, bring snacks if you wish.

You are not required to attend every class session. Sessions are not repeated.
A schedule of classes is provided below.

For those having not previously participated in ACT prep, there is an **introductory session** before the first reading and math sessions.

Reading & English Monday, Mar. 15, (intro 7:00, 7:30 – 8:45)
Tuesday, Mar. 16 (7:30 – 8:45)

Mathematics Monday, Mar. 22, (intro 7:00, 7:30 – 8:45)
Tuesday, Mar. 23 (7:30 – 8:45)

Science Reasoning Monday, Mar. 29 (7:30 – 8:45)
Tuesday, Mar. 30 (7:30 – 8:45)

Practice Test & Study Tips Saturday, Apr. 3, (10:00-12:00 a.m.)

Final Reviews English/Reading: Tuesday, Apr. 6 (7:30 – 8:45)
Science: Wednesday, Apr. 7 (7:30 – 8:45)
Mathematics: Thursday, Apr. 8, (7:30 – 8:45)

ACT Examination Saturday, April 10

On-line ACT Prep help is at:

<http://www.classnotesonline.com/teacher/Grinstead/>

Some OBSERVATIONS about the Nature and Purpose of ACT Prep

Preparing for the ACT Exam is similar to preparing for a sporting competition. It takes frequent practice to overcome weaknesses and develop strategies for success. Having a **daily** practice routine and a study plan for each subject are essential to improving an ACT score. *There is no better preparation for the ACT Exam than routinely working old ACT exams, carefully considering the errors made, and determining how to avoid them in the future.*

The ACT Prep course is not a substitute for this practice. It is intended, instead, to help students gain a better understanding and anticipation of the ACT questions and format. Specifically, the objectives of the ACT Prep course are:

- To help students identify the topics covered by each section of the ACT exam
- To discuss with students strategies that can be used to select the most likely answers from among multiple choice alternatives on the ACT exam
- To identify frequently appearing questions on the ACT exam
- To give students an opportunity for timed practice answering ACT exam-type questions in an environment similar to the testing room.
- To discuss with students strategies for personal discipline and time management related to the ACT exam

For students who have never taken the ACT, the Prep course provides an important introduction that can help develop a personal preparation plan. For students who have already taken the exam, the Prep course can help identify specific elements needing more study/practice to improve a previous score. The Prep course is NOT, however, sufficient preparation on its own. Much more practice is needed. Also, in the limited time of the Prep meetings, there is not sufficient time to cover all the material from which ACT questions can be drawn. Individual practice is essential to finding out what needs further study.

ACT Prep meetings are intended to be highly focused presentations. It is critical that students attend with the appropriate attitude. The right attitude includes:

- Being on time for the meeting
- Taking careful notes about things that need follow-up during practice
- Asking questions of the presenter to clarify needed information
- Giving focused effort on all exercises during the meeting
- Avoiding any activity that distracts others attending the meeting

Students not having the appropriate attitude will be dismissed if they interfere with others.

ACT fees are collected to reimburse the school for operating expenses and provide limited support to the academic programs of the teachers. The instructors receive no compensation for their efforts. Some of the fees are donated to charitable purposes selected by the instructors.

Registration Form

Submit, with money, to Mrs. Morton or Mr. Grinstead by
Wednesday, Mar. 10, 2010

Student's Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number: _____

Guardian's Signature _____

(Permission to Attend subject to usual SCHS policies and rules)

_____ Paid by \$30 check (to SCHS)

_____ Paid by cash

This does NOT register you for the ACT Exam.

You must do that individually using the on-line or paper methods provided by ACT.
Deadline for April 10 Exam is March 5.

Go to: <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/index.html>