

## Mac's ACT Prep Program

### Two Sessions in December 2011....

Mac's ACT Prep Program had a fine start in early December with a record number of students and parents attending the Orientation sessions offered on Thursday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 3.

Students had their calculators loaded with formulas before the first session began. This data should assist them to speed up in the Math portion of the test. During the Reading training students were taught some unique-to-ACT strategies.

On December 17 English and Science sessions were well attended and students were actively engaged with new strategies in both sessions. Just a handful of students left their materials behind. A check of IDs showed that Mac is such a comfortable place and all students are so well known that only 50% carry an ID or driver's license. A goal of the program is to have students carry IDs since they are required for the actual test.

Students have "practice" assignments on their calendars that are to be completed before the next sessions.

### Next sessions in January 2012.

The pattern of Math and Reading in the first session and Science and English in the second session is repeated. Sessions begin with reviewing "Practice" work from the last session. Each area offers more engagement and practice with new strategies. Students continue to reflect upon their successes and challenges.

Extra time will be devoted to student-requested issues in zero hour sessions the week of January 23-27.

### CONTINUE TO PREPARE by...

- Signing up for the February 11, 2012 ACT Test at Bishop McNamara Catholic High School. Sign up deadline **is January 12, 2012**. Sign up early so you don't forget!
- Challenging friends to use the red book in out-of-school practice.
- READING
- Exercising
- Eating healthy foods

ACT Post-Test on January 28 features a 7:45 sign in ...just as the real ACT Test will require!