

February, 2010

Dear Pius XI Parents,

Academic preparation in middle school and high school plays a critical role in the success of high school graduates in college and work.

A student's ACT score is the strongest indicator for college admission. Known as a "gateway" test – from high school to college – academic preparation and content knowledge strongly impact successful results. Test preparation also supports student mastery of this achievement test.

Studies show that when students take ACT workshops and prepare for the test, they become more familiar with the format of the test and they do better. It's that simple.

Pius XI offers a variety of ACT prep workshops. Some focus primarily on valuable test taking strategies, while others focus on subject content. Some are offered during the school day, and some are offered right after school. There is something for everyone. The absolute best way you can support your son or daughter in getting into the college of their dreams is to enroll them in an ACT prep workshop.

Pius XI is offering three ACT prep options:

- The Counseling Center is offering ACT prep during the school day in room 228: A-day – mods 7, 8, D-day – mods 11, 12 and E-day – mods 9, 10. This is a general introduction of the ACT test format including sample questions and timed practice of the four major sections plus the optional writing section. There is no fee or registration. Students who have open mods are welcome!
- ACT Prep seven-session class beginning March 11. See attachment.
- ACT Prep through Schoolhouse Tutoring on April 16/26 or April 24. See attachment.

All of the classes take place at Pius XI High School. Please encourage your student to attend an ACT Prep class!

Melinda Skrade, Ph.D.
Principal
Pius XI High School

More information:

- For ACT sign-up information and practice questions, go to www.act.org
- For more ACT practice questions, go to www.KnowHow2GOWisconsin.org
- April 10 – ACT test at various locations.
- June 12 – ACT test at Pius XI.

ACT Prep Workshop

The workshop that helps students earn higher scores on the ACT

Be prepared for one of the most unique, challenging, and important tests you will ever take. This six-hour workshop will help you earn higher scores on the ACT. With hands-on practice with each section, you will learn specific methods and strategies for the different types of questions found in each ACT section. The workshop presenter is Dr. Milton Dehn, an educational psychologist with expertise in testing. Dr. Dehn has worked in high schools and universities and has prepared hundreds of students for the ACT. At his private practice office in La Crosse, Wisconsin he has also provided one-on-one ACT tutoring to dozens of students over the past five years. In his workshop, Dr. Dehn blends the ACT essentials, plenty of hands-on practice, and test-taking strategies that make sense to students. For more information, contact your high school counselor or call Schoolhouse Educational Services, LLC at 608-787-5636.

ACT Workshop Registration Form for Pius XI High School

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone or Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Select one workshop:

____ STAR day afternoons: April 16 and April 26 (1:45 to 4:45 each day)

____ Saturday, April 24 8:30 to 3:30 (students should bring a lunch – they will not be permitted to leave the building during the breaks)

Fees: ____ \$55 for the workshop

____ \$20 *Optional* Barron's ACT Prep book (includes sales tax).
This book is highly recommended but not required. Copies will be delivered at the workshop. This book can also be purchased at the workshop.

____ Total enclosed

Make checks payable to Pius XI High School

**Registration and payment must be submitted
to Sue Linski in the Counseling Center on or before April 2nd**

Registration

Student Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Student Email _____

Current (2009–2010) Grade _____

My check payable to *Pius XI High School* for \$175 is enclosed

Please charge my credit card listed below:

MasterCard # _____ Exp _____

Visa # _____ Exp _____

Complete form and mail to:

Summer Series:
ACT Prep Workshop
Pius XI High School
135 N 76th St
Milwaukee, WI 53213

*Your canceled check/credit card statement is your confirmation of workshop enrollment.
No refunds will be issued for partial attendance.*

By enrolling your student in any Pius XI Summer Series camp or workshop, you hereby authorize school officials to take whatever action is deemed necessary, in their judgment, for the health of your child. You consent to any immediate medical procedures that the physician believes your child needs. You accept full responsibility for all costs related to such treatment.

