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Likely Fall SAT Test Dates

October 6, 2012

November 3, 2012

December 1, 2012

Dates are estimates. Schedule has not been published.

Register at www.collegeboard.com.

Likely Fall PSAT Test Dates

October 10, 2012 (Wed.)

October 13, 2012 (Sat.)

Dates are estimates. Schedule has not been published.

Register at your school.

Thank you for asking about SAT/PSAT preparation at Crimson Review. Information about courses is enclosed. The schedule varies from one course to the next, but all Full Courses include one-on-one classes, group classes, a diagnostic exam, and three College Board released sample exam administrations.

Although I have been a full-time SAT coach since 1986, I did not start out as a teacher. After receiving a *BA* from Harvard, *magna cum laude*, I earned a *JD* from Villanova Law School. While attending law school, I tutored part-time and found that I preferred teaching to lawyering. After law school, I gradually increased my business and then started Crimson Review, Inc. in 1986.

On the "old" SAT, over 85% of our students improved their combined scores 100 points or more. The average score improvement thus far on the New SAT is 180 points, and five of our students have scored a perfect 2400. Our students have been accepted at the most selective colleges in the country, including all the Ivy League colleges. The large amount of individual attention my staff and I give to the students is just one of the reasons why they do so well. Here are a few of the important features of the course:

- Group classes to review the academics and test-taking strategies the student must know to do well on the exam.
- Students grouped by shared level of scores and abilities.
- One-on-one classes to go over the diagnostic test and sample exams.
- Sample College Board released SATs and PSATs *in the new formats*.
- Comprehensive home-study resources to reinforce what is presented in class and for the student to review when the course is over.
- A guarantee of satisfaction: Improve at least 200 points or we will arrange up to twelve hours of additional instruction at no charge. (Restrictions and requirements apply, so please read the information on page 3.)
- A very experienced head tutor: over 24 years as a full-time SAT coach.

Please call me if you have any questions or if you would like to arrange a free appointment to discuss the program and review the course materials.

Sincerely,



William H. Wood
Director

How do we keep up to date?

- We take the test several times a year to see if anything new is being tested.
- We study all SATs and PSATs released each year by the College Board – including all sample and actual exams for the New SAT and PSAT released since Sept. 2004.
- We scan newly released exams for words, add them to our vocabulary database, and make the lists available to our students in addition to our regular workbooks.
- We constantly update and revise our materials with examples of the latest variations in math, critical reading, and writing question types.

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What We Teach

We Teach Strategies

The SAT and PSAT are standardized tests written and scored in a particular way. We show students the test-taking strategies and techniques which can help them maximize their scores, including:

- When and how to guess.
- How to identify traps and wrong answers.
- What the test writers think when constructing questions.
- What choosing the “best” answer really means.
- Why the correct answer is not always a “good” answer.
- How to make educated guesses even when you don’t understand the question.
- The patterns to the degree of question difficulty and how to use them to greatest advantage.
- Special techniques to simplify or avoid algebra.

New!
Study our course materials with online slideshows and videos.

We Teach Academics

Strategies are helpful, but they have their limitations. Sometimes you just have to know what the words mean or how to do the math. That’s why we also teach the academics tested and give the students study guides to help them review and build knowledge.

- Vocabulary workbooks divided into daily assignments with plenty of review exercises, puzzles, cartoons, and roots, as well as flash cards for maintenance review.
- Math Review guides written in a simple, conversational style. The guides explain the terms, definitions, and rules students must know. Definitions and rules sections are presented in a question-and-answer format which can be studied like flash cards. There are follow-up exercises and written solutions.
- Assignment sheets to help students stay organized and complete their work on time.



How We Teach It

Group Classes Focus on Strategies

- In group classes we efficiently present the strategies and test-taking skills everyone must know. Strategies are presented in organized workbooks with written summaries that promote rapid learning and allow for convenient review.
- We review hundreds of SAT and PSAT questions organized by subject and category. This is much more than we could cover in private classes alone.
- Students are assigned to a group based on their scoring levels so they are studying with students who have similar scores and abilities. Each class is two and a half hours.

