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August Scholastic Aptitude Test Courts Controversy

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The Scholastic Aptitude Test, otherwise known as the SAT, is a test that most students take. While the SAT has been changed multiple times, its purpose has remained relatively the same: to display the students' mastery in English, math and writing. These tests are taken and the scores are submitted to the college of their choice, or different scholarships and programs.



STUDYING HARD Junior Ada Duan and sophomores Tina Duong and David Huynh study for the SAT on campus.

MOOR photo by ELIAS ALMAREZ-HERRARA

The most recent SAT took place on August 25. However, some students' scores were in danger of being cancelled. This is due to the recycling of test questions from a previous test, one that was given out last

October in Asia. Students that took this test last October in Asia had prior knowledge of the problems. On top

certain students unfair advantages. "I felt a bit shocked that College Board actually used an old version of the SAT" Senior Jacky Nhiayi said. "I lost trust in College Board for that."

College Board claims in a statement that they are trying to solve the problem. In the same statement, College Board claimed that they will take actions, such as cancelling scores or even prohibiting some students from taking assessments again.

While most of the August SAT results were released on Sept. 7, this incident raised many questions. These ques-

tions include how they should prevent the recycling of the problems and how they are going to find out those who have been exposed to the test beforehand.

of that, the test questions were leaked on a Chinese website. Due to this, the parent of a high school student in St. Petersburg, FL. sued College Board for charging for the test and giving

Advocates' For Teen Rights Want the Vote for 16-Year-Olds

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Many teenagers believe they need to have representation on local issues when the outcome will impact them greatly in the future. Vote on 16 is a campaign launched by students from Alhambra High School, Mark Keppel High School and San Gabriel High School to help teens have a voice on the prohibition of allowing sixteen-year-olds to vote in the district's Board of Education elections. By attempting to change this policy, they aim to increase civic engagement and obtain a chance for teenagers to have a say in these matters.

Vote on 16 plans to have a candidate debate event on Sept. 19, from

5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the AHS cafeteria. The event will be a roundtable discussion where participants will be free to explore the issue and given equal opportunity to speak.

The event is free and available for anyone who would like to attend and join in on the conversation. There are many reasons why the Vote on 16 group decided to hold this discussion.

"The purpose of the forum is to provide transparency and knowledge to the general public, much like the nationally televised town hall and public forum debates in the presidential election," said senior and Vote on 16 member Winston Yan.

Students who are a part of this campaign believe they have ideas that will improve the school system. They described matters such as fundraising for their extracurricular activities and the number of advanced placement classes students should be able to take.

"Some of the schools do not have PA systems, making communication difficult and even raising safety concerns," said senior Anthony Hu.

The members of Vote for 16 hope to give students a voice in their communities. No matter how many times students protest over matters, if they are not heard, real change will be impossible.

CDC: Record Number of STI Cases in the United States

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The Center of Disease Control and Prevention released a recent report regarding STIs (Sexually Transmitted Infections) in the United States. The report states that cases of STIs are on the rise.

According to CBS News, reports found that in 2017, Gonorrhea cases increased by 67 percent, Syphilis cases by 76 percent and Chla-

mydia cases by 100,000 from last year. NPR reports that this is the fourth year in a row that cases of STIs have increased in the United States. This was unusual because STI cases had been decreasing.

Michael Fraser, executive director for ASHTO (Association of State and Territorial Health Officials), stated that doctors are not screening and testing for STIs as often.

"People aren't afraid of dying

anymore," Biology teacher Jennie Malonek said. "In the 1980's... people were afraid to have sex because they were afraid of dying."

David Harvey, executive director of the National Coalition of STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease) Directors, believes that the youth are the most vulnerable people to STIs and that there is not enough screening for young people in the United States..

Getting Rid of Infant

Intersex Surgeries

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Intersex surgeries are an important decision to make when it comes to possibly changing a person's entire life. According to the Intersex Society of North America, intersex surgeries are the modifications to atypical or abnormal genitalia after birth in hopes of avoiding future risks. These surgeries have risks and medical complications for infants.

"Any... surgical procedure on the external genitalia of a newborn is a cosmetic surgery and is not medically necessary," Dr. Susan Stred, a pediatric endocrinologist said.

Advocates for Intersex Youth reports that less than 1.7 percent of children are born with intersex issues. The statistics show that 1 in 2,000 children are born intersex, yet this phenomenon is more common than most people believe. They advocate that parents must deal with these situations delicately.

"A baby cannot provide that consent," Sen. Scott Wiener said in a statement to NBC news.

Yoga Pants Banned in Wisconsin High School

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In recent years, controversy has surrounded dress code laws and the sexist undertones, according to CNN. Kenosha School District in Wisconsin came under fire during the 2017-2018 school year because of a ban on girls wearing yoga pants.

This regulation was supposed to be removed, however parents reported that their children were still punished for having leggings on.

"Leggings are convenient for when I get ready in the morning," senior Violet Estrada said. "Instead of being late to school because I'm picking out clothes I can just wear my comfortable leggings."

"Leggings do not sexualize girls' bodies," senior Deigo Kielty said. "They do not reveal that much of their skin."

The Wisconsin high school teachers stand strong with their students, noting that every girl reported for dress code violations is time taken away from class

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