You also certify that your student is in good health and give permission for your student to participate in any or all programs. You hold Pius XI High School, its agents and camp workers free from all liability for any injury or loss which might occur as a result of your child's involvement in the Pius XI High School Summer Series.

In addition, you give permission for photos to be taken of your child to be used in Pius XI literature.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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PIUS XI HIGH SCHOOL

Possibilities. Preparation. Purpose.



ACT Prep Workshop

Spring 2010

ACT Prep

Are you a sophomore or junior looking for a way to prepare for your first ACT exam? Are you a junior or senior looking for a way to improve your ACT scores? Preparation for the specific format of the ACT can help supplement the subject-area education of the academic school year and lead to higher scores. Pius XI is now offering a Spring ACT Prep Class covering the English and Reading portions of the test, as well as the optional Writing section. Class size is limited to 20 students, so early registration is recommended.

Pius XI Junior Rebecca Vaclav writes, "I felt 100% more prepared for the test than I would have been with only the prep books that you can buy at Barnes and Noble or find online, because I was able to practice the tests with a real teacher who has knowledge of past students' struggles and what helped them succeed. After the class with Mrs. Sprinkman, I took the ACT for the first time and got a 32 cumulative score and a perfect score on the writing, which we had done samples of in the class. I know without this class I would have been much more nervous and would most definitely not have done so well. Thanks for offering the class!!"



Session Info

All sessions will be held in the Pius XI High School Media Center

Thursday	March 11	1:45 PM–3:30 PM
Monday	March 22	1:45 PM–3:30 PM
Thursday	April 1	1:45 PM–3:30 PM
Friday	April 16	1:45 PM–3:30 PM
Monday	April 26	1:45 PM–3:30 PM
Wednesday	May 12	1:45 PM–3:30 PM
Tuesday	May 25	1:45 PM–3:30 PM

Course Fee: \$175*

*Includes all material fees

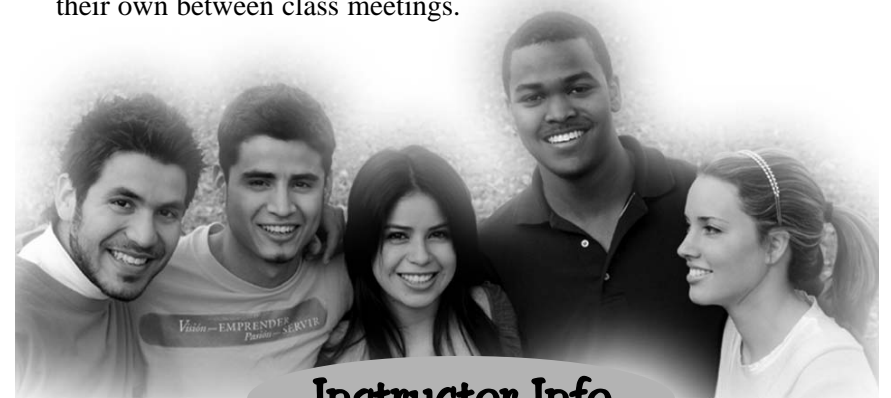
(students will keep workbook and hand-outs)

Course Overview

This class will focus partially on general ACT test information and strategies, with a main focus on the English, Reading, and Writing portions of the test.

Class time will include individual work, small-group work and large-group work.

In order to get the most out of our time in class together, students will be expected to do some work (approximately 30–45 minutes) on their own between class meetings.



Instructor Info

Jennifer Sprinkman holds a current Wisconsin teaching license in English for grades 7–12.

She has 13 years of classroom teaching experience, with 12 of those years spent teaching at Pius XI. She also served as the Pius XI English Department Chairperson for 3 years.

Mrs. Sprinkman has over 6 years of experience in teaching ACT test preparation in English, Reading and Writing—the focus of her teaching for the past three years being as an ACT prep teacher and tutor with a nationally recognized and accredited learning center.

Her BA was earned at Marquette University and her MS in Education was earned at Mount Mary College.

