

Mother McAuley

Liberal Arts High School

3737 W. 99th Street
Chicago, IL 60655
Phone: 773-881-6500
Fax: 773-881-6562
www.mothermcauley.org

December, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians of Mother McAuley High School Juniors,

We are pleased to announce that once again the school received a grant to offer an ACT Prep Program, entitled "*ACT Advantage*," for all currently enrolled juniors. We have partnered with two educational programs, Cambridge Educational Services and Study Island, to develop a two-part ACT preparation program for the members of the class of 2013.

Specifically structured to help students achieve the highest possible scores on the April 14, 2012 ACT test, this program is designed to offer core content subject-area preparation and test-taking strategies for ALL juniors alongside-the-curriculum, as well as, to provide an OPTIONAL before or after school program. Here is a summary of the program components:

- Each junior will receive the Barron's ACT Prep book, access to the ACT online test prep program and a User Name and Password for the Study Island electronic ACT prep program that will be used in classroom instruction during the third quarter at no cost. These program components are funded by the generosity of the West Midwest Mercy Ministry Grant.
- On the morning of January 13, 2012 all juniors will take an ACT pre-test here at school. These test results will generate detailed diagnostic reports for each junior and will shape the "alongside-the-curriculum" program component in each of the five ACT subject areas: English, Reading, Math, Science Reasoning and Writing.
- Beginning on January 17, 2012 and on days designated for each of the core content subjects, including March 29, 2012, students will receive thirty (30) hours of ACT preparation in their core content subject classes: English (Fridays), Social Science (Wednesdays), Math (Mondays) and Science (Tuesdays). Teachers in these subject areas will integrate ACT test preparation within daily lessons using the skills, content and processes contained in the Study Island program.
- An optional before or after school program is offered at a cost of \$100 for those students desiring additional ACT test preparation. Four sessions are being offered providing an additional twenty-four (24) hours of instruction. They will be taught by Mother McAuley faculty members. See the enclosed brochure for times, dates and registration information.
- The school encourages students to take the February 11, 2012 ACT test that is being offered at Mother McAuley High School. This test will serve as an additional "practice test" for the April ACT test and will be a significant factor in improving your daughter's test performance. The main focus of the ACT Advantage Program is the April 14th ACT test. We strongly advise that each junior register for the April 14, 2012 test. This test will be the post-test for the ACT Advantage Program and will complete the data analysis package for each junior. *Please note: the registration dates for each of these tests are six weeks prior to the test dates.*

We are pleased to offer "*ACT Advantage*" for the members of the class of 2013. This program represents the schools' commitment to providing a *lifetime advantage* to your daughter. If you have any questions, please contact your daughter's counselor; the Junior Dean, Ms. Jeanne Miller; or the College Counselor, Ms. Kathleen Farrell.

Sincerely,

Sister Lois Bromark, SST/TOSF

Sister Lois Bromark, SST/TOSF
Vice-Principal