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# SAT Achievement Test Results Are Going Home to Parents What Do They Really Mean? 

AACS (American Association of Christian Schools) is currently utilizing the Stanford Achievement Testing (SAT) system for one more year. This is the testing system that our schools use in April of each year. Most of our MACS schools send home the results with the final report card. For as long as I can remember, our schools have had the privilege of testing with SAT, but due to the


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new common core standards enacted throughout most of the nation's state education departments, SAT will not be rewriting their tests to reflect those changes. AACS is currently studying what they will do for their annual achievement testing in the coming years as the SAT 10 test will no longer be available to us. We will keep you posted in the coming months as we learn more about alternative testing programs that will best serve the needs of our Christian schools and students.

In the meantime, parents will be receiving the SAT test results for their children. A quick overview of what the test communicates to them about their child's
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## Local Students Awarded Scholarship to Attend National Youth Legislative Training Conference in Washington, D. C.

East Ridge, Tennessee - The American Association of Christian Schools (AACS) is pleased to announce that Cara Hodak, daughter of Alan and Allyson Hodak of Brooklyn Park, and PaulMichael Tomsche, son of Paul and Michelle Tomsche of St. Michael, have been granted
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academic performance might be helpful. As you look at the results sheet, please follow from the top left to the right as I attempt to explain the SAT results.

The student's name and teacher appears on the top with the testing date and a short paragraph (on the left side) about the child's overall performance. The child's performance is summarized in a percentile band. Let's say that the child scored in the $70^{\text {th }}$ percentile, this would mean that this child performed as well or better than 70\% of the students nationally who took the test in 2014.

Below that is the Lexile Measure Scoring which reports a reading comprehension score (at FBCS, we choose to pay extra for this measurement). This score can be used to help improve a child's reading comprehension by
stretching the level of difficulty of books students will read over the summer. See www.lexile.com for more information.

To the right, subtests are listed with results in the right columns. Those subtests start out with Total Reading, Word Study Skills, Reading Vocabulary, etc. The total number of correct answers are given out of the total possible in each category.

The "Scaled Score" is a score used to compare the child's score from year to year. For our purposes, the other scores are currently more valuable to know.

The "National PR-S" is a percentage rank score that ranks students with other students nationally. This score would include any public, charter, or private school students who took this test in 2014. It would be comparing our

students with a very large population of students. The " $\mathbf{S}$ " is a standard score which represent the nationwide group by dividing it into nine groups: one being the lowest and nine being the highest. The next column "AACS PR-S" compares our students with only AACS schools nationally.

The "Grade Equivalent Score" is a tricky and often misunderstood score. If a child scores a 10.7 on the Reading Vocabulary section and is currently a fifth grader, this does not necessarily mean that a child could read at the tenth grade level. What it does mean is that a tenth grader taking the same reading vocabulary test would have the same score as this fifth grade child. This is good news because it means that the child, in this category, is doing very, very well.

The AAC Range is labeled as Low, Middle, or High and is only listed when the child takes the Otis-Lennon Test, a test which measures the IQ (intelligence quotient) of the child. (FBCS gives the Otis-Lennon (OLSAT) test to students in the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, and 10th grade years of school.) For example, if a child's SAI (School Ability Index) is at 100, the child is testing at the average level for their grade and age level.

The following SAI scores and percentages show where students taking the OLSAT fall nationally:

An SAI measuring:
Above 132 - about 2\% of the population
$116-132$ - about $14 \%$ of the population
$84-116$ - about $68 \%$ of the population
$68-84$ - about $14 \%$ of the population
Below 68 - about 2\% of the population
(OLSAT statistical information taken from the following website:
http:www.learningandlifeskills.typepad.com/weblog/2 009/11/what-do-the-ols.html, accessed May 27, 2014.)

The AAC of Low, Middle, or High corresponds directly with the SAI score. If the child's SAI was a 115 , and the AAC Range was "High" for the Reading Vocabulary section, then that child was performing above the expected range of their IQ or SAI score. If "Middle" appears, then the child is testing where they should be in accordance with their SAI or IQ score. If "Low" appears, the child is not testing up to the expected level per their SAI.

The chart on the right entitled National Grade Percentile Bands is a visual representation of the National PR-S column.

The section below entitled, Clusters, breaks the test down and the results can be used to identify areas that need extra attention should the student test in the below average range. Schools can purchase a Compendium of Instructional Standards from Pearson Publishing Company which identifies the questions on the SAT test assigned to that specific topic area. Schools can see the questions the student missed by comparing the compendium with the actual SAT questions in the test booklet. This information can be used to help students who are deficient in a specific area where test performance was below grade level.

