

# Walled Lake test scores high

How do college-bound students in the Walled Lake School District, which serves part of Farmington Hills, stack up against their counterparts across the state and nation?

"Very well," said Sami Alam, director of program planning and evaluation for district.

As evidence, Alam points to the results of the 1981-82 SAT and ACT tests. High school juniors and seniors are eligible to take either or both the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) and ACT (American College Testing).

Most colleges and universities require high school students to take at least one of the tests as part of their admission requirements. Both the SAT and ACT are considered to be an indicator of a student's readiness to work at college level.

The 69 Walled Lake students who took the SAT last year had average scores of 468 in reading and 553 in mathematics. The 468 average reading score for

seniors is nine points higher than the state average of 459 and 42 points higher than the national average of 416.

The 553 average score registered by Walled Lake seniors in mathematics is 319 points higher than the state average of 234 and 88 points higher than the national average of 447.

"THE DATA suggest that our college-bound youngsters continue to score above the national and state norms on both sections of the SAT," said Alam in a memo to superintendent Don Sheldon. As a result, he added, they "are predictive of a significantly better chance of success in college than would be predicted for their counterparts, nationally and at the state level."

The 159 seniors and 224 juniors in the district who took the ACT test last year also scored higher than their state and national counterparts in three of the four areas measured by the test.

The lone exception was in the area of

English where Walled Lake students had an average score of 17.4 in comparison with the state average of 17.6 and the national average of 17.5.

In all other areas, Walled Lake students scored higher than their state and national counterparts.

In mathematics, Walled Lake students had an average score of 19.3, in comparison with the state average of 18.1 and the national average of 17.2.

IN SOCIAL studies, Walled Lake students had an average score of 17.7 in comparison with the state average of 17.4 and the national average of 17.3.

And in natural sciences, the average score of Walled Lake students was 22.5 in comparison with the state average of 21.2 and the national average of 20.8.

Overall, Walled Lake students had a composite score of 19.3 on the ACT in comparison with averages of 18.7 throughout the state and 18.4 throughout the nation.

## obituaries

LUIGI ZAINO

Mr. Zaino, 85, of Farmington Hills died Dec. 1 in Middlebelt Nursing Home.

Born in Italy, Mr. Zaino worked for GM Chevrolet for 20 years.

Survivors include his daughter Teresa Alonzi; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild; one brother and two sisters.

Services were Dec. 4 at St. Clare Catholic Church with the Rev. Drogowski officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements were made by Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home.

DEAN B. YOUNG

Mr. Young, 62, of Detroit died Dec. 2 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in South Dakota, Mr. Young was a tow truck driver. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

Survivors include his daughter, Priscilla and a brother, Joseph.

Services were Dec. 5 at Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Richard G. Duncan of the First Baptist Church of Farmington officiating.

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