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Dear Parents:

In our on-going desire at NFCS to assist students in their preparation for college, we are excited to announce a new program to help increase college admissions test scores which include the PSAT, SAT and ACT College Board exams.

Currently, colleges across the nation base between 30% and 50% of their admissions decisions on student SAT and ACT scores. For example, the current admissions requirements at FSU include a 4.0 GPA and a median score of 1800 on the SAT or a 28 on the ACT. With these critical admission requirements, we feel that by starting a SAT Prep program in the student's 9<sup>th</sup> grade year, it will help enable the student to achieve greater success in the area of test scores.

Beginning in the 2011-12 school year, NFCS will adopt a new curriculum for SAT Prep which will be taken by all students in the school from 9<sup>th</sup> grade – 11<sup>th</sup> grade. The program is a three-year cycle that will help prepare students for not only the SAT and ACT, but the PSAT which is taken at the beginning of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade year. Students will spend at least 20 minutes per week in both English and math classes and will be instructed by an experienced SAT instructor hosted by NFCS teachers.

The program offers more than 60 hours of classroom instruction for preparation for SAT and ACT exams which is more than three times the amount of traditional SAT Prep courses. Throughout the course of the program, students will be guided to improve critical thinking skills, work over 2000 practice questions and take 18 pre and post diagnostic tests and more.

Each student will purchase a math and English workbook each of the three years that he or she is involved in the program. These workbooks will become a regular part of the English and math classes.