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scholarships to attend the annual AACS Youth Legislative Training Conference in Washington, D.C. to be held July 7-11, 2014.

Cara and Paul, both from Fourth Baptist Christian School, are part of a select group of students chosen from AACS member schools nationwide to attend this conference where they will be provided the valuable opportunity to learn the workings of our political system.

More than just a series of lectures on political theory and philosophy, this conference also gives the students an opportunity to participate in a mock Senate, meet their Senators and Representatives, and tour historical sites in Washington, D.C., including the US Capitol, the Monuments, and Arlington Cemetery.

One of the oldest national voices for Christian education, AACS represents over 97,000 students and teachers in approximately 800 schools throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. With national offices in Tennessee and Washington, D.C., the AACS currently has member schools in 44 states and associations in 38 states.


## MACS Calendar 2014—15

June 23-27 - Basketball Camp at Fourth Baptist (all MACS Schools invited) August 4-8 - Soccer/Volleyball Camp at Fourth Baptist (all MACS Schools invited) August 22 - Rosemount Jamboree \& MACS Pastor/Administrator Fellowship at Rosemount October 9-10 - WI/MN Teacher's Convention at the Wisconsin Dells

October 23-24 - MACS State Volleyball and Soccer Tourney at Lake Region in Baxter November 7 - Band Festival at Fourth Baptist

January 23 - Student Leadership Conference at Fourth Baptist
January 27 - Legislative Breakfast at Kelly Inn in St. Paul
February 5 - Speech and Bible Festival at Woodcrest February 26-28 - MACS State Basketball Tourney at Fourth Baptist March 6 - MACS Jr. High Festival

April 10-MACS Fine Arts Festival at Fourth Baptist
April 10 - MACS Annual Meeting at Fourth Baptist
May 8* - Granite City Baptist Annual Track Meet, St. Cloud
*date change

## All MACS Schools Are Invited to Participate in FBCS Sports Camps!

We are inviting all our friends from our MACS schools to participate in the FBCS summer Sports Camps. Please see the details at right, and feel free to post the brochure at your school. Details at right. It's another great opportunity for our students to interact with one another in a non-competitive setting.


## NEW MACS Athletic Manual



A revision of the MACS Athletic Handbook has been completed with a fresh, new look. Also included are guidelines for Homeschool Participants on our MACS teams. Please see the attachments sent with this MACS Newsletter.


## 2014

Summer Sports Camps


Sports Camp Costs: \$50 for elementary students $\$ 75$ for secondary students

Invite family, friends and neighbors to attend with you! Besides having fun and learning sports skills, camp participants will hear the gospel presented by caring, Christian coaches, and will be taught biblical life principles as they apply to the world of competitive sports.

Basketball Camps: June 23-27 (Mon-Fri)
Basketball Camps are led by Coach Dan Chapman of Genesee Christian School in Michigan

Mixed Elementary-entering grades 3-6, 10-noon (boys \& girls combined)

- Secondary Girls-entering grades $7-12,1-3 p m$
- Secondary Boys-entering grades $7-12,3: 30-5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$


## Soccer Camps: Aug 4-8 (Mon-Fri)

Soccer Camps are led by Coach Jared Page of Fourth Baptist

- Mixed Elementary - entering grades 3-6, 10-noon
(boys \& girls combined)
- Secondary Boys - entering grades 7-12, 3-6pm


## Volleyball Camps: Aug 4-8 (Mon-Fri)

Volleyball Camps are led by Coaches Nikki DeVries from Lakes Area Recreation Association and Carissa Belford of Fourth Baptist

- Elementary Girls -entering grades 3-6, 10-noon
- Secondary Girls - entering grades 7-12, 3-6pm

Go to our website - www.fourthbaptistchristianschool.org for a downloadable registration form.

## GCBA has completed this year's Wrestling Program

Pastor Dennis Campbell summed up their wrestling season with several blessings resulting from their Wrestling Co-op with Tech High School:
(No rock music is played in the wrestling room.
> I was able to give a challenge and pray at every meet and tournament.
> Hyles-Anderson wrestled in our Kiffmeyer Tournament.
> I was able to show a Christian film on the way back from a triangular with Moorhead and Bemidji.
> We were able to host a Tech vs. Fergus Falls dual in our gym.
> We hosted an elementary wrestling quad with 180 cars and 400 people. They could see the Bible verses on the walls and a number of tracts were given out.
> One wrestling parent came forward for baptism, having accepted Christ a year ago.
> Another wrestling couple along with two of their sons recently accepted Christ.
(We had five coaches and their wives along with several wrestling parents at the Valentine Banquet.
> We are planning to take several of the wrestlers to Bible Camp in June.
> The three younger Huggs qualified for the Regional Tournament at New London.
> Tyler Hugg was State Champion at 170lbs. for the SHSL Freshmen Wrestling Tournament.


