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<p>Dear Parents,</p> <p>There are lots of cool things going on in the next few months, both at The Collegiate Edge and in the LA area. See below for reminders and events for a range of ages. (See box at right for contents.)</p> <p>If you know anyone else who might benefit from this information, feel free to pass it along by clicking "forward email" at the bottom of this newsletter.</p> <p>As always, we continue to be busy with our one-on-one tutoring for academic subjects, study skills, and test prep as well as college counseling.</p> <p>Please call us at 818-761-7002 if you have any questions.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Best,</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Stephanie Meade</i></p>	<p>Our February Practice SAT's Updates We Need from You Summer Activities Fair (ages 8-18) National College Fair Gap Year Fair Smart But Scattered: Executive Skills Workshop Movie! Where is Stephanie??</p>
College Board's Dates for SAT & Subject Tests	
<p>March 12, 2011 (Reg. Deadline: 2/11)</p> <p>May 7, 2011 (Reg. Deadline: 4/8)</p> <p>June 4, 2011 (Reg. Deadline: 5/6)</p>	
ACT Test Dates	
<p>February 12, 2011 (Standby Registration Only)</p> <p>April 9, 2011 (Reg. Deadline: 3/4)</p> <p>June 11, 2011 (Reg. Deadline: 5/6)</p>	
What Parents & Students are Saying:	
<p>"Your help made [our daughter] a better student...and helped her discover her talents and self worth. Her mother and I could not be happier with our decision to turn to you and your colleagues for help during this formative time in [her] life." -La Canada Parent</p> <p>"You not only helped him get better grades but I believe you helped him find his confidence, which then led him to know what he wanted and to get it!" -Harvard-Westlake Parent</p>	
Our February Practice SAT's	
<p>Here are the dates for our February Practice tests. To register, please call or email us as soon as you can.</p> <p>Test offered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• February 12th• February 19th (<i>Extended Time also available</i>)• February 26th <p>For more information, please check out our Practice SAT Flyer. (Open only to students working with us for test prep.)</p>	<p>For more information, and to register, please visit The College Board site.</p>
Updates we need from you	
<p>If your student is working with us, and you have not already done so, please forward the following data (if relevant) at your earliest convenience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All grade levels: Grades through 1st semester• 9th, 10th, 11th grades: October 2010 PSAT results page• 11th grade: ACT scores from fall 2010• 12th grade: Fall 2010 test scores, college plans and updates <p>Let us know if you have questions about this.</p>	<p>For more information, and to register, please visit the ACT site.</p>
Seeking Summer Activities?	
<p>Attend a fair and learn about a wide range of summer activities for students ages 8 to 18.</p> <p>Wilderness Expeditions, Teen Camps & Tours, Sports or</p>	<p>For more information, and to register, please visit the ACT site.</p>

other Specialty Camps, Language Study & Immersion, Creative & Performing Arts, Community Service, Internships, Academic Programs (US or Abroad), others

- February 6, 2011, 11 am - 2 pm
 - At Marymount High School
 - Talk to program directors and other experts
 - Free admission
- Click here for details: [Summer Activity Fair](#)

"We only wish that we would have had this experience for all of our children!"

-Crossroads Parent

"I really enjoyed showing up to tutoring...weird...I don't think any student ever expects to say those words."

-Viewpoint Student

"Thank you for everything."

-Campbell Hall Parent

Want to learn about lots of colleges all at once?

Attend a national college fair and meet college reps!

- March 30th & 31st
 - At the Pasadena Convention Center
 - Over 100 colleges will be represented
 - Free admission
- Click here for details: [National College Fair](#)



Thinking About Taking a "Gap Year" or wondering what it is?

Attend a fair to hear a presentation on this option and meet reps from a range of programs.

- February 8, 2011, 6:30-8:30 pm
 - At Harvard-Westlake School
 - Speak to program directors and knowledgeable consultants
 - Free admission
- Click here for details: [Gap Year Fair](#)

Executive Function Skills Workshop-"Smart But Scattered"

If you want to learn Proven Strategies to Boost Any Child's Ability to...

Get organized
Resist impulses
Stay focused
Use time wisely
Plan ahead
Manage emotions
Persist with tasks
Improve memory

Consider attending a workshop taught by Dr. Peg Dawson, the leading expert on Executive Skills. **Please note** that while this workshop will be beneficial for parents, it is intended primarily for teachers and other professionals who work with children, so read the details of the brochure carefully to make sure it is for you:

[Executive Skills Workshop: Smart But Scattered](#)

- March 11, 2011, all day, Pasadena
- Other Southern California Locations on 3/9, 3/10

Movie: "Race to Nowhere"

There is a film out that is generating some interesting, sometimes controversial conversations. I have not seen it yet,

but here's how to learn more about it:

"Race to Nowhere"

Synopsis: A concerned mother turned filmmaker aims her camera at the high-stakes, high-pressure culture that has invaded our schools and our children's lives.

Click these links for more information:

- Trailer: [Trailer, Race to Nowhere](#)
- Find a Screening: [Screenings](#)
- Additional Details: [Details, Race to Nowhere](#)

Stephanie's Schedule: Conferences, College Tours, Workshops

In case you wonder what I am doing if you call or e-mail and learn that I am out of the office, here are some of the professional development activities I expect to participate in between now and June:

- Tour of 19 colleges in New England in April
- Workshop and networking day at Pepperdine, Western Association for College Admission Counseling
- 2-day workshop at Landmark College in Vermont to study its specialized curriculum
- Networking event with Regional Admissions Counselors of California, locally-based reps from 50 colleges outside California
- Executive Skills Workshop with Dr. Peg Dawson
- Annual Conference, Western Association for College Admission Counseling, Loyola Marymount Campus
- Talk by Dr. Susan Baum, "The New Brain: Teaching the 21st Century Learner"
- National Conference, Independent Educational Consultants Association in Philadelphia, college campus visits in the area

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