



Success Stories: From March to June 2008

Mostly current and some former students/parents during this time period

"Our family has known John Kim for 4 years. During that time he tutored our daughter, Alex, for the SAT's and presently tutors our son, Sam, in high school math. In a span of a couple months John was able to help Alex raise her math SAT score over 100 points. She is doing very well in college. Sam struggled with Algebra before he started going to John for tutoring. He had a D in the class and didn't understand the concepts. John helped him by teaching him easier ways to grasp the subject. He was able to raise his grade to a B. Sam continued with John this year and received an A in geometry first semester. We appreciated John Kim and feel fortunate to have him tutoring Sam. Not only is he a good teacher but he's also a good role model for the kids he tutors. John Kim is a very likeable teacher with a great sense of humor. We would definitely recommend his services to anyone."

Chris and Carey W. – Ventura HS. Alex's score improved on the old format with 1600 as perfect score.

"National Scholastic Academy has helped me focus upon my future, as well as college, and helped me on my way there. Much of my success is thanks to my tutors, who are both kind and fun to talk to."

Aaron H. – Dues Pueblos HS (Aaron has improved in his SAT score by 240 points).

"Before coming to John Kim, I was failing my Trig/Pre-Calc class. Now, thanks to him, I have scored A's and B's on all of my tests and saved my grade. Because of his instruction, I feel like math is one of my stronger subjects, and have a strong foundation for any math class and I take in the future. He has truly made a difference in the way I view math, as well as my academic performance."

Allison B. – Foothill Technology HS

"National Scholastic Academy gave me hope in math again. I have been going there for 4 years, for everything from Algebra to the SAT. I went from a D in math to a steady A-and-B streak. Mr. Kim really knows his stuff!"

Carrie Z. – Foothill Technology HS

"My Son, Max, has been tutored in math by John Kim off and on for several years. John has been very helpful as well as flexible in terms of scheduling. This past school year my son has met with John weekly for Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus tutoring. Although the material has been difficult and challenging, my son received an A on his last report card. We know that John has been an integral part in my son's success, and I recommend him without reservation."

Robin S. – Parent

"Mr. Kim is very intelligent, fair, and kind. He is the best person to go to for help; not just as a tutor but as a friend."

William P. – Ventura HS

"After many local tutors could not help me with math, a friend referred me to John Kim. After three years, it is safe to say that he is the best tutor in Ventura County. He has helped me get A's on a countless number of quizzes and tests, and I've never come across a math problem he couldn't help me with. I recommend him to everyone who seeks tutoring."

Max S. – Foothill Technology HS

"Allison's math grade has greatly improved after Mr. Kim's instruction. I am very glad that we found him and employed him to tutor our daughter."

Jim B. – Parent

"John Kim is a funny guy... for real! 😊 He doesn't tell you the answer when you have no idea how to do; he makes you do it on your own. He makes you think and it helps you on the test! He also tells funny and interesting stories that relate to life and can connect them to life. I ♥ J.K."

Lauren C. – Foothill Technology HS

"When my son hit a barrier in math, National Scholastic Academy was there for him. Mr. Kim quickly assessed his needs and through weekly, one on one tutoring, was able to help him become more confident and rapidly excel. He is looking forward to a bright future at a four year university."

Toni S. – Parent



“John Kim is an excellent tutor. He has a copy of the current text, and is prepared. He breaks down the material to a level that I can understand. He has flexible hours to work around my busy schedule. He has customized my lessons to my learning style, which has helped me tremendously. If he can teach me Calculus, he can teach anyone.”

Laura E. – Ventura HS

“When I first started coming to the academy I was practically failing trigonometry. After three lessons, I passed my final with a B; if it had not been for John I would not have passed my class. When I don’t understand a problem I know I can count on John to open my eyes and look at it in a new perspective. I’ve always hated Math and now that I understand what I am doing, John’s managed to make it fun as weird as that may sound. Calling John is one of the best decisions I’ve made in my academic career.”

