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Greetings Parent of a LSHS Senior, Class of 2018,

The senior year will go fast and college will be upon your senior. The purpose of this letter is to educate you regarding:

1. An explanation of your senior's results from the April 19 ACT examination.
2. Your senior's options to improve his/her ACT score.

Included with this letter is an explanation of the ACT score report. I encourage you to sit down with your senior to review the score report against the college benchmarks (use explanation sheet for clarification) and against admission/scholarship requirements at schools of interest. You can find the same information on the admission department web page of any other school that may interest your senior.

Equally important, I encourage you to review the standards that could force your senior into taking remedial courses at his/her schools(s) of interest. Avoiding placement in remedial courses is critical for two reasons:

1. Remedial courses cost the same as regular courses but earn the student no credit. If passed, they only allow students to take the regular freshman level course.
2. Research is perfectly clear that students who are forced to take remedial courses are less likely to earn a college degree.

Entering the senior year, the best way for your student to improve his/her ACT score is to take an ACT prep class. LSHS offers two versions:

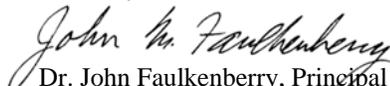
1. A credit-bearing ACT prep class will be offered during the school day. The semester class is free and students earn ½ elective credit. We still have spots available for the first semester class. While LSHS typically does not allow schedule changes, we will allow seniors to change into this course being as they received their ACT results after the enrollment period had ended. To enroll your senior in the ACT prep course, please email our registrar Charlotte Vroom at charlotte.vroom@lsr7.net. In the email, be sure to include which semester course your senior is willing to drop. Special note: Please be sure that you and your senior are on the same page regarding taking the prep course. The class is not much fun. Rather, it requires a great deal of repetitive work. Last year, students in the course collectively earned an average gain of 2.1 composite points from their April 2016 ACT exam to their highest score.
2. An evening prep class will continue being offered. Students will receive 25 hours of preparation and practice. Detailed score reports that assist students in diagnosing strengths and weaknesses and attacking weaker areas will be generated and utilized. The evening prep course will cost \$69 and no course credit is granted. We have evening prep courses aligned to the October, December, and April ACT exams. Students must enroll online at lshs.lsr7.org (click the ACT prep course registration icon).

Your senior should absolutely plan to take the ACT exam a second time. ACT itself reports that the majority of students who take the exam a second time raise their score.

Finally, please know that registration for an ACT exam must be completed five weeks ahead of the exam. For instance, to take the October 22 exam, students must register by September 16. Students may register on-line at ACT.org or pick up a packet in the LSHS counseling office. LSHS will again serve as an official ACT testing site for the 2017-18 school year.

Should you have any questions regarding anything related to the ACT exam, please do not hesitate to contact our counseling office at 986-2003. Counselors will return on contract beginning July 31.

Sincerely,


Dr. John Faulkenberry, Principal
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