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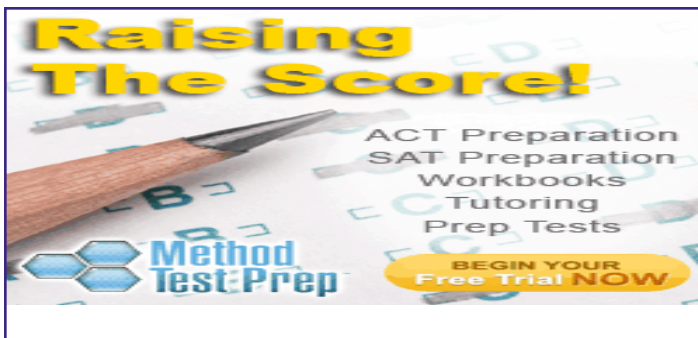


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## ACT/SAT Prep Courses Now Available Through Method Test Prep



Recently, the American School noticed an increase in the number of students who inquire about ACT/SAT prep courses. We have responded to those needs by becoming an affiliate of Method Test Prep, a company that has specialized in online ACT and SAT test preparation for more than a decade.

Under this arrangement, Method Test Prep will be responsible for content and billing and will answer all customer service inquiries from anyone who enrolls in their courses through the American School's Web site. In addition, students will not receive high school credit for any course taken through Method Test Prep.

"We examined a number of online ACT/SAT prep courses, but none suited the needs of our students and shared our educational philosophy quite like Method Test Prep did," American School President **Gary R. Masterton** said. "Our students are used to high-quality instruction and course content, and Method Test Prep certainly provides that. They will also enjoy the ease and security of

navigating their Web site and studying at their own pace, when and where it's convenient for them."

Students can expect a number of things when they enroll in a Method Test Prep course, including:

- Strategy guides for each test
- Complete full-length practice tests
- Hundreds of practice questions
- Practice quizzes
- Immediate feedback
- Audio and video explanations
- Easy-to-understand explanations
- Tracking methods for strengths and weaknesses on each test
- 24/7 access to courses from any Web-enabled computer

Method Test Prep offers a free two-week trial of their courses. If students wish to continue, they pay either \$39.95 per month for one course or \$59.95 per month for both courses.

"This pricing system ensures students will receive high-quality test preparation for only the amount of time they need it," Masterton said.

For information on our new ACT/SAT prep course partnership with Method Test Prep or to enroll in one or both of Method Test Prep's courses, visit [www.americanschoolofcorr.com/actsatprep](http://www.americanschoolofcorr.com/actsatprep).

## American School Holds 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

The American School's 114th Annual Meeting was an occasion for School Trustees, Corporate Members and other invited guests to review the past year's accomplishments and look ahead to 2012.

Among those participating in the meeting's new format, which allowed for more dialogue and discussion than ever before, were President Emeritus **William Hunding**, fellow Trustees **John Kemp**, **John McCulley** and **Mary McKeown**, and consultants **John Murphy** and **Cher Tufly**.

A highlight of the meeting came near the end, when Student Service Director **Robin Fisher** and Independent Study Coordinator **Paul Czapkowitz** became the latest members of the Corporation.



Pictured: From bottom left, Robin Fisher, Paul Czapkowitz; back row, President and Trustee Gary R. Masterton, Educational Vice-President Marie Limback, Executive Vice President and Trustee Roberta Allen, and Treasurer Vincent Immordino.

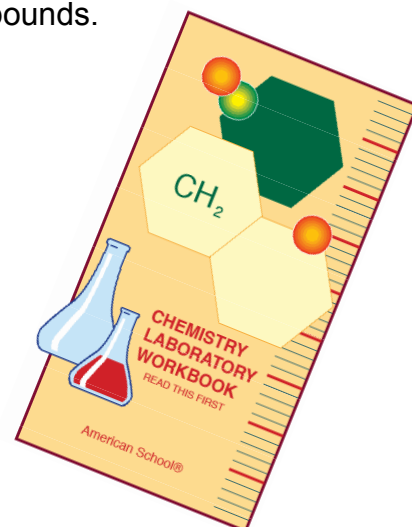
## Chemistry Lab Course Added to Curriculum

The lab version of Chemistry is taken in conjunction with the non-lab version of the course. The investigations build and expand on concepts presented in the textbook. The labs are based on a microchemistry approach to minimize handling of chemicals. Computation requiring a solid background in algebra is necessary for interpreting data collected during investigations.

