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Dear parents of juniors,

The time to take the SATs, visit colleges, send in applications, get accepted, and try to pay for all of this is now upon us. There is at least one solution here at Vernon Township High School that will make this entire process a great deal easier for you and your family: The **Vernon High School SAT Team**.

The **Spring Session** of the **SAT Team** will run from **Monday March 16th through Friday May 1st**. The spring test will take place **Saturday May 2nd** at VTHS. The course will cost each student **\$150**. While the Vernon Township Board of Education will fund primary instruction for the class, student contributions will be used to help fund instructional costs.

The SAT team meets Monday, Thursday and Friday from 2:15 – 5:15. Each day will focus on a specific testing skills and the college application process. We will also be meeting to take full-length practice tests on the following Saturday mornings from 7:45 am until 12:30pm: **March 21st, March 28th, and April 25th**. The students will need to get rides or drive themselves on Saturday morning. This is not only a major commitment on the part of your child, but also on you. This will be a competitive, industrious and exhausting process. We have had great success in the past and this year's program will attempt to surpass even those achievements.

Finally, as senior teachers with many connections with college admissions personnel, we have spent a great deal of time and energy examining admissions criteria of competitive universities. We have spoken with admission personnel at these schools and they have told us that they are looking for class rank of top 20%, strength of schedule (AP courses) and strong SAT scores in both Math and EBR&W. The most important message was that merit-based scholarship money is doled out; regardless of need, based on SAT scores as well as GPA. Obviously the higher the SAT score is the more money a student will receive. (Figures range from \$10,000 to a full scholarship.) There is significant money to be gained from high SAT scores. (Also, it was relayed to us that for every dollar of athletic scholarship money given to undergraduates in this country there is ninety-seven dollars of academic scholarships.)

We wish you the best of luck going through this process and we want you to know that we look forward to seeing your son or daughter on **sign up day, Thursday February 20th**. We have only 25 spots and it will be first-come, first-served basis **in the cafeteria beginning at 7:05 am**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Bray at mbray@vtsd.com or Mr. LoGiudice tlogiudice@vtsd.com.

Thanks for your time,

Mr. Marc Bray

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