

FBHS

Counselor Newsletter

May '19



The best time to test

The June that follows junior year might be the single best time for a student to take the SAT and/or ACT. At that stage you have a full school year under your belt and have learned everything your teachers have to teach you through three years of high school. You've also been free of classwork and homework for a couple of weeks so you can devote that spare time to test prep. The SAT is at FBHS on June 1st and Yulee High School will host the ACT on June 8th. Don't wait to register! Seats will fill up fast and the registration deadlines close in early May.



May Dates

- 5/1-5/2 FSA Reading
 - 5/3 Deadline to register for 6/1 SAT @ FBHS
 - 5/7-5/8 Alg 1 and Geo EOC
 - 5/9 Bio and US History EOC
 - 5/18 Graduation
 - 5/20-5/23 Underclassmen Final exams
 - 5/24 Students return computers
 - 5/25 Last day of school
- 7/30 2019-2020 Schedules available for 10-12 grade
7/31 Pirate Invasion for freshmen



What's up with AP tests?

AP tests are nationally administered in May by the Collegeboard who also publishes the SAT. AP exams are scored on a scale from 1 to 5. Colleges view individual exam results differently from one another, but in general scores from 3 or above are considered passing. Students who are in AP courses should take every advantage of AP exam study review sessions and spend as much time as possible in preparing for the exams. After spending a whole year in the course, students should be well prepared for the exams. They've spent a whole year working hard in the course and if they can pass the exam, the return on that investment is quite valuable in terms of time and money. Students often feel that because they haven't aced the course, passing the test is impossible. That's not true. The tests aren't as hard as many students think and scoring a 3 is a long ways from a perfect score. So, take the time to study for AP exams. You've worked hard all year. Don't quit at the end.

EOCs and grades

Remember that grades in EOC courses (Alg 1, Geo, Bio, US History) can't be finalized until EOC scores are received from the state. This may come after report cards are issued on June 3rd. So, EOC course credits might not appear on your report card or be factored into your GPA until later.

