

**GMA-SAT Summer 2017 Course
for rising Juniors and Seniors**

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Dear GMA Student and Parent,

Thank you for your interest in the SAT-ACT prep course to be offered in the Summer and Fall of 2017 in preparation for the 2017-2018 SAT and ACT exams. Techniques for handling math, verbal, and writing skills questions will be presented and practiced. Students will be assigned portions of or entire standardized tests to complete and bring to class where mistakes will be corrected. Students will also practice writing samples for the standardized tests.

I have conducted six previous courses for Gwynedd Mercy Academy. All the courses have resulted in significant score increases for student participants. In a recent course, for example, each student's SAT scores increased, on average, about 260 points.

Sister Maureen Christi, Mrs. Heather Norman, and I teach the course. GMA parents and students know how much experience, knowledge and talent Sister and Mrs. Norman bring to the course. As an Archdiocesan high school and grade school teacher for over 20 years, I have taught many accelerated students, both in the classroom as an Honors Math teacher and as an SAT tutor, most notably with the LaSalle College High School SAT prep course from 1994 to recently. My Honors Math experience of guiding many students through consecutive years of math up to and including Algebra makes me well aware of the basic math concepts that are the cornerstone of SAT-ACT math preparation.

The cost for this June-July 2017 SAT-ACT course is \$650.00, which includes the book and materials. Students will come for six instructional 3.5 hour sessions on Tuesday mornings in June and July, as well as sit for two practice testing sessions on Saturdays, one in July and the second in September or October. Students can expect about 4 to 5 hours of homework per week in addition to the three hours of course time. Tentative session dates are listed on the accompanying page. Please note that dates are subject to revision pending finalization of school schedules.

While this course represents a big time commitment for your student during her summer break, it also provides her a great opportunity to concentrate on raising her standardized test scores without the many distractions of the school year. As alums of the course agree, completing this course during the summer months allows the student to begin her very important Junior year with a great deal of confidence and knowledge about standardized testing.

Sincerely,

Genevieve D. Thiers