## MACS 2014 Sr. High Fine Arts Festival Results:

| Category: Music | Place | School | Name | Score | Rating |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Band | 1st | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Fourth | 92.00 | Excellent |
|  | 2nd | Woodcrest Baptist Academy | Woodcrest | 83.50 | Good |
|  | 3 rd | First Baptist School | Rosemount | 81.50 | Good |
| Choir | 1st | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Fourth | 93.00 | Excellent |
|  | 2nd | First Baptist School | Rosemount | 91.50 | Excellent |
|  | 3 rd | Woodcrest Baptist Academy | Woodcrest | 89.50 | Excellent |
| Choir | 1st | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Fourth | 93.00 | Excellent |
|  | 2nd | First Baptist School | Rosemount | 91.50 | Excellent |
|  | 3 rd | Woodcrest Baptist Academy | Woodcrest | 89.50 | Excellent |
| Choral Group | 1st | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Fourth | 95.00 | Superior |
|  | 2nd | First Baptist School | Rosemount | 94.50 | Superior |
|  | 3 rd | Owatonna Christian School | Owatonna | 92.50 | Excellent |
| Female Vocal Solo | 1st | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Hayven Reis | 97.00 | Superior |
|  | 2nd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Jayden Webster | 95.50 | Superior |
|  | 3rd | Chisago Lakes Baptist School | Alissa Montzka | 95.25 | Superior |
| Male Vocal Solo | 1st | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Paul Tomsche | 95.50 | Superior |
|  | 2nd | Woodcrest Baptist Academy | Brett Cournoyer | 94.00 | Superior |
|  | 3 rd | First Baptist School | Casey Tidrick | 93.50 | Excellent |
| Vocal Duet | 1st | First Baptist School | Douglas/Pinkevich | 95.50 | Superior |
|  | 2nd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Bruffey/Webster | 94.00 | Superior |
|  | 3rd | First Baptist School | Graves/Graves | 92.00 | Excellent |
| Vocal Trio | 1st | Woodcrest Baptist Academy | Ureke/Tutt/Towberman | 95.50 | Superior |
|  | 2nd | First Baptist School | Douglas/Graves/Srader | 94.50 | Superior |
|  | 3 rd | Chisago Lakes Baptist School | Keck/Kirkwold/Montzka | 93.50 | Superior |
| Vocal Quartet | 1st | First Baptist School | Fruetel/Tidricks/Warnken | 96.00 | Superior |
|  | 2nd | Owatonna Christian School | Jorgenson(s)/Peterson/Trunnell | 95.00 | Superior |
|  | 3 rd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Hodak/Webster/Main/Mohinani | 94.00 | Superior |
| Large Vocal Ensemble | 1st | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Fourth Ladies' Ensemble | 95.50 | Superior |
|  | 2nd | Chisago Lakes Baptist School | Chisago | 93.50 | Excellent |
|  | 3rd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Fourth Men's Ensemble | 92.50 | Excellent |
|  | 3rd | First Baptist School | Rosemount | 92.50 | Excellent |
| Brass Solo | 1st | First Baptist School | Scott Fruetel | 93.50 | Excellent |
|  | 2nd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Johnathan Schocker | 92.00 | Excellent |
|  | 3rd | Chisago Lakes Baptist School | Heidi Montzka | 89.00 | Excellent |
| Woodwind Solo | 1st | Grace Christian School | Lauren Ward | 96.00 | Superior |
|  | 2nd | Woodcrest Baptist Academy | Taylor Kivel | 92.50 | Excellent |
|  | 3 rd | Owatonna Christian School | Alicia Smith | 91.50 | Excellent |
| String Solo | 1st | St. Francis Christian School | Addison Nichols | 90.00 | Excellent |
|  | 2nd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Marissa Bruffey | 85.50 | Good |