Private Classes Focus on the Individual

- During five hours of one-on-one classes, the student has the instructor’s undivided attention on a regular basis.
- We review the Diagnostic Exam and practice SATs or PSATs privately and focus on the student’s specific areas of weakness.
- We follow up and make sure the student is correctly using the strategies presented in the group classes. Students find this is a good time to ask questions they may have been hesitant to ask in the group class.
- We determine if the student needs any special supplemental materials or additional work in a particular area.

Diagnostic Test and Full-Length Exams

- The course starts with a Diagnostic Exam that covers the math and verbal question types in the SAT and PSAT and helps us assess students’ test-taking skills and weaknesses.
- Students take 3 full-length exams during the course. They get their exams, their scored answer sheets, the answer keys, and test notes for review and study at home. We use College Board released exams, not simulated tests.

All of our exams are in the New SAT and PSAT formats.

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June-July Course

Hours of Instruction and Exams

The tuition is \$995.

A 31-hour course given over 5 weeks. The student should attend:

- 5 group workshops (2½ hours each)
- 5 one-on-one classes (1 hour each)
- 1 diagnostic test and 3 practice exams (3½ hrs. each)

Initial enrollment in each group class is limited to 16 students. The dates of group classes and practice exams are noted on the *Course Summary* calendar.

Course Duration & Registration

The course begins Monday, June 25, 2012, and concludes the week ending Saturday, July 29, 2012. To register, please fill out and return the enclosed registration form by mail, fax, or email. Registration forms are also available at www.crimsonreview.com.

Tuition Payment

A nonrefundable deposit of \$100 is required to reserve a place in the course. The balance of the \$995 tuition is due before or at the first group-class meeting. No one-on-one classes will be given until full payment is received. Cash, personal checks, Visa, Mastercard and American Express are accepted. Make checks payable to Crimson Review, Inc.

Group Classes

Group classes are two and a half hours long and meet weekday evenings. There are three different groups. The time of the student's group class is determined by the student's scoring level (Math + Critical Reading + Writing). The combined score totals of students in each group fall into the following ranges:

- **Group A: Scores below 1500.**
Classes meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:00 PM.
- **Group B: Scores from 1500 to 1750.**
Classes meet Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:00 PM.
- **Group C: Scores above 1750.**
Classes meet Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:00 PM.

A preliminary group assignment will be based on the student's past scores. (To convert PSAT scores to SAT scores, add zeros.) A change in group assignment will be made if warranted by the results of the Diagnostic Exam.

One-On-One Classes

One-on-one classes are one hour long and meet five times. The day and time of the first class may be arranged by writing first and second choices for class times on the registration form. See the *Course Summary* for the hours available for one-on-one classes. Students who would like more than five one-on-one classes may schedule additional meetings at \$100/hr. That's 28% off the regular hourly rate of \$145.

Makeup Classes

Every reasonable effort will be made to reschedule classes the student cannot attend. One-on-one classes are usually rescheduled easily, although **24 hours notice of cancellations is required**. Students who cannot attend their regular group class may ask to attend a different group class. Group classes may also be made up by taking the corresponding class in the August or Sept.-Oct. courses. If these options are not possible or appropriate, and if others miss the same class, a makeup class will be scheduled. If only one student misses the class, an extra 1-hour one-on-one class will be scheduled. All one-on-one make-up classes must be taken by Friday, Sept. 7, 2012.

Score Improvement Guarantee

Students who meet all eligibility requirements and do not improve their combined scores (Math + Critical Reading + Writing) by 200 points on a College Board SAT or PSAT taken after completing the course compared to their most recent pre-course College Board SAT or PSAT scores, may repeat all the group classes and take 3 new practice exams free of charge. If the student has no College Board SAT or PSAT scores, call to schedule a time to take a recently released SAT before the course begins. There is no charge for this test administration for those who enroll. (The results of the Diagnostic Exam will be used as pre-course scores for those who have no pre-course scores and do not come in to take a College Board released SAT.)

• **Eligibility Requirements:** The student must attend all the exams and classes (or arrange make-up classes and meet all 24/hr. cancellation and rescheduling notice requirements). Homework assignments must be turned in within 48 hours of the due date. The student must score 80% or higher on the vocabulary test given at the last Group Class meeting. Only vocabulary specifically assigned for homework will be tested. An assignment sheet and all vocabulary the student must study will be given at the first group meeting. You must notify us that the student intends to return for free classes within 60 days of the post-course SAT administration. Actual College Board score reports showing pre-course and post-course scores must be provided before free classes and exams begin.

