

Starting before Labor Day in order to have students ready for the Fall 2009 testing schedule...

# Preparation Course for the PSAT and the SAT

Conveniently located at the Center for the Arts, 72 South Main Street, Homer

## What are the PSAT and SAT?

The PSAT and SAT are aptitude tests developed by the College Board. Many colleges require results from a standardized test, such as the SAT, as part of a student's application for admission. The PSAT allows students a chance to practice for the SAT, and it qualifies top scorers for National Merit Scholarship Corporation scholarships and generous scholarship offers from many public and private colleges and universities. Four years ago, the College Board changed the format and material covered on both of these tests. This course will familiarize students with the most up-to-date test formats. The skills taught in this class also help prepare students who plan to take the ACT, another standardized test option.

## When are these tests administered?

This fall, the PSAT will be offered to high school juniors and some high school sophomores on Wednesday, October 14 or Saturday, October 17. This fall, the SAT will be offered on Saturday, October 10, Saturday, November 7, and Saturday, December 5.

## What is the advantage of taking a preparation course for these tests?

Scores on both of these tests are improved by knowing the skills that the tests require and by learning important test taking strategies and tips. Although some students are able to self-study for these tests, many find that they benefit from the structure and expertise that a preparation course provides. Sample test sections are administered throughout this course to give students experience with the timing and expectations of the actual tests. Our instructors will be able to answer the questions that arise as students tackle test problems.

Students who took our preparation course in the past responded very positively to their experience. Overwhelmingly, they said they would recommend the course to a friend. Many students reported increases in their scores after taking the course, some of 100 points or more.

## What will be covered in this course?

Our qualified mathematics instructors will cover the concepts tested by the Math sections of the tests. The classes will address a broad range of topics including numbers and operations, algebra and functions, geometry and measurement, data analysis, statistics, and probability.

Our qualified verbal instructors will teach strategies for approaching the sentence completion and passage-based reading sections that comprise the Critical Reading sections of these tests. Grammar rules and strategies for success on the Writing sections of the tests will also be covered.

## Fees and Dates:

The \$200 registration fee covers five 3-hour class sessions.

Students will receive a copy of the College Board's *Official SAT STUDY GUIDE*. This book will be used for in-class instruction, and it will also serve as a valuable resource for home study. Students will also receive a copy of *Up Your Score*, an informative test-taking guide written by six students.

Classes will meet from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on the following Sundays:

Sunday, September 6 • Sunday, September 13 • Sunday, September 20 • Sunday, September 27 • Sunday, October 4

For students who have to miss the session on Sunday, September 6, the material from that session will be reviewed on Sunday, October 11.

What to bring: If you own a calculator, please bring it with you to class. Paper and pencils will be provided.

Need-based scholarships are available for this course. To apply for scholarship assistance, please speak with your guidance counselor.

If you have any questions or if you would like to register by phone, please call Teri at 749-4900.

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## **PSAT/SAT COURSE REGISTRATION FORM**

Registration Deadline: Wednesday September 2, 2009 Late registration is allowed if space is available.

To register, please return this form with total payment of \$200 or a non-refundable deposit of \$50 (check payable to Center for the Arts).

Mail to: PSAT/SAT Prep Course, Center for the Arts, 72 South Main Street, Homer, New York 13077-0191.

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
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