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Dear Parents (and student):

Your child is enrolled in the SAT Prep/College Exploration Course, which will begin in January 2019. Ms. Mann and Mr. DelGrande will be teaching this course in an integrated manner. Before next term begins, we would like you to be aware of the course structure as well as necessary supplies and materials.

As you know, the course is designed to prepare your child for the redesigned SAT Exam. We will target the reading, writing and language, and mathematics components of the SAT exam. We will continue intensive preparation for the SAT exam during both semesters. Throughout the class, students will take practice tests, analyze their test results, remediate, and improve in areas of weakness prior to taking the real SAT. To get real-time, overarching feedback on their strengths and weaknesses, students will take a full-length SAT, either in March or May.

To significantly increase the learning experience for the students in this course, we will use **The Official SAT Study Guide** (2018 Edition published by College Board ISBN-10: 1457309289). Purchasing this book costs approximately \$20-\$30, and students can do so at a local bookstore or through an internet site such as Amazon. To ensure students obtain the correct book, please check the ISBN number before purchasing or use the website link under "Helpful Websites" on our SAT Prep website, which will take you to the book on Amazon. Since we will be using the book right away, it's important that students decide whether or not they want their own book; if students would like to borrow a text during the course, we need to know by **January 1, 2019.**

In addition to SAT preparation, students will be planning for their college application process. This will include self-study, career exploration, and college exploration. Students will create an electronic college prep portfolio using Google Drive and Naviance to help keep track of and organize applications, transcripts, letters of recommendation, financial aid information, scholarships, college application essays, and deadlines. We will also have guest speakers from colleges, universities, and professionals from the community who will provide important information regarding college and career choices.

We look forward to working with your child as s/he prepares for college. We know family involvement is an integral part of this process, and we encourage your participation and support. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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