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February 5, 2017

Aloha Parents of Juniors,

On February 28, 2017, The ACT test will be administered to all 11th grade students during the regular school day at no cost to you. No registration is required by you or your student.

The ACT test scores will provide you with information about your student's progress toward college readiness and is widely used by colleges in making decisions about admission, as well as by scholarship programs. You will receive your child's scores in the mail three to eight weeks after the test date.

- -Your child will be able to select up to four colleges or athletic registries to send their scores to as part of the application process. The opportunity to submit these choices will happen prior to the testing day, during the week of Feb. 21-24th. Please discuss which schools your child may want to select. Be aware that this is an optional choice, and some students select to wait to see how they performed before sending scores. If you choose to wait and send scores afterwards there will be a charge of \$16.50 per report.
- -The ACT test includes multiple-choice tests in English, Reading, Mathematics, and Science, as well as a Writing test, which is an essay. Testing will take approximately 3.5 hours.
- -Attached is a flyer with information on how to prepare for the ACT and we encourage students to take advantage of these resources. There are approximately three weeks until the test and by spending 30 minutes a day in preparation, students may improve their performance on this test which has the potential to open doors to college admissions and scholarships.

-Important Details for Testing Day on February 28th:

- *Arrive early, testing starts at 8:30 am.
- *Once testing begins, no one may be admitted to the testing room.
- *Students should be well rested, have a good breakfast, and bring a photo id.
- *The school will provide calculators, pencils, snacks, and juice.

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Students wishing to take the ACT again, on their own, in addition to this state sponsored administration, may register at ACT.org. If your child receives Free or Reduced lunch, they are eligible to receive a waiver to take the exam again later this spring or next fall, at no charge. In order to apply for the waiver, they must see Ms. Richards in the College and Career Center. After receiving the waiver, they may access FREE online test prep services from Kaplan and ACT Online Prep. Some students may wish to use the February 28th test as a baseline and then register for a test date on their own, and prepare with online resources based upon their performance. This is an additional opportunity for our students.

You may find more information online at www.ACT.org

To identify college codes or athletic registries to send scores to, you may use this link: http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/taking-the-test/college-codes-lookup1.html

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the ACT or ways to prepare, as well as questions about college admissions and processes, please feel free to contact our counselors or myself.

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Aloha,

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