

## A NOTE TO SENIORS AND JUNIORS...

### Seniors

This is an exciting time for seniors as many of you are waiting to hear back from college admissions offices.

What to keep in mind as the letters arrive

- You don't need to make a decision until May 1 – unless you are admitted to your top choice and the financial offer is acceptable
- Sign up for student housing as soon as you have accepted the offer of admission – many colleges have a First Come First Served policy when it comes to choice of student housing

### Applying to UAA?

- If you have not applied already, please turn in your application
  - Be ready to sign up for classes as soon as Freshman registration opens up in the spring
- Accuplacer
  - Take the placement test during the first half of February
    - Required for enrollment in math and English classes
  - <https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/testing/accuplacer.cshhtml>

### Juniors

#### SAT or ACT or both?

- The simple answer is that most colleges accept both tests so you can choose the test that is the best fit for you.
- Do you have a college list?
  - Some colleges require SAT Subject tests for certain programs/majors – make sure you sign up for the subject tests if they are required
  - Some colleges waive the SAT Subject test requirement if you take the ACT
- Many students take both tests. This is OK but not necessary.
- Practice tests may indicate which test to choose. Both tests now measure what you have learned in school.
  - <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/act-kaplan-online-prep-live.html>
  - <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

### **When to take the test? Spring, summer, fall...**

- I recommend that juniors take the SAT or ACT in the spring of their junior year
- Do you need to retake the test to improve scores? June is a good time to retake either of the tests. Many seniors retake the college entrance exams in the fall. Just remember that this is a very busy time as you are taking rigorous classes and in the process of applying to colleges, which is time consuming.

### **Testing Dates**

- <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/taking-the-test.html#testdates>
- <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>

**Please let me know if you have any questions.**

~Marianne