Allina M. – Foothill Technology HS

“Mr. Kim has helped me understand the larger concepts that I don’t always understand in my math analysis honors class. My grades have gradually improved thanks to his tutoring. He really focuses on what I need help with and is always willing to answer every question. He stresses that I remember to check over my work and, because of that, I hardly ever make silly mistakes on my math tests anymore. He tries to lighten the mood when going over polynomials and sometimes can even make Honors Pre-Calculus fun and definitely much less of a burden.”

K. L. – Newbury Park HS

“John Kim helped me dramatically improve my math score over 140 SAT points. I would not have been able to do that without him. Thanks to John, my SAT resulted in much higher scores.”

Kyle W. – Foothill Technology HS. (his final score improved by over 220 points.)

“I have been going to John for help for two years. I have raised my math grade up two letter grades and since I’ve been tutored by John. He has also helped my sister raise her SAT scores and got into college. I highly recommend John Kim as a tutor.”

Sam W. – Ventura HS

“National Scholastic Academy enables its students and teachers alike to challenge themselves academically, while fostering the development of their personal integrity. The method of working one-on-one with the students creates a mutual sense of accountability between teacher and student, providing an atmosphere that is both rigorous and enjoyable. I believe I’ve grown more in my year and a half as a teacher at NSA than I have in any other academic setting, and the pleasure of watching my students change their outlook on reading and writing as their skills grow in these areas never diminishes. This center offers a unique outlet for students, on their good days and on their bad, because, whatever the challenge is that faces them, at NSA they have the chance to work through it positively with a tutor who cares deeply about their personal and academic success.”

Amy H. – Tutor at The Study Room

“My high-achieving twin daughters, who usually tutor other students, wanted to ensure that they maintain their stellar GPA’s. John Kim has provided the extra, one-on-one support for an extremely challenging advanced math class in which they are enrolled. He has made a tremendous difference.”

Angela L. – Parent and Grade School Teacher

“We were looking for an SAT tutor for our daughter, and a friend who was very impressed with Mr. Kim recommended National Scholastic Academy. John met with us, and discussed his philosophy and plan for approaching the SAT. His flexible but focused approach and the intensive review training in Math and English made a phenomenal difference in our daughters scores. He worked directly with her but also kept in touch with us regarding her progress. We found him to be approachable, friendly, knowledgeable and interested in the success of his students. Obviously, we highly recommend him.”

Jill L. – Parent: Alexis, who attends Ventura HS increased her Math score from 640 to 790, her Critical Reading score 100 points and her Writing by 80 points for a total of 330 points. Her improvement occurred between the March 08 test to June 08 test.



“When I was informed that my son was near failing Algebra II class, I sought outside tutoring for him. Someone recommended that I check out John Kim and the National Scholastic Academy to see how they could help. Not only did Mr. Kim save my son from failing but, after only two months, he is currently earning a B+ in his class and may even finish the school year with an A. This investment paid big dividends. More importantly, my son has gained confidence in his ability. Mr. Kim and his associates are not only excellent in their field but they are also good influences on my son in that they exemplify leadership skills and the importance of setting goals. If someone asked me where they could find tutorial help, I’d have to say, ‘call the National Scholastic Academy, you’ll be glad you did.’”

Jodi F – Parent

“For the past four years, I have enjoyed the privilege of working with many bright and motivated students. I love the challenge of one-on-one tutoring, and the rapid progress in knowledge. The exceptional results achieved through our flexible, individual curriculum make it truly a pleasure to teach for National Scholastic Academy.”

Jennifer D. – Tutor at The Study Room

“With the help of National Scholastic Academy I saw a big improvement in my SAT scores. The tutoring prepared me for the type of questions I would face the second time around. Mr. Kim has always shown a sincere interest in my academic growth and success. I am proud to say that with effort, and the help of NSA, I was accepted to my dream college.”

JT S. – Ventura HS: (He has increased his SAT Math IIC score by 140 points and SAT increase of more than 200 points.)

“I have been going to National Scholastic Academy for about a year now because of my struggle in math. Last year, I struggled a lot with doing my homework and understanding math. After my year here, I have been turning in a lot more homework, and I got my test scores up. John Kim