| Category: Photography, Arts and Crafts (con'td) | Place | School | Name | Score | Rating |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Color Still Life Photo | 1st | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Julia VanLuyk | 93.00 | Excellent |
|  | 2nd | Woodcrest Baptist Academy | Mandy Meader | 92.50 | Excellent |
|  | 3rd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Kristy Gustafson | 90.50 | Excellent |
| BW Picture Story | 2nd | First Baptist School | Aylim Guzman | 85.00 | Good |
| Color Picture Story | 2nd | First Baptist School | Aylim Guzman | 83.50 | Good |
| BW Animal Life Photo | 1st | First Baptist School | Emily Sheldon | 96.00 | Superior |
|  | 2nd | Woodcrest Baptist Academy | Mandy Meader | 84.50 | Good |
|  | 3 rd | Lake Region Christian School | Zoe Heitkotter | 83.50 | Good |
| Color Animal Life Photo | 1st | First Baptist School | Katie Grudzinski | 95.00 | Superior |
|  | 2nd | Lake Region Christian School | Noah Boelter | 94.00 | Superior |
|  | 3rd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Kristy Gustafson | 90.50 | Excellent |
| Digital Images | 1st | First Baptist School | Karla Mellett | 95.00 | Superior |
|  | 2nd | Woodcrest Baptist Academy | Linda Lu | 91.00 | Excellent |
|  | 3 rd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Julia VanLuyk | 90.00 | Excellent |
| Calligraphy | 1st | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Jared Leith | 90.00 | Excellent |
|  | 2nd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Isabella Groulx | 89.00 | Excellent |
|  | 2nd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Nicole Goblirsch | 89.00 | Excellent |
| Monochromatic Drawing | 1st | Grace Christian School | Meraea Hennessey | 99.00 | Superior |
|  | 2nd | Grace Christian School | Meraea Hennessey | 98.00 | Superior |
|  | 3rd | Woodcrest Baptist Academy | Mandy Meader | 96.00 | Superior |
| Polychromatic Drawing | 1st | Owatonna Christian School | Jessica Holt | 98.50 | Superior |
|  | 2nd | Lake Region Christian School | Taylor Snow | 94.50 | Superior |
|  | 3 rd | First Baptist School | Karla Mellett | 93.50 | Superior |
|  | 3rd | First Baptist School | Emily Sheldon | 93.50 | Excellent |
| Watercolor | 1st | First Baptist School | Emily Sheldon | 90.00 | Excellent |
|  | 1st | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Nicole Goblirsch | 90.00 | Excellent |
|  | 2nd | Lake Region Christian School | Zoe Heitkotter | 88.50 | Excellent |
|  | 3rd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Isabella Groulx | 88.00 | Excellent |
| Oil Painting | 1st | Woodcrest Baptist Academy | Mandy Meader | 93.00 | Excellent |
|  | 2nd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Aaron Vigstol | 89.50 | Excellent |
|  | 3 rd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Nicole Goblirsch | 88.00 | Excellent |
| Acrylic Painting | 1st | Grace Christian School | Mariesa Hennessey | 92.50 | Excellent |
|  | 2nd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Isabella Groulx | 89.50 | Excellent |
|  | 3rd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Alicia Evans | 85.50 | Good |
| Sculpture | 1st | Owatonna Christian School | Janessa Jorgensen | 93.00 | Excellent |
|  | 1st | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Isabella Groulx | 93.00 | Excellent |
|  | 2nd | Grace Christian School | Alex Wilson | 92.50 | Excellent |
|  | 3 rd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Nicole Goblirsch | 88.00 | Excellent |


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| Category: Photography, Arts and Crafts (cont'd) | Place | School | Name | Score | Rating |
| Crafts | 1st | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Marissa Bruffey | 93.50 | Excellent |
|  | 2nd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Alicia Evans | 87.50 | Excellent |
|  | 3 rd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Madeline Goshgarian | 85.00 | Good |
| Printmaking | 1st | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Isabella Groulx | 90.00 | Excellent |
|  | 2nd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Nicole Goblirsch | 89.50 | Excellent |
|  | 3 rd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Aaron Vigstol | 87.00 | Good |
| Woodworking | 2nd | Grace Christian School | Jacob Ward | 84.50 | Good |
|  | 3 rd | Grace Christian School | Ethan Schultz | 74.50 | Fair |
| Needle, Thread | 1st | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Marissa Bruffey | 96.00 | Superior |
|  | 2nd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Kristy Gustafson | 93.50 | Excellent |
|  | 3 rd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Ian Stewart | 90.50 | Excellent |
| Crochet | 1st | Grace Christian School | Monica Zwart | 100.00 | Superior |
|  | 2nd | Grace Christian School | Lauren Ward | 96.50 | Superior |
|  | 3 rd | Fourth Baptist Christian School | Victoria Robinson | 94.50 | Superior |
| Knitting | 1st | Owatonna Christian School | Janae Jorgenson | 93.50 | Excellent |
| Quilts | 1st | Lake Region Christian School | Josey Grider | 96.00 | Superior |
| Science Fair Projects: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Biological Sciences | 1st | Grace Christian School | Lauren Ward |  |  |
|  | 2nd | First Baptist School | Kalley Tidrick |  |  |
|  | 3 rd | First Baptist School | Alisha Steele |  |  |
| Physical Sciences | 1st | First Baptist School | Catie Pierson |  |  |
|  | 2nd | Grace Christian School | Ashton Schultz |  |  |
|  | 3 rd | First Baptist School | Taylor Koens |  |  |



