1. **Topic Sessions**
   1. **Session # 2:** Monday, March 5 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Reading/Mrs. Pociask
   2. **Session # 3:** Monday, March 12 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Science/Mr. Pociask
   3. **Session # 4:** Monday, March 19 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. English/Mrs. Pociask
   4. **Session # 5:** Thursday, March 22 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Math/Mrs. Alley
   5. **Session # 6 Test Simulation**: Saturday, March 24, 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Mrs. Price

\*\*If either boys or girls basketball teams make it to State Basketball Tournament, the course dates will be as follows: 3/19, 3/20, 3/21, 3/26, 3/27 & 4/2

1. **How class will operate/Reminders**
   1. Be on time
   2. Bring your book to every session – lose it, NO replacements!
   3. Bring pencils
   4. General strategies and practice tests presented each session
2. **OUR Expectations**
   1. You will become “test wiser”
   2. Score better if you wouldn’t have taken the course
   3. Give it your “Best Effort” – “Ready to Learn”
   4. Understand the importance of the ACT
3. **WHY would anyone take this kind of course?**
   1. To feel more comfortable and confident
   2. To better prepare oneself
   3. Increase odds of higher score
   4. You are the peak of your learning and primed to take the ACT
4. **What will the course cover?**
   1. Test Preparation
   2. Test Purpose – college admission & course placement; scholarships
   3. Test Content
   4. General Strategies
   5. Specific subject strategies
   6. Test practice
   7. Development of own plan or test strategy
   8. Understand personal strengths and weaknesses and beginning working on weak areas
   9. Build confidence and attitude
5. **English Test (pg. 25 – 49)**
   1. 45 minutes for 5 passages/75 questions = 9 minutes per passage/questions
      1. 1 – 1 ½ minutes per passage
      2. 30 seconds per question
   2. Multiple choice in 2 categories
      1. 53% of questions in Usage and Mechanics (punctuation, grammar & sentence structure)
      2. 47% of question in Rhetorical skills (strategy, organization and style)
6. **Math Test (pg. 50 – 75)**
   1. 60 minutes for 60 questions = 1 minute for question
   2. 5 choice per question
      1. 40% pre-algebra, elementary algebra
      2. 30% intermediate algebra, coordinate geometry
      3. 23% plane geometry
      4. 7% Trigonometry
7. **Reading Test (pg. 76 – 97)**
   1. 35 minutes for 4 passages/40 questions = 8 ½ minutes per passage/questions
      1. 2-3 minutes per passage
      2. 35-40 seconds per question
   2. Multiple choice
      1. Recognize main ideas and important details, draw conclusions, make comparisons
      2. Tested areas – prose fictions, humanities, social studies, natural science
8. **Science Reasoning Test (pg. 98 – 119)** 
   1. 35 minutes for 40 questions
      1. 2 minutes per passage
      2. 30 seconds per question
   2. Measures your interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning and problem solving
   3. 7 sets of questions in 3 formats
      1. 38% Data
      2. 45% Research
      3. 17% Conflicting viewpoints
9. **General Strategies**
   1. Exercise mind and body
   2. Refresh & practice your skill
   3. Get organized – where to go? what to bring?
   4. Learn as much about test as possible – directions, practice tests
   5. Get some “REAL” rest before the test
   6. Pace yourself
   7. English/Reading/Science ask for the “BEST” answer & Math asks for the “CORRECT” answer
   8. Write in your test booklet
   9. Read all choices before choosing
   10. Always check your answers (if time allows)
       1. Did you mark it properly?
       2. Did you answer all the questions?
       3. Did you mark only 1 answer for each?
   11. Erase stray marks on answer doc
10. **Important Points**
    1. Be aware of your time
    2. Know the directions
    3. Don’t eat a big meal or drink too much prior to arriving at testing center
    4. Do NOT work on the test after time is called
    5. Do NOT spend too much time on a hard question
    6. If you get done early….check your work
    7. FINISH the test, even if you didn’t read every question
11. **A KEY to success is LESS stress…**
    1. Know where the test will be given
    2. Arrive early – 7:30 a.m.
    3. Bring THREE #2 pencils – sharpened
    4. Admissions Ticket
    5. Photo ID
    6. Good working calculator
    7. Watch
    8. Dress comfortably
    9. NO leaving the area once you check in
    10. Find your assigned seat
    11. RELAX
    12. Be ready when the test administrators enter the room
    13. Do NOT do anything with testing materials until told to do so
12. **BIG NO-NO’s**
    1. NO food or drink
    2. NO talking
    3. NO looking ahead or back at any test
    4. NO filling in blanks after the test time in concluded
    5. NO sleeping!
    6. NO horseplay between tests
    7. NO getting out of seat until break time
    8. NO cell phones – leave it in the car!
13. **Things to REMEMBER**
    1. Bring tissues or cough drops if you need it
    2. Wear layers
    3. Use pencil to tear test seal
    4. Break time approximately 10:30
    5. When directions are read….relax you will already know them
    6. When told to read directions and begin….JUST BEGIN (you already know them)
14. **FINAL REVIEW**