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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Grades 11-12,

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is typically given to students who are considering college. The SAT test format will be changing beginning with the March 2016 exam.

Due to the transitions, it is highly recommended that students take the old SAT, which has an administration date of **January 23, 2016**. The last day to register for the test is December 28, 2015 at www.collegeboard.org. There are a few reasons for this recommendation. Currently, there are not a lot of practice test materials available for the new SAT test. The possibility exists that scoring for the March 2016 test may be delayed and not available before the next test administration date. There seems to be a lot of confusion surrounding the new test and details related to it.

If a student athlete takes the current SAT **before** March 2016 and then takes the redesigned SAT at a later date, the NCAA Eligibility Center will **not** combine section scores from the current and redesigned SAT when determining the student-athlete's initial eligibility. The NCAA Eligibility Center will only combine section scores from the same version of the test.

Students are highly encouraged to take the SAT test on January 23, 2016 if they are planning to play a Division 1 or Division 2 sport in college. If your student has already taken the SAT and plans to do so again **in January**, this would enable him/her to use a combination of the highest scores by specific subject area, as has been done in the past. (This is called "super-scoring".)

Juniors or seniors who qualify for free or reduced lunch may qualify for up to two fee waivers for the SAT. Please have your student see me in the guidance office if you would like to use a fee waiver.

More information concerning student athletes who are taking the SAT is listed on the reverse side of this letter.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Steve Gillule, Guidance Counselor

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