



Next SAT test date

May 2, 2015

Registration
April 6, 2015

Late registration
April 17-21, 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
St. Patrick's
Day!



ACT Challenge of the Month

Please send your answers to the March 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

Recycling has become commonplace, as people recognize the need to care for the environment. Yet most people's recycling consciousness extends only as far as paper, bottles, and cans. People seldom find themselves confronted with the growing phenomenon of e-waste.

Which choice would most effectively begin this sentence so that it emphasizes a lack of awareness of this problem?

- a. NO CHANGE
- b. Many in our communities simply don't realize the dangers of
- c. A majority of local governments are assiduously studying
- d. Little attention is paid by the people in our neighborhoods to

Math Question

The height of a triangle is 50% of the width of a rectangle. The base of the triangle is 30% of the length of the rectangle. If the area of the rectangle is 80, what is the area of the triangle?

- a. 6
- b. 12
- c. 24
- d. 40
- e. 80

The answers to February's questions of the month were: English: C Math: C



Congratulations to
Erik Gomez,
our winner of
February's ACT
challenge of the
month!

Fund



Bring out your "counting cap" for our March scholarship fundraiser. Ms. Jenny will have a jar full of green candies and a photo of the jar will be posted on MtG's Facebook

page. We will be selling tickets for this fundraiser. Each ticket is worth one guess at the amount of candies contained in the jar. Tickets will cost \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. The closest 3 guesses will win prizes! All proceeds will go towards one or two applicants of Making the Grade's scholarship Fund! We appreciate your contributions!

The Book Club social was held on February 26 at Purdy's. The winner of the raffle held was Justin McFall. There will be two separate book club meetings each month: one for high school students and one for elementary/middle school students. For our first set of books, the high school students will be reading *The Great Gatsby*; our younger students will be reading *The Maze Runner*. The meetings will be held the 4th Thursday of each month at a location to be announced at a later date. The high school students will meet at 7pm and our younger students will meet at 6pm. A memo will

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be released with the details of the books as well as the upcoming meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Renee McFall at renee@makingthegradellc.com

Scholarship Corner

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

International College Counselors Scholarship

Deadline: April 1, 2015

For: This essay contest is for high school students grades 9-11. Applicants must submit a 500-word essay that addresses the following topic: "If you could create one class in high school that reflects your academic values, interests, and/or outlook on education, what would it be and why?"

Details: One scholarship will be awarded outside the Florida Tri-County area in the amount of \$250.

Link: <http://internationalcollegecounselors.com/2012-international-college-counselors-scholarship-essay-contest/>

HotelsCheap General Scholarship for Higher Learning

Deadline: April 15, 2015

For: Residents of the US who are at least 16 years old. Applicants must answer 4 personal, open-ended, and thought provoking questions.

Details: One student will win a \$1,500 scholarship.

Link: <http://www.hotelscheap.org/scholarship/apply>

9 Beans and a Burrito Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: April 17, 2015

For: High school seniors planning to go to a US accredited junior college or 4-year university. Students must have a minimum 3.5 GPA.

Details: One scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded over 2 semesters, with \$500 given each semester and the second installment contingent on maintaining a 3.0 GPA for the 1st semester.

Link: <http://www.9beans.org/>

AFSA High School Senior Scholarship Contest

Deadline: April 1, 2015

For: High school seniors who are US citizens or legal residents and plan to enroll in a college, university, or trade school no later than fall 2015. Applicants must read an essay about automatic fire sprinklers and then take an online test about it.

Details: For each question answered correctly, students will receive one entry into a drawing to win one of ten \$2,000 scholarships.

Link: <http://www.afsascholarship.org/hsinformation>