| Category: Academic Testing | Place | School | Last Name | First Name |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Accounting | 1st | First Baptist | Goncharenko | Viktor |
| Accounting | 2nd | Woodcrest | Gott | Katie |
| Accounting | 3rd | Grace Christian | May | Daniel |
| Algebra | 1st | Chisago | Montzka | Alissa |
| Algebra | 2nd | Owatonna | Jorgensen | Jenessa |
| Algebra | 3 rd | Fourth Baptist | Won | Isabella |
| Biology | 1st | Owatonna | Kroll | Daniel |
| Biology | 2nd | Chisago | Montzka | Heidi |
| Biology | 3rd | Lake Region | Moore | Marlee |
| Chemistry | 1st | Fourth Baptist | Hanson | Kevin |
| Chemistry | 2nd | Lake Region | House | Erika |
| Chemistry | 3 rd | Grace Christian | Malwitz | Kevin |
| English | 1st | First Baptist | Graves | Ashley |
| English | 2nd | Lake Region | House | Erika |
| English | 3 rd | Chisago | Keck | Jessica |
| Geometry | 1st | First Baptist | Weber | Chase |
| Geometry | 1st | Chisago | Montzka | Alissa |
| Geometry | 2nd | Owatonna | Jorgensen | Jenessa |
| Geometry | 3rd | Lake Region | House | Erika |
| Home Economics | 1st | Fourth Baptist | Bruffey | Marissa |
| Home Economics | 2nd | Owatonna | Greiner | Natalie |
| Home Economics | 3 rd | First Baptist | McKay | Emily |
| Music Theory | 1st | Fourth Baptist | Bruffey | Marissa |
| Music Theory | 2nd | Lake Region | Swanson | Hannah |
| Music Theory | 3 rd | St. Francis | Emery | James |
| New Testament | 1st | Grace Christian | Ward | Lauren |
| New Testament | 2nd | First Baptist | Graves | Christy |
| New Testament | 3 rd | Woodcrest | Olson | Ruth |
| New Testament | 3 rd | Fourth Baptist | Kolacz | Rebekah |


| Category: Academic Testing | Place | School | Last Name | First Name |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Old Testament | 1st | First Baptist | Fruetel | Scott |
| Old Testament | 2nd | Woodcrest | Olson | Ruth |
| Old Testament | 3rd | Owatonna | Holt | Jessica |
| Physics | 1st | Fourth Baptist | Horn | Robert |
| Physics | 2nd | First Baptist | Ball | Heather |
| Physics | 2nd | Chisago | Montzka | Alissa |
| Physics | 2nd | Woodcrest | Cournoyer | Brett |
| Physics | 3rd | Lake Region | Wiedell | Matt |
| Political Sci/Econ | 1st | Fourth Baptist | Horn | Robert |
| Political Sci/Econ | 2nd | Woodcrest | Kivel | Taylor |
| Political Sci/Econ | 3rd | Chisago | Brinker | Savannah |
| Spanish | 1st | Chisago | Camilo | Cristian |
| Spanish | 2nd | First Baptist | Guzman | Aylim |
| Spanish | 3 rd | Fourth Baptist | Blanco | Nina |
| U.S. History | 1st | Chisago | Hraba | Luke |
| U.S. History | 2nd | First Baptist | Tidrick | Casey |
| U.S. History | 3 rd | St Francis | Swedeen | Caleb |
| World History | 1st | Lake Region | Wiedell | Matt |
| World History | 2nd | Chisago | Hraba | Luke |
| World History | 3 rd | Fourth Baptist | VanLuyk | Julia |
| Essay | 1st | Fourth Baptist | Kolacz | Emily |
| Essay | 2nd | Chisago | Montzka | Heidi |
| Essay | 2nd | Lake Region | Moser | Kendra |
| Essay | 3 rd | Woodcrest | Gott | Katie |
| Narrative | 1st | Grace Baptist | Ward | Lauren |
| Narrative | 1st | St. Francis | Baker | Abigale |
| Narrative | 2nd | Lake Region | Morgan | Hannah |
| Narrative | 3rd | Woodcrest | Tutt | Allison |
| Poetry | 1st | First Baptist | Warnker | Rebecca |
| Poetry | 2nd | St. Francis | Andrade | Vanessa |
| Poetry | 3 rd | Owatonna | Kroll | Daniel |


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