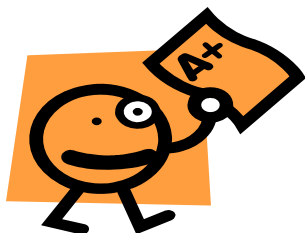


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# Bulldog News

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## \*Report Cards\*

All Report Cards are to be signed and returned to the students homeroom teacher for Elementary and second period teacher for middle and high school by Wednesday January 26th..



## A Message from Lea Howell

The Texas College Preparation Program offers opportunities for Texas public school students and districts to participate in certain college readiness assessments. Spur ISD has selected the ACT program which offers the EXPLORE test for 8th grade students, PLAN for sophomores and ACT for juniors and seniors. All three tests include English, Math, Reading, and Science. The difficulty increases with each program. The EXPLORE and PLAN test give a projected ACT score based on how the student tests along with areas of strengths and weaknesses.

Spur 8th grade students will be taking the EXPLORE test during the spring semester. The EXPLORE test gives valuable information about your knowledge, skills, interest, and plans. Students will answer questions about their educational and career plans. This information can help them learn more about

careers, clarify their goals, and begin to plan their future-including high school courses and, perhaps, a college education.

Spur sophomores took the PLAN test on October 13th. The students received a score report in December which included student scores, improvement strategies, and career possibilities from the interest inventory according to the students' selections. A copy of the score report is also available in the counselor's office.

Through the College Preparation Program there is enough state funding to pay for 60 percent of all juniors in the state of Texas to take either the ACT or the SAT. The months available for these tests are April, May, or June. Students may select which test they would like to take with a voucher from the counselor's office. Vouchers will be *Continued on page 2*

## Scholarships

The Texas Lyceum due February 15  
Foundation for Rural Service due March 1  
<http://www.frs.org>  
South Plains College due March 1  
[www.southplainscollege.edu](http://www.southplainscollege.edu)  
Western Texas College  
[www.wtc.edu](http://www.wtc.edu)



## Test Dates

SAT	ACT
March 12	February 12
May 7	April 9
June 4	June 11



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## The Texas College Preparation Program offers opportunities for Texas public school students.....*Howell cont.*

available mid January. The test dates available are: ACT: April 9th or June 11th, SAT: May 7th or June 4th. Since there are a limited number of vouchers it is important to act quickly. The registration process is online and help is available from the counselor's office. In addition to this program, Spur juniors have had the opportunity to participate in taking the PSAT. The PSAT test was administered on October 13th a national test date; it was funded by Spur ISD through the High School Allotments. The PSAT measures skills in three academic areas; critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills. On average, students who take the PSAT score 120 points higher on the SAT than those who do not. It provides entry into the National Merit Scholarship competitions as well as other scholarship and recognition programs. The juniors received a score report

which included their results, areas of strengths, weaknesses, and also included online tutorials through collegeboard.com. The students also received the original test with their responses for further reference and preparation for the SAT.

### Remember the Date

<b>January</b>	After school tutorials for Math, Reading, Writing and Science will begin
<b>January 20</b>	Financial Aid Workshop for Junior's & Senior's 6:30 PM Cafeteria
<b>January 27</b>	Pride Rally 1:15 PM Cafeteria
<b>February 1</b>	Senior Hobo Banquet 1st Baptist Church 7:00 PM
<b>February 3</b>	Dickens County Health Fair
<b>February 10</b>	Early Release 1:00 PM
<b>February 11</b>	Holiday-No School
<b>February 11</b>	Dickens County Junior Livestock Show

## Attendance Awards



Attendance is extremely important for your child's education. Therefore, each six weeks we will have an ice cream party for the kids that

are here every day. Also, we will give away \$\$ and prizes at the end of each semester for those kids that had perfect attendance for the ENTIRE semester or year!!!

At the secondary level there will be a \$\$ drawing held for each class for those who have perfect attendance during the six weeks.

We are required by law to enforce compulsory attendance. Local policies regulating state law may be found in the students handbook you received at the first of the year and also may be found online at [www.spurbulldogs.com](http://www.spurbulldogs.com)



## Elementary UIL Winners

