

## **Westminster Upper School Personalized SAT (PSAT) Preparation**

Westminster will be partnering with Elease Saxon Layman (WSA '02, University of Virginia '06) to offer personalized on-line SAT tutoring. Elease currently works as a tutor and director at Georgetown Learning Centers, a well-established tutoring company in the Washington, DC area.

### **Program Options**

#### *Comprehensive SAT Preparation - \$800*

- 14 hours of instruction (one hour twice a week)
- 3 full-length SAT diagnostic tests, one before preparation and two during preparation
- Tailored lessons based on diagnostic tests
- Personalized, regular feedback and updates for parents
- Flexible schedules
- All materials

#### *Targeted SAT Preparation - \$450*

- 7 hours of instruction (one hour once a week)
- 3 full-length SAT diagnostic tests, one before preparation and two during preparation
- Tailored lessons based on diagnostic tests
- Personalized, regular feedback and updates for parents
- Flexible schedules
- All materials

### **Program Dates**

All program sessions have limited space available, reserved on a first come, first served basis. Individual schedules will vary, but all lessons must start and end during the chosen session dates.

*Session A* (ideal for focused summer prep)  
June 5 – August 6, 2011

*Session E* (ideal for the January SAT)  
November 27, 2011 – January 27, 2012

*Session B* (ideal for the October SAT & PSAT)  
August 7 – September 30, 2011

*Session F* (ideal for the March SAT)  
January 15 – March 9, 2012

*Session C* (ideal for the November SAT)  
September 11 – November 4, 2011

*Session G* (ideal for the May SAT)  
March 4 – May 4, 2012

*Session D* (ideal for the December SAT)  
October 9 – December 2, 2011

*Session H* (ideal for the June SAT)  
April 8 – June 1, 2012

### **Requirements and Recommendations**

### *Grade Level*

Enrolling students must be in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2011-2012 school year. Completion of one semester of Algebra 2 is highly recommended before beginning preparation.

### *Testing*

Students must complete the first SAT diagnostic test one week prior to the first scheduled lesson. Previous College Board test results will be accepted only if these results are from one of the last two offered test dates (e.g., If prepping in the summer, students may submit May or June SAT results in lieu of the first diagnostic test).

### *Setting*

All tutoring will be done in live meetings via Skype (free software download) which requires a reliable internet connection and a webcam. The setting for diagnostic tests should be in a quiet location with minimal distraction (a quiet room at home or potentially at school, to be determined at time of scheduling). Additional detailed instructions will be provided before taking diagnostic tests.

### *Student Participation*

All students are expected to attend all scheduled lessons in full and complete all homework (about 2 hours per week) on time. If the student needs to change a scheduled session, he/she should request the change at least 6 hours prior to the original appointment. Lessons cancelled with less than 6 hours of notice may not be rescheduled.

### **About the Instructor**

- Tutor and Director at Georgetown Learning Centers, a prestigious tutoring company in the Washington, DC area, 2006 to present
- Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in Classics and in Religious Studies, University of Virginia Class of 2006
- Valedictorian, Westminster Class of 2002
- **Average Score Increase for Private SAT Preparation with Elase (rounded to nearest ten) = 290 Points** (includes all sections: Critical Reading, Math, and Writing)

### **Parent Testimonials for Private SAT Preparation with Elase**

“Thank you so much Elase. You are wonderful. She [daughter] has gleaned skills and confidence working with you. I can’t tell you how much she and I appreciate your help....Again, thanks so very much. She is thriving with your guidance.”

“Thank you so very much for being an active member in helping our family, guiding us academically.”

“Just wanted to let you know that Connor did really well on his SAT and ACT! He got into UNC Chapel Hill and Vanderbilt! Thanks again for ALL your help in preparing him! Of course, he did his share of work throughout the years and independent studying, but you were a great source of guidance for him and us.”

“I have to tell you how much I enjoy working with you. You are thorough, well organized and an outstanding communicator to say nothing of the results!”

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### **Registration and Payment Information**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Session Preference \_\_\_\_\_ Program (T/C) \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit: Please send a non-refundable payment of \$150 (payable to Westminster School) to the Upper School Office to reserve a place. Balance is due 4 weeks prior to the start of the session.