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Next SAT test date:

March 14, 2015

Registration:
February 13, 2015

Late Registration:
March 3, 2015

www.sat.collegeboard.org

Next ACT test date:

April 18, 2015

Registration:
March 13, 2015

Late Registration:
March 14--27, 2015

www.actstudent.org

Happy
Valentine's
Day



ACT Questions of the Month

Please send your answers to the February questions to Renee@makingthegradellc.com. Students who answer both questions correctly will be entered into a drawing to win a prize! Check your email each month for a list of tips for ACT success.

English Question

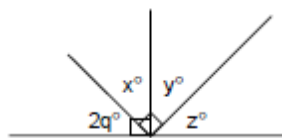
First, it is seemingly apparent that Diamond's songs were influenced by many different popular artists of the day. One song sounds very similar to a complicated jazz song by Charlie Parker.

Which of the following choices provides the most stylistically effective and concise wording here?

- NO CHANGE
- there is the impression given by Diamond's songs that he was
- Diamond's songs suggested he was
- it is the impression Diamond's songs give that he was

Math Question

Which of the following is always equal to $90 - q$?



- $x + z$
- $y + q$
- $z + q$
- q
- $2q$

The answers to January's questions of the month are: English: B Math: E



Congratulations to **Sahana Holla**, our winner of January's ACT problem of the month!



MtG Scholarship Fund



For February, MtG will be offering Valentine's treats. Anyone can buy a

Valentine's treat for their friends or family and Ms. Jenny will deliver the treats to their recipient. The treats will be some of Mrs. Fischesser's delicious homemade cookies and will cost \$5.00. For \$7.00, you can purchase treats and a beautiful handmade Valentine's card. All proceeds will go towards the Making the Grade scholarship fund.

MtG Monthly Book Club



Join us for our book club social! It will be held at the Madison Co. Library Richmond Branch on February 18th at 6:00pm. During the social, we will have pizza and snacks! We will decide on meeting times and which book we are going to read. It is sure to be tons of fun!

If you have any questions or suggestions,

you may contact Renee McFall at renee@makingthegrade llc.com.

Scholarship Corner

Each month, Making the Grade will introduce scholarships due in the following month. The following scholarships have application deadlines in March.

Hays C. Kirby Scholarship Contest

Deadline: March 1, 2015

For: High school students grades 9-12 or recent graduates. Applicants must submit a 1,500 word essay on the theme: "I love my country because..."

Details: Three scholarships will be awarded in the amounts of \$1,000, \$2,500, and \$5,000.

Link: <http://www.joefossinstitute.org/joefoss-institute-programs/educational-scholarships>

National Independent Automobile Dealers Association Scholarship

Deadline: March 16, 2015

For: High school seniors who have maintained an outstanding academic achievement record and an aptitude for college work.

Details: Four students will each receive a \$3,500 scholarship to the college or university of their choice.

Link: <http://www.niada.com/foundation-scholarship.php>

Cognizant Making the Future Scholarship Program

Deadline: March 31, 2015

For: High school seniors pursuing careers in a STEM field. Students must submit documentation of a hands-on project that illustrates creativity and innovation. Students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Details: Scholarship award amounts are \$5,000.

Link: <http://www.cognizant.com/about-cognizant/company-overview/sustainability/educational-opportunity>

NASA Space Settlement Contest

Deadline: March 1, 2105

For: Students grades 7-12. Applicants must develop a design for an orbital space settlement and related materials; these materials are then sent to NASA Ames for judgment. Applicants may work as individuals or teams.

Details: The highest scoring team or individual will win the NSS Bruce M. Clark, Jr. Memorial Space Settlement award for \$5,000.

Link: <http://settlement.arc.nasa.gov/Contest>