

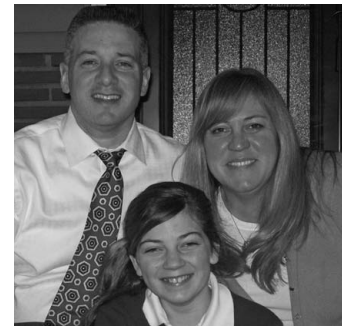
### Testimonies



*Dr. Pace provided a practical balance to spiritual and cognitive readiness for my son. This course [Slaying the Dragons of Standardized Tests for Students and their Parents] also afforded us opportunities for spiritual discussions that were helpful and valuable beyond testing.*

- Dr. Nadine Garvin, Principal of Bridge Valley Elementary  
TJ Garvin attends Lenape Middle School

Olivia Bozzomo is in 6th grade at St. Catherine of Siena School, Horsham. Since Olivia began *Slaying the Dragons of Standardized Tests* she has been trying to make better food choices and she has used the posture for focus before recent tests. She has brought home a



100% in Science, a 97% in Geography, and a 98% in Religion.

- Mr. Larry Bozzomo, Detective Sergeant,  
Horsham Township Police Department

*Your Learning Skills program will be helpful for us to have had the experience together so that I can guide Olivia through her self-discovery. I truly feel it has boosted her confidence.*

- Mrs. Kelly Bozzomo, Gifted Support Teacher  
Hatboro-Horsham School District



*After five weeks of taking Dr. Pace's SAT class, I didn't realize that on the sixth week I was actually taking the SATs until halfway through the test. My point increase can be attributed to the devoted and nurturing environment that Saint Hubert High School gives to all its girls. I was encouraged to live up to my full potential at my school;*

*therefore, my SATs reflect the hard work of what I could achieve if I actually tried.*

- Jackie Whitman, 12th grade student at  
Saint Hubert Catholic High School for Girls

### Hot Off the Press!

#### Catholic Spotlight Interview: Dr. Patricia Sisca Pace — The Correlation Between Faith and Academic Excellence

Dr. Pace was interviewed by Lisa Hendey on her blog site, *CatholicMom.com*. The interview, which was posted on January 22, explains Dr. Pace's teaching philosophy. To read the interview and post an uplifting comment that will encourage goodness in young people, please visit

<http://catholicmom.com/2012/01/22/catholic-spotlight-interview-dr-patricia-sisca-pace-the-correlation-between-faith-and-academic-excellence/>

The interview will be reprinted in the next issue of this Newsletter.

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### 2011 SAT/PSAT POINT INCREASES

The following list shows the point increases of a sampling of students who took one of **Dr. Pace's Comprehensive SAT Seminars** in 2011 and who agreed to have their accomplishments posted. It is important to note that "point increase" measures improvement; it does not indicate scores. The increases listed below include PSAT to SAT, PSAT to PSAT, SAT to PSAT, and SAT to SAT score changes. To keep the comparisons equal, the 3-digit SAT system was used.

This list shines a light on the hard-earned improvements of some of Dr. Pace's remarkable young students who put their trust in her unique, holistic approach to the SAT. Dr. Pace is grateful to have had the honor to work with these students, as well as all of the other fine young people she has taught. For more information, please visit [www.drpaceseminars.com](http://www.drpaceseminars.com).



#### ORDERED ALPHABETICALLY

Student	Point Increase	School	Grade
Brian Brennan	240	Holy Ghost Prep	12
Megan Burns	290	Gwynedd Mercy Academy	11
Caitlin Buttari	200	Saint Basil Academy	11
Olivia Calamia	290	Mount Saint Joseph Academy	11
Allison Capella	120	Little Flower HS	12
Nicia Chiavacci	110	Merion Mercy Academy	11
Brandon Chin	310	Council Rock North	11
Emily Chow	260	Nazareth Academy	11
Joseph Feldman	160	Methacton HS	12
Meaghan Geatens	380	Mount Saint Joseph Academy	11
Michaela Jones	160	Academy of Notre Dame, PA	11
Henry Khov	200	Neshaminy HS	11
Christopher Leonard	530	Lower Moreland HS	12
Jennifer Locke	300	Saint Basil Academy	11
Dominic Lucchesi	160	The Hill School	11
Annie Masciantonio	300	John W. Hallahan HS	11
Emily McClosky	270	Saint Basil Academy	11
Casey Mulholland	280	Nazareth Academy	11
Michaela Novakovic	120	Gwynedd Mercy Academy	11
Viktoria O'Donnell	250	Archbishop Wood	11
Kyra Pastore	110	Notre Dame HS, NJ	12
Vincent Pillinger	380	Holy Ghost Prep	11
Victoria Plymouth	220	Nazareth Academy	11
Nina Ricci	170	Little Flower HS	12
Emma Sinclair	200	Nazareth Academy	10
Eric Southerland	440	Temple HS, Texas	10
Megan Suder	210	Archbishop Wood	11
Genna Tammaro	200	Nazareth Academy	12
Erin Keller Tiffany	210	Mount Saint Joseph Academy	11
Jackie Whitman*	450	Saint Hubert's HS	12



\*see back for Jackie's tribute to Saint Hubert's

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## NEW Administration of the SAT Retreat

*Special New 3-Session SAT Retreat administration for Students and their Parents*

*This program emphasizes holistic elements necessary for personal best performance on the SAT.*

Because this special administration of the SAT Retreat invites parents to be a part of the learning experience, at least one parent must be present at each of the 3 sessions. Parents can alternate attendance.

