

MILTON RECOGNIZES ITS SAT SCHOLARS

Milton is proud to announce the addition of SAT display cases to its main hallway. Prominently placed outside Mr. Jones' office, these cases highlight some of Milton's finest students who have distinguished themselves as SAT Scholars by achieving exemplary scores on a recent administration of the College Board's SAT examination.

Three students, in particular, deserve special recognition for their exceptionally high achievement by attaining scores in the 2260 – 2340 range. **Grace Jamieson, Vaughan Nickerson and Matthew O'Shaughnessy** are to be commended. Each of these seniors is an outstanding leader in our school. In addition to their names and pictures being showcased boldly in the new cases, they will also receive a complimentary Eagle Pass and special recognition during the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2012.



Other students were recognized for achieving scores between 2040 -2250 and between 1860 – 2030. Their names appear on lists in the cases according to their score range. The score groupings are based similarly the Princeton Review's published SAT and ACT Score Comparison chart.

Though lists were generated by an Eschool report, if a student feels he was omitted, he need only bring a copy of his scores to Suite 1320 to have his name added to the honorees. The lists will be updated during the week of November 7 – 11 to accommodate any omissions. Students must have a permission slip signed by a parent so their score range can be shared in this public manner. After November 11th, additional updates to the lists in the cases will occur at every grading period and/or when additional score reports are made available following each SAT administration. After next week, the lists will not be revised until Friday, December 22, 2011.

Improving SAT scores is one of Milton's School Improvement Plan (SIP) goals. It reads as follows:

“Increase the mean score for Reading, Math, and Writing on the SAT by 0.4% annually.”

Milton's mean score for 2011 was 1650. A 0.4% annual increase would yield 6.6 additional points per year.

Increasing Milton's mean SAT score is an initiative that is being embraced by Milton's entire school community. Teachers across the curriculum will be utilizing a variety of strategies to help improve SAT scores. Students are being encouraged to engage in activities that may enhance their overall scores like working with SAT software at home and enrolling in SAT preparation courses. The PTSA has already supported this effort by awarding the Counseling Department a PTSA Mini Grant to help retrieve and analyze students' scores.

We look forward to more students being honored in the future. Congratulations to our inaugural honorees for setting the bar high at Milton High School!

The Milton SAT School Improvement Sub-Committee consists of student, Evan Nolte, teachers, Beau Chilton, Deborah Martina, and Meredith Reddy, counselor, Curtisa Johnson, and Curriculum/Scheduling AP, Paula Thompson. Curriculum AP, Rich Spierto, and AA, Lorrie Bearden are SIP Co-chairs for Milton.