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Greetings Parents and Students:

When it comes to standardized tests such as the SAT and the ACT, it is important to understand the benefit of acquiring test-taking skills and taking practice tests. Being familiar with the nuances of standardized test questions, formats, answer keys, and time constraints is almost as important as possessing content knowledge and critical thinking skills. Evaluating closely one's most recent test results to focus on skills in areas that need strengthening is a valuable tool in enhancing one's performance on subsequent tests.

Self-help is free and should be a regular part of every student's repertoire. Please note that Khan Academy has partnered with the College Board to offer free practice tests that can be found by clicking the following link: <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>. The ACT also offers test prep, including free practice tests which can be found here: <http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/>

Additionally, working with an expert in the field can pay big dividends. To that end, for those interested in working one-on-one with a tutor, we want to make you aware of the two people the College Counseling Office recommends:

The first is Andy Hilnbrand, founder of Quotient Education, who has been helping Williston students excel since 2007. He is a professional tutor specializing in college test prep (SAT and ACT) and math and science course support (including AP Calc, Stats, Physics, and Chem). A former Director of Mathematics and Sciences and Princeton Review Instructor, Andy also served as a math and science department chair for 13 years and has had his own independent tutoring business for 20 years. In addition to tutoring, Andy also teaches for the University of Massachusetts School of Education. Find out more about his summer and fall offerings at <http://quotiented.com/> or call Andy directly at (413) 320-2645.

We also recommend Brian Leaf (www.brianleaf.com). Brian is the author of six books, including *Defining Twilight* and the four-book SAT and ACT test-prep series McGraw-Hill's Top 50 Skills. He is Director of the New Leaf Learning Center in Massachusetts, and has provided SAT, ACT, GED, SSAT, and GRE preparation to thousands of students from across the country. His address is: 269 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060, and he can be reached at (877) 584-0075.

Sincerely,

The College Counseling Office