

Guidance

Chatter



October 2010

ISG Dhahran
High School

Dates to remember

5 & 7 Oct: Parent/
Teacher conference

9 Oct: SAT Testing

10–12 Oct: Virtual
School Week

16 Oct: PSAT Grade
11 testing & PLAN
Grade 10 Testing

23 Oct: ACT Test-
ing

31 Oct: 11th Grade
College Night

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Introducing the Guidance Team

A new year always starts with changes and new faces. At the Guidance Department we have changed our Counselors' areas of responsibility and we have a new team member.

Mrs. Sandy Stapp will be taking care of our 12th Graders. Mrs. Teri Green is the Counselor for the 11th Graders this year and Mr. Carl Flanders has taken over both the 9th and 10th Graders.

Most new parents know our Registrar well, Mrs. Diala Helou, she's the right person to contact with regards to any changes in personal information of students and parents, transcripts, students grades, etc.

Mrs. Florina Gerber joined our team at the beginning of August as Guidance Department Secretary. So if you need to contact

us or set up an appointment she will be your first point of entry!

We will be publishing a monthly bulletin starting this month containing information relevant to the Guidance

department and issues of importance to Parents and Students.

If you would like to share student specific information with one of the Counselors please do not hesitate to contact us for an appointment.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: FLORINA GERBER, DIALA HELOU, CARL FLANDERS, TERI GREEN & SANDY STAPP

Parent/Teacher Conference—5 & 7 October 2010

The first Parent/Teacher conference for the 2010/11 school year is scheduled for 5 & 7 October 2010.

We would like to encourage all

parents to attend especially those who have received either a progress report or probation letter for the first quarter. We will also contact parents who have received probation

and provisional letters via email to set up appointments with the relevant Grade Level Counselor.

Looking forward to meeting you at the Conference!

Date	Time	Venue	Parent Group
Tuesday, 5 October	3:30 - 6:00 pm	Lower Gym	Aramco-Dhahran/Khobar Families
Thursday, 7 October	8:00 - 12:00 am	Lower Gym	Aramco-Dhahran/Khobar Families
	1:00 - 3:30 pm	Lower Gym	Jubail/Ras Tanura/Abqaiq Families

October—a Month of Testing



**PSAT test
for 11th
Graders on
16 October**

As you will see from our “dates to remember” on the first page, October is packed with different tests. Thank you for supporting our students in studying for these tests, we hope to see excellent results.

SAT Walk In Students A number of our students could not register for the first date, if your child is one of them please make sure that he/she picks up a Walk In form from our offices. Also they must remember to turn up early on the day as placement is done on a First Come First Serve basis. Students who are registered at other sites will receive preference in terms of seating arrangements. They would also need to have Credit Card details available for payment purposes.

ACT Registrations for ACT on 23 October has closed but we have received confirmation that we will be doing ACT on February 12th again. Please register online as soon as possible.

PSAT All Dhahran High School Juniors (11th graders) will take the PSAT test on Saturday, October 16th. The PSAT is a precursor to the SAT I test. The PSAT has been written specifically for 11th graders. Its purpose is threefold:

- It gives us a clear indication of how your child is performing at a high school level in comparison to other students worldwide.

- It predicts how well they would do on the SAT if they were to take it at that point in time.

- It gives your child, if they are a U.S. citizen, a chance to enter the National Merit Scholarship Corporation programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.

Below is a link that gives more detailed information about the PSAT. Mrs. Green will be administering this exam. This test will not affect the students’ grades in their courses. It will give us additional information to consider when selecting their courses for their senior (12th grade) year.

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>

The PLAN[®] Test

Dhahran High School sophomores (10th graders) will take the PLAN test on Saturday, October 16th.

The PLAN is a precursor to the ACT test, similar to the way the PSAT is a precursor to the SAT.

The PLAN has been written specifically for 10th graders and will give all of us a clear indication of how your child is performing at a

high school level in comparison to other students worldwide. Below is a breakdown of the four subtests. Also included is a link to the website for further browsing. Mr. Flanders will be administering this exam along with Mrs. Stapp. Again note that this test will not affect your child’s grades in their courses. It will give us additional information to consider when selecting their courses for their junior (11th grade) year.

Subject	# of Questions	Time Allowed
ENGLISH		30 min
Usage/ Mechanics	30	
Rhetorical skills	20	
MATH		40 min
Pre- Algebra/ Algebra	22	
Geometry	18	
READING	25	20 min
SCIENCE	30	25 min

<http://www.actstudent.org/plan/>

Your child’s skills in these subjects will make a big difference in school and eventually in their careers. Once they know what each test covers, the PLAN test results can show them where their strengths are and areas for improvement.

*For more information on any of the tests please contact us on
330 0555 X 2408*