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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The American College Testing Program (ACT) measures achievement in Math, Science, English, and Reading. Colleges use the scores from this test, along with other high school information, to select students for admission. Review courses frequently help to increase scores, in part, through reducing test anxiety. While enrolling in a prep class does not guarantee higher test results, attention to reading comprehension and comprehensive math skills will often boost student confidence and scores.

The ACT is now given to all third year high school students in the state of Illinois as part of the Prairie State Achievement Examination (April 27 and 28, 2011). Leyden High Schools is again offering an ACT preparation program this year! Students can voluntarily attend the ACT-Prep Class to help prepare them for this difficult and important test. The Leyden class will be taught by our own experienced instructors. We offer this class at the East Campus on Wednesday's or at the West Campus on Thursday's. An afternoon session (3:30-6:30 pm) and an evening session (6:30-9:30 pm) will be offered at both campuses.

Leyden's ACT Prep Class will run nine lecture sessions and five practice ACT exams over a thirteen-week period. Course content includes:

- \* Five retired ACT practice exams to acquaint students with test format
- \* In-depth teacher instruction to review subject matter and effective test-taking strategies
- \* Two different lecture schedules to flex between if needed
- \* **INDIVIDUALIZED comprehensive analysis of practice exams**

Registration begins Wednesday, **December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 am**. The **\$80** registration fee includes all materials. The registration deadline is Friday, **January 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.** (no exceptions). Submit registration forms and payment to the East or West Leyden Cashier or on the Leyden website Web Store. Confirmation of your registration and additional information will be mailed home once received. The first night of class will be a brief presentation for both students and parents to attend. It will take place **January 19<sup>th</sup>** at the East campus or **January 20<sup>th</sup>** at the West campus. More detailed information will follow with your confirmation packet, however please save the date for this important evening. If you have any questions concerning the program or registration fee, please contact the counselor's office or Barb Georges at 847-451-3088.

Sincerely,



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