



SAT & PSAT Facts

On Wednesday, October 19th, Eleventh Grade students will take the PSAT. Most of our seniors are registering to take the SAT in November or December. Many students have questions about these tests. We would like to highlight critical information which will help students be confident and prepared.

PSAT Pre-Administration

The day before the PSAT is scheduled, we hold a short pre-administration session. This session allows students to fill in their personal information on the answer sheets. It's important for students to attend the session so there is no delay or confusion when they take the PSAT.

Redesigned PSAT

The PSAT, like the SAT, has been redesigned as of 2015. The test

now is better aligned with school learning and emphasizes more practical vocabulary.

Here is what students need to know about the PSAT:

- The score scale has been adjusted to 400-1600 points, reflecting *two* 800-point sections instead of three.
- There is no longer a negative point penalty for incorrect or "guessed" answers. Correct answers are worth one point; incorrect answers are worth *zero* points.
- The PSAT does *not* have an essay portion.

Redesigned SAT

The changes to the SAT are nearly identical to those on the PSAT. The only major difference is that the SAT still has an essay portion. The essay itself has

changed: it is now *optional*, and will be graded separately on a scale from two to eight points. The essay is crucial for students who want to get into top schools, so we highly recommend it.

SAT & PSAT Prep

We recommend that students take advantage of the resources available on the CollegeBoard website at collegeboard.org and through Khan Academy at www.khanacademy.com/sat as they study for the PSAT or SAT. Additionally, FCS will host an SAT Bootcamp by Best Academy from late October through November. Please turn to page 2 for more details.

Spring PSAT Testing

Students in the Ninth and Tenth Grades will take their version of the PSAT in March 2017.



The Fairfax Christian School is pleased to announce that once again we have been selected as one of the top high schools in Virginia. The Top Schools award from *Virginia Living* magazine recognizes the Fairfax Christian School for outstanding achievement in the category of Arts & Humanities.

Congratulations to everyone who made this award possible!

News & Events

Columbus Day Holiday

The school will be closed on Monday, October 10th, for Columbus Day.

PSAT Testing

There will be a pre-administration session for the PSAT on Tuesday, October 18th.

Eleventh Grade students will take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 19th, at RPC.

UVA Trip for Seniors

Seniors at FCS will take a trip to the University of Virginia and historic Monticello on Wednesday, October 19th. Students *must* arrive by 7:30am.

Adv. 1st - 3rd Grade Field Trip

Students in Advanced 1st through 3rd Grade will take a field trip to Gunston Hall on Friday, November 4th.

SAT Bootcamp

Best Academy will run an SAT preparation program at FCS on Mondays and Wednesdays from October 24th through November 16th, 3:30pm - 6:30pm. This eight-session program will strengthen students' skills to maximize their SAT scores. The fee for the program is \$900. All materials are included. Please contact James Lee by phone at (703) 978-0008 or by email at BestAcademyJames@gmail.com for more details.

Fire Truck Visit

The annual Lower School fire truck visit will take place on Wednesday, October 26th, at 9:00am.

End of First Quarter

The first quarter will end on Friday, October 28th.

Picture Day

FCS Picture Day is on Monday, October 31st. All students must be in complete and correct uniforms.

Athletic Achievement



Hayden Weaver, an Advanced First Grade student at FCS, competed in the Brambleton Kids' Triathlon on Saturday, September 10th. She is following in her mother's footsteps: Mrs. Ashley Weaver completed the Ironman Mont Tremblant in Quebec this summer, tackling a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run. Way to go, Weavers!

Middle School Science

Whether through precise measurement or careful observation, our Middle School students learn about the practical applications of science every day.



Lower School Field Trip

Students in Advanced Kindergarten through Fourth Grade took a fun field trip to Cox Farms. They enjoyed the slides, corn maze and other activities.



Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Sylvie Peev

Mrs. Sylvie Peev has joined the FCS faculty this year. Previously Mrs. Peev taught French classes at Virginia Academy. She now teaches Lower School French, Third & Fourth Grade Art, and Middle/High School French 1.

For Lower School students, Mrs. Peev plans very "hands-on" lessons, with interactive activities and participation. Her goal in teaching French is to give students the "full package": reading, writing, speaking and understanding.



What attracted Mrs. Peev to FCS was the school's impressive level of academics. She also appreciates the small class size.

Mrs. Peev's favorite aspect of teaching is interacting with our wonderful students. She enjoys contributing to their learning and development with warmth and authority. "I am very happy to teach French," she says. "It is my calling. To see the joy in their eyes when they accomplish their goals or understand a new concept is very rewarding."



In Remembrance

Reed Eugene Larson (September 27th, 1922 – September 17th, 2016) was one of the first FCS parents and former leader of the National Right to Work Committee.

Rev. Edwin "Ed" Clinger Urban III (April 26th, 1930 – September 20th, 2016) was a former teacher at FCS and church planter who helped to found Bethel Presbyterian Church (OPC) in Leesburg, Virginia.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live." –John 11:25