The following is a list of the laboratory investigations which students complete:

Preparing for and Conducting an Investigation; Collecting Data; The Scientific Method and Organizing Data; Melting Points/Super Cooling; Boyle's Law; Charles's Law; Radioactive Decay; Paper Chromatography; Gumdrop (or Jelly Bean) Molecules; A Microscale Titration; Qualitative Analysis; Molar Mass by Titration; Mole Ratios; Double Replacement Reactions; Solubility

Product Constant; Reaction Rates: The Effect of Concentration, Reaction Order; Reactions Rates: The Effect of Temperature; pH and pH Indicators; A Buffer Solution; Oxidation and Reduction; Decomposition; The Electrical Conductivity of Several Solutions; Synthesis of Organic Compounds.



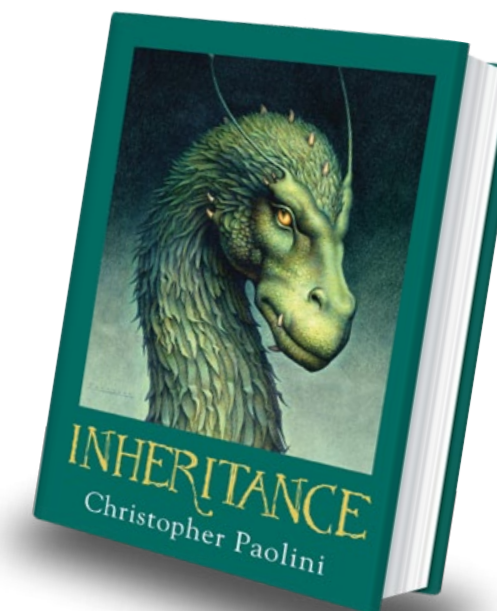
## Christopher Paolini Has Another Best Seller with *Inheritance*

1998 American School graduate **Christopher Paolini** returned to the top of the best seller lists late last year with *Inheritance*, the fourth and final installment of his Inheritance cycle. The book sold nearly half a million copies when it was released on November 8, making it the highest first-day sale of any fiction or non-fiction, adult or children's title published in the United States and Canada in 2011.

"This is both a thrilling and gratifying end to a wonderful journey that began more than a decade ago," Christopher said in a press release. "I could have never imagined that the Inheritance cycle would become what it has, and I'm grateful to the fans for their continued support and enthusiasm."

That enthusiasm began in 2001 with the release of *Eragon*. *Eldest* and *Brisingr* followed, and to date, Christopher has sold more than 25 million books worldwide and has topped the New York Times best seller list several times. To promote *Inheritance*, he criss-crossed the country on a book tour that took him from New York City to San Francisco and 16 other cities in between.

For more information on Christopher and his *Inheritance* cycle, please visit his official Web site, [www.alagaesia.com](http://www.alagaesia.com).



## Rising Tennis Star Anna Tatishvili Aces First Match in Australian Open



Current American School student **Anna Tatishvili** reached the second round of the Australian Open before falling to top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki 6-1, 7-6 in a hotly-contested match. Anna earned the right to play Wozniacki by defeating Ashleigh Barty 6-2, 7-6 in the first round.

Anna's win was her first career triumph at the Australian Open and continued the American School's legacy of success Down Under. **Andre Agassi**, who graduated from the American School in 1988, is a four-time champion of the event, having won in 1995, 2000, 2001 and 2003.

# American School Receives Recognition from Homeschool.com and The Mash

The American School recently received recognition from two Web sites specifically geared toward homeschooling and teenagers. We are pleased to once again receive the Seal of Approval from Homeschool.com, a top online community for homeschoolers and their families. The seal is shown below and is proudly displayed in the upper right corner of our Web site.



We are also excited about being listed as a Cool School in The Mash, a weekly newspaper and Web site written by and for teenagers. The newspaper, published by the Chicago Tribune, is distributed for free every week to Chicagoland high schools. For more information on The Mash, visit [www.themash.com](http://www.themash.com), like them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/mashchicago](http://www.facebook.com/mashchicago) or follow them on Twitter @mashchicago.

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