**Want to Improve you PSAT (SAT) Score?**

1. Open your PSAT Test Booklet…have you written in it?
2. Eliminated choices by crossing out answers
3. Circled or underlined key words or phrases in Reading passage
4. Underlined specific lines in a passage which were designated in an answer
5. Worked out Math problems to conclusion…easier to spot “silly” calculation mistakes, also allows you to rework the problem quicker if not of the answer choices match yours
6. Did you check your responses against the score report?

 Did you transcribe correctly from Test Booklet to Answer Document…

 Was vocabulary an issue?

1. How many questions did you get wrong because you didn’t know the

 meaning of a word or phrase

1. Go through your Test Booklet and highlight every word or phrase you cannot define

 within ten seconds…if it was on this test it will most likely appear on the SAT or next PSAT

1. Look for patterns in what you answered incorrectly
2. Group the incorrect answers by category, for instance were there several Math problems all related to probability…or did five of the Writing questions ask about comma placement
3. A pattern is an opportunity for targeted remediation or tutoring
4. Was time an issue?
5. Divide the number of questions in a section by the amount of time…set time goals such as after every 15 minutes you will be at a certain question…always allow a few minutes for review
6. Don’t get hung up on a question, make a quick guess and then circle or check the question number on the answer document to come back to…if you leave it blank, more than likely you will end up responding to that question with the answer from the next question…also, a guess is better than no answer
7. Three ways to tackle Reading Passages
8. Read Passage completely then answer questions (underline or circle lines designated in question)
9. Read questions (underline or circle lines designated in question) then skim Passage as you answer questions
10. Skim Passage then respond to each question (underline or circle lines designated in question) before moving on to the next one