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## March 2010: Look Alive, Juniors, Look Alive!

If you're not already heading full-tilt into the end of the semester, it's time to start your engines.

How many times have you been told "This is Junior Year, the most important year of high school." It's not a joke: colleges use your 11th grade performance as the most accurate indicator of your ability to be successful once they've admitted you. Make this your best GPA yet! You may be fired and counting the days til summer, but hang in there! Here's how:

Know when you're going to take the SAT, ACT, and any SAT Subject Tests you

may need to take. Many Juniors choose to take SAT Subject tests in June, right around the time that they are taking AP and final exams about the same topics. You may not take a regular SAT on the same day as a Subject test, so you'll need to plan accordingly.

Many testing centers are full for the March test, so if you've forgotten to register, you may be in a bind. Visit [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com) for info on alternate test centers and how to take the test as a walk-in.

You'll also want to start narrowing down the list of colleges for which you'll be applying if you haven't already done so. Even though applications aren't due for many months, having your sights set

on a dream school can fuel you through these last few grueling months.

Most importantly, remember to be prepared and then make time for fun!

~Elizabeth

### UPCOMING TESTS:

SAT:

MARCH 13, 2010 (REG BY FEB 4)

MAY 1, 2010 (REG BY MAR 25)

JUNE 5, 2010 (REG BY APRIL 29)

ACT:

APRIL 10, 2010 (REG BY MARCH 5)

JUNE 12, 2010 (REG BY MAY 7)

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# 2010

## Vocab Blitz.....

cryptic:  
difficult to understand

idiosyncratic:  
quirky

consecrated:  
set apart

acerbic:  
biting or harsh

effusive:  
expressive

indubitable:  
undoubtable

augment:  
to increase or enhance

tyro:  
a novice/newbie

purge:  
to cleans or expunge

circumscribe:  
to limit

venerate:  
to revere, hold w/ regard

interject:  
to interrupt

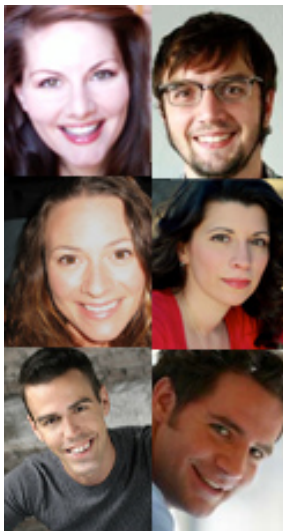
insular:  
isolated, island-like

empathy:  
to feel with someone

epitome:  
the perfect example

## Plan Ahead for Spring, Summer, and Next Year

### Online Tutoring Available



The team of Smart Tutors is pleased to offer online tutoring this spring for SAT, ACT, SAT Subject tests, and AP Exams. Slots are filling up quickly, but we may still be able to fit you in. If you know you'll be taking Subject tests this spring, now is the time to

decide which tests to take and create a plan to study.

Everyone on the team has been hand-picked for his or her extraordinary ability to connect with students. Each program is custom designed to meet the needs of your students. Call Claudette at 917 207 9653.

### Summer is On The Way

If you haven't made plans for your summer break, now's the time to start thinking about it. While many of you take off for camp and family travel, you should think about activities and experiences you can include in your summer that show colleges that you're a self-starter.

Some options:

-Start an independent reading list. All the reading that you do for fun actually counts as an activity if you're able to accumulate a substantial list.

-Homemade Summer School. If you're not jetting off to Italy for the summer (and

let's face it, you're probably not), you can still visit museums, watch movies, and develop your own artistic talent. The idea is to delve into a topic and make it your own. Think art, automobiles, or cooking.

-Get a summer job or an internship. Make the most of your job at the drugstore or the local deli- work on developing your customer service skills or entrepreneurial knowledge. Everything counts when you make it count.

### Sophomore Corner:

Just because you're not yet in the throes of applications and testing doesn't mean you're not in the game. How are your grades? Are you keeping up the good work? So many students struggle in ninth grade- if that was you it's that much more important that you buckle down and show us what you have to offer this year.

Consider taking on a leadership position in a club or organization that's important to you. What are you reading outside of school? If you haven't started, now's the time!

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Proven Techniques, Strategies,  
and Confidence-Building Exercises  
That Will Maximize Your Score




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## We're So Excited!

### Celebration 2010

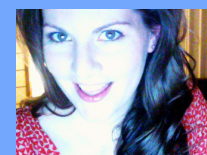
Elizabeth will be a guest at the Channel 13 Celebration of Teaching and Learning to blog and tweet the event for [elizabethonline.com](http://elizabethonline.com) and a few other outlets. Everyone from Arne Duncan to Queen Noor to Queen Latifia will be there. Check it out at [celebration2010.com](http://celebration2010.com)

### WSJ on Campus Article

 Elizabeth will illuminate the ins-outs of scoring the SAT Writing Section for the WSJ-Unigo online partnership this month. Keep your eyes peeled for her latest contribution.

### Elizabeth's Birthday

Ok, this isn't important to you at all, but we're all pretty excited about making plans for fun! It's the month of



spring, spring break, and a good deal of reflection. Here's to another great year!

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