**LOCATION:** Saint Joseph's Preparatory School, 1733 W. Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19130

**RETREAT DIRECTORS:** Dr. Patricia Sisca Pace and Fr. George Bur, SJ President of Saint Joseph's Prep

**DATE AND TIMES:** Session 1: Sunday, March 25, 10:45a.m. to 12:45p.m.

Session 2: Sunday April 1, 10:45a.m. to 12:15p.m.

Session 3: Monday Evening, April 2, 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m.

**COST:** \$180, includes 2 retreat workbooks, CD, trade book (covers both parents and 1 student)

**ENROLLMENT** is limited to 15 families. Students from Saint Joseph's Prep are extended preferential enrollment until February 29, at which point students from any school can enroll.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This 3-session program emphasizes important holistic elements of test-taking to promote health of mind, body, emotions, and spirit. It educates the whole person by providing useful techniques for dealing with non-academic factors (such as test-anxiety, distractions, low-confidence, and boredom) that thwart personal best performance. Students are taught and then shown how to use those techniques on real SAT Math, Critical Reading, Grammar, and Essay questions.

Before both Sunday sessions, participants are invited to attend Mass, celebrated by Fr. Bur at 10a.m. in the Prep's Chapel. On the first Sunday, after a brief introduction to the SAT Retreat and its effects, students and their parents will be immersed in the first 3 segments of the retreat, which focus on emotions. Upon completion, parents will gather to deepen their understanding of how they can reinforce the techniques at home, while the students are being shown how to apply the techniques to actual SAT problems. The second session, with its emphasis on body, follows a similar format. In the last session, which spotlights the spirit, parents are again invited to learn how to reinforce the retreat techniques at home while students apply the approach to essay writing.

### **SAT Retreat evaluation sample from SJP students at last year's program:**

- *Not many people realize that a well-balanced mix of mind, body, and spirit is incredibly important to a person to be able to take a test like the SAT and perform at the highest of his/her abilities.*
- *Physical and mental control greatly helped me overcome some of my own issues that I have not only with the SAT but also in life.*
- *The realization that I can do this.*
- *I gained a deep understanding of how to move forward in finding my true self.*
- *I thought the total approach was awesome. I truly believe that this type of approach and focus truly works.*

*Refund Policy for all of Dr. Pace's programs: Students who miss sessions can make up time in other pre-approved programs. Full payment is required for all programs whether or not the student can attend all sessions.*

Note: Any professional educator planning to sit in on or use Dr. Pace's teachings and/or techniques needs to call Dr. Pace for licensing fee information. 215-725-6568

## 25-Hour SAT Academic + SAT Retreat Seminar

**MATH, CRITICAL READING, VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR, ESSAY + SAT RETREAT**

**Perfect for the May SAT test date!**

Comprehensive review of Mathematics, Sentence Completions, Critical Reading, Grammar, and Essay Writing, with strategies and real SAT practice tests. PLUS the SAT Retreat: techniques for dealing with the non-academic factors (such as test-anxiety, distractions, low-confidence, and boredom) that thwart personal best performance.

Results: *See the list of student point increases in this Newsletter for examples of how this program has helped many students.* More results available at [www.drpaceseminars.com](http://www.drpaceseminars.com).

**LOCATION:** Archbishop Wood High School, 655 York Road, Warminster, PA 18974

**DATES:** 5 Saturdays: March 24, 31, April 14, 21, 28

**TIME:** 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

**COST:** \$445 includes textbook, workbook, trade book, CD, folder of material, 2 parent meetings, and online assistance.

## SAT Workshops

**OPEN TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 THROUGH 11**

**Perfect for the June SAT test date! Or for advanced younger students who want to improve their Math and English skills!**

Students who want to target specific areas of the SAT can choose the workshop(s) that meet their needs. Each workshop covers strategies and practice on real SAT tests.

**LOCATION:** Nazareth Academy High School, 4001 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, 19114

**DATE:** Saturday, May 5

CRITICAL READING: Sentence Completions, Reading Passages, and Vocabulary

**TIME:** 9:00a.m. to 10:30a.m.

**COST:** \$40

SAT GRAMMAR & ESSAY WRITING: Grammar Rules, approaches to Essay Outlines & Writing

**TIME:** 10:30a.m. to 12:00p.m.

**COST:** \$40

**DATE:** Saturday, May 12

SAT MATH: Typical Math Problems on real SAT tests

**TIME:** 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.

**COST:** \$75

## "Learning Skills" Program

**FOR 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS!**

Seamlessly interweaves essential learning tools from psychology and spirituality with Math, Reading, Essays, and Grammar problems. Delivers both academic excellence and a meaningful, productive approach to learning. Provides parents an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the unique ways their children learn. As a result, parents have found this program very eye-opening and helpful. One student said of Dr. Pace's Learning Skills program: *This program opened up new ways of learning. It changed my views about my ability to learn, helped me find my best way to study, and helped me want to study!* (See back for parent testimony.)

- Information Processing + Essay Writing
- Time Issues, from Procrastination to Time Pressures on Tests + Reading
- Managing Unproductive Emotions and Distracting Thoughts + Math
- How Best to Study + Language Arts

**LOCATION:** St. Cecilia School (Fox Chase)

**DATE:** Sunday, May 6

**TIME:** 11:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

**COST:** \$80 (covers both parents and 1 student)