

Seton Guidance Corner

November 2, 2023

CLT - The New Standard for College Entrance Exams

While the SAT and ACT are designed to reflect public school curricula, specifically the Common Core State Standards framework, the CLT is different and considers student intellectual capacity and aptitude, making it a better fit for students from a variety of educational backgrounds. CLT also uses meaningful pieces of literature for its reading passages. The CLT is an online college entrance exam for 11th and 12th graders and is accepted at hundreds of colleges across the U.S. In September 2023, the state of Florida approved the CLT for all of its public universities. Many Cardinal Newman recommended colleges accept the CLT and offer scholarships based on scores including Christendom College, Benedictine College, and Franciscan University. To register, visit <https://www.ctexam.com/tests/ct/>. For scholarship information by college, visit <https://www.ctexam.com/scholarships/>.

Seniors, 4 Things to Remember Before Submitting Your Applications

Ask Yourself: Would I Even Go There if Admitted? - When applying to schools, it's easy to push off refining your college list until decisions come out, but realistically, the sooner you make those tough choices, the better. Why? College applications take time and money, and there are probably not that many schools that you can truly imagine yourself attending.

Remember to Read Your Writings Out Loud - You'll want to finish and upload your applications so you can feel a sense of accomplishment. But before submitting, read your written portions out loud to catch any errors that may be lingering.

Remember to Breathe - Applying to college can be a lot to handle, so don't let it consume you.

Remember That a Negative Decision Won't Ruin Your Life - When applying to college, most students think an unfavorable decision means their self-worth as a person and a student will decrease. That couldn't be further from the truth. Your success is not dependent on where you go.

(Adapted from <https://meet.nyu.edu/advice/4-things-to-remember-before-submitting-your-applications/> - Ryan Walker)

Franciscan University – Coast Guard Auxiliary University Program

The Coast Guard Auxiliary University Program provides students the opportunity to participate in the U.S. Coast Guard's official program without the commitment of an ROTC Program. Benefits include:

- ◇ Leadership Development
- ◇ Multiple Levels of Skill Training
- ◇ Earn Auxiliary Operational Qualifications
- ◇ Internship Opportunities in a Variety of Career Areas
- ◇ Potential Appointment to Officer Candidate School at the Academy

To learn more, email Dr. Nemeth at Franciscan at cnemeth@franciscan.edu.

Advantages of the Advanced Placement (AP) Program

The AP Program is designed by the College Board to provide motivated and academically prepared high school students in 10th, 11th or 12th grade with the opportunity to study and learn at the college level with the potential to reduce college costs. The two components of the program are AP courses and AP exams. Although Seton does not offer AP courses, students do have the opportunity to take the AP exams. AP exams are scored on a 5-point scale, and a score of 3 or higher corresponds to a passing grade in a comparable college course. Most colleges and universities will grant college credit and/or advanced placement for successful AP exam scores (consult individual colleges for their policies). Earning college credit or advanced placement can allow students more flexibility to double major, study abroad, or graduate early. Participating in the AP Program can also help students to stand out in the college admissions process. For additional information, visit <https://setonschool.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/AP-QA.pdf>.

The 2023-24 AP exams will be administered at Seton in May, but the registration deadline is coming up on Monday, November 13. For a list of AP exams offered as well as for registration and payment information, visit <https://setonschool.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/AP-Registration-2023-24.pdf>. Contact Mrs. Reyes with questions. (smreyes595@gmail.com, 703-331-3587)

CLT, SAT, and ACT Registration Deadlines Coming Up

CLT Test Date – December 2 (Remotely Proctored)

Registration Deadline – November 27

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for CLT's free practice test.

SAT Test Date – December 2

Registration Deadline – November 2

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free SAT practice test.

ACT Test Date – December 9

Registration Deadline – November 3

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free ACT test prep.

Scholarship Opportunities

Windward Spirit Scholarship

Amount: \$3,000

Deadline: November 15, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/26538/windward-spirit-scholarship>

Bulchand and Laxmi Motwani Memorial Scholarship

For high school students pursuing a career in pharmacy or science.

Amount: \$2,000

Deadline: November 30, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/26536/bulchand-and-laxmi-motwani-memorial-scholarship>

Rise Above Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: December 1, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/20478/rise-above-scholarship>

Path to Pro Scholarship Program

For high school seniors planning to enroll in an approved trade-related program at an accredited two-year school.

Amount: \$2,000

Deadline: December 31, 2023

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19069/path-to-pro-scholarship-program>

**Please note, opportunities in the Guidance Corner are not endorsements of the programs. They are shared as options for students and parents to carefully consider.*