Cancellations and Refunds

A student who withdraws from the program during the first week and returns all the course materials will receive a refund of \$895 (\$995 minus \$100 administrative fee). A student may withdraw from the program at any time after the first week and receive a refund for the classes which have not yet been taught at the time notice of cancellation is received, minus \$145 (materials cost of \$45 plus administrative fee of \$100). No refunds will be given for classes not taken by Sept 7, 2012.

Course Summary

Starts June 25

One Diagnostic Exam

The Diagnostic Exam helps pinpoint the student's specific weaknesses. It is reviewed privately with the student at the first one-on-one class. The diagnostic exam will be given twice on June 25: once in the morning and then again in the evening. The student should attend one of the two administrations.

Five Group Classes

Each student attends one group class meeting each week. Students with similar scores are assigned to the same group class. In general, students in each group have combined scores (Math + Critical Reading + Writing) in the following ranges:

- Group A:** below 1500
- Group B:** 1500 to 1750
- Group C:** above 1750

The class days and times are shown on the calendar.

Five One-on-One Classes

Every student should make arrangements for a one-on-one class to meet five times during the course. Each class is one hour and may be scheduled to meet during the following times:

- Monday - Thursday: 10 AM - 9 PM
- Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM
- Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM
- Closed on Sundays during summer.

If possible, the student should choose a day and time which will be convenient for the duration of the course and make changes only if necessary.

Three Sample Exams

The exams give the student the chance to practice the test-taking skills and strategies learned in class and help make the test a routine experience. The exams are graded in time for each one-on-one class and reviewed privately with the student. Each exam is offered two times on Mondays at the times shown on the calendar. The student may attend either exam.

Can't Attend a Class?

Students who miss any group classes or one-on-one classes may make arrangements to take those classes at other times. Call to find out what times are available for make-up classes. Missed one-on-one classes must be taken by Friday, September 7, 2012.

JUNE 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
JUNE 25 Diagnostic Exam is given twice: 9:00 - 12:40 and again 6:00 - 9:40		Group A 6:30-9 PM	Group B 6:30-9 PM	Group C 6:30-9 PM	First of 5 one-on-one classes should be scheduled to meet no later than July 6.	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

JULY 2012

	Group B 6:30-9 PM	Group A 6:30-9 PM	Independence Day	Group C 6:30-9 PM		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Sample SAT 9:00-12:35 or 6:00-9:35	Group A 6:30-9 PM	Group B 6:30-9 PM	Group C 6:30-9 PM		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Sample SAT 9:00-12:35 or 6:00-9:35	Group A 6:30-9 PM	Group B 6:30-9 PM	Group C 6:30-9 PM		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Sample SAT 9:00-12:35 or 6:00-9:35	Group A 6:30-9 PM	Group B 6:30-9 PM	Group C 6:30-9 PM	Last one-on-one class should be scheduled to meet no later than Sept. 7.	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Can't Attend an Exam?

Students who cannot attend the exam administrations regularly held on Mondays may make arrangements to take the exam at another time during regular office hours. If that is not possible, the exams may be done at home and returned for grading. Students who cannot attend the Diagnostic Exam may request that a copy be mailed to them before the course begins.

Crimson Review reserves the right to make changes in the course schedule up to 24 hours before classes begin on June 26, 2012.

REGISTRATION

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Registration Information

Student:

Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

Home phone:

Email (optional):

School:

Grade in Sept. 2012 10th 11th 12th

Parent(s):

Daytime phone:

Parent email:

Enrolling in course beginning: June 25 July 30

Scoring history: PSAT: Math: _____ Critical Reading: _____ Writing: _____ Have not taken Can't remember

SAT: Math: _____ Critical Reading: _____ Writing: _____ Have not taken Can't remember

Is the student eligible to take the exam with **Extended Time**? Yes No Don't know

I would like to reserve a time for the first one-on-one class. (One hour long.)

First choice: Date: _____ Time: _____

Second choice: Date: _____ Time: _____

I will make my choice later.

Signature of a parent is required:

I have read the course information at the Crimson Review website for the SAT Full Course. I agree to the terms and conditions about the course including, but not limited to, cancelation and re-scheduling notice requirements and eligibility requirements for the score increase guarantee.

Parent's signature

Date

Payment or Deposit: Course Fee is \$995

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____. (\$100 minimum is required.)

Charge a payment of \$ _____ to Visa Mastercard American Express

Account number:

Expiration Date:

Name as it appears on the card:

Signature of cardholder:

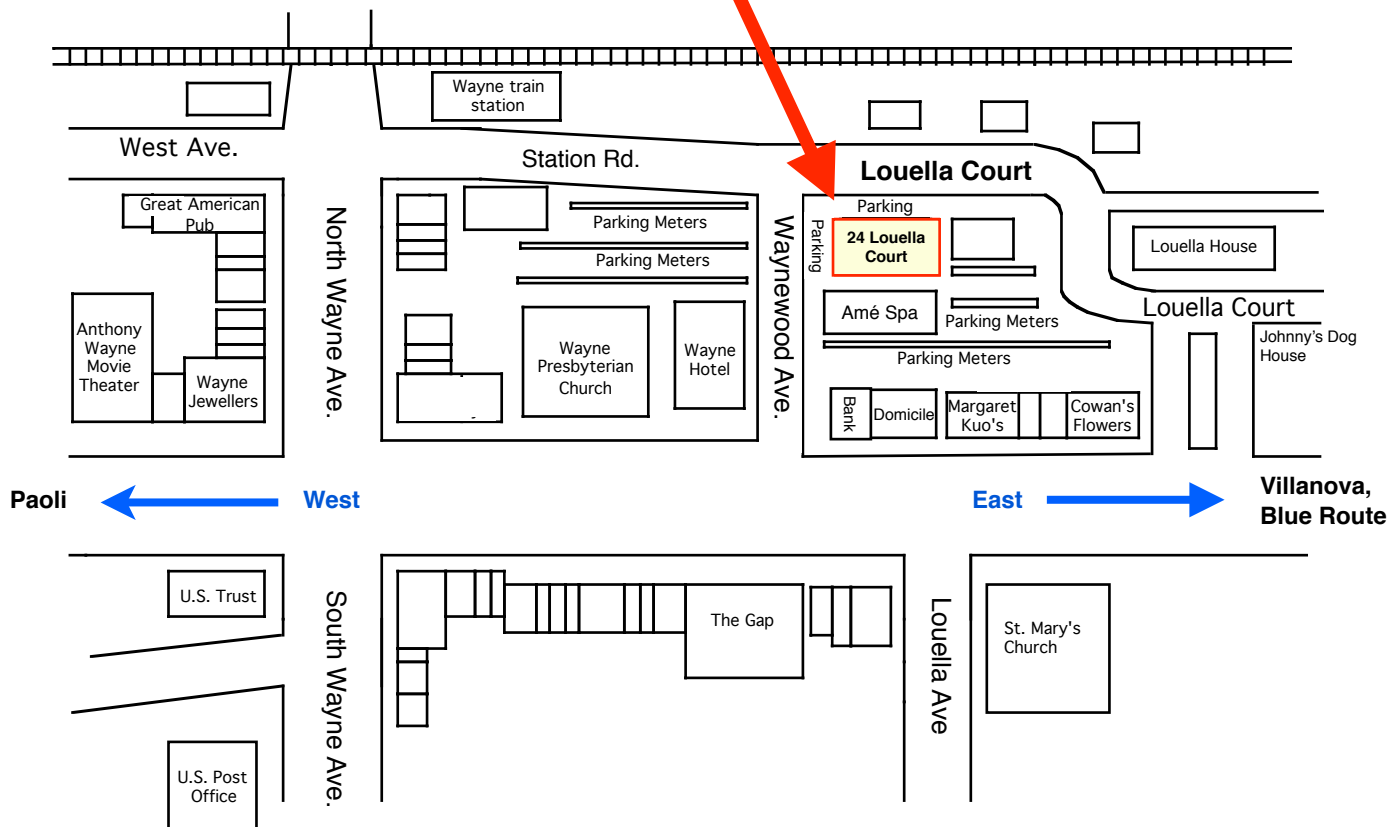
SAVE \$25

Pay **in full** by cash or check
(**not by credit card**) at time
of registration and the
course fee drops to \$970.

WE ARE HERE

The entrance is on the Louella Court side.

Come in and go down one flight.



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Please do **NOT** rely on MapQuest. The map at the MapQuest website shows the **WRONG** location for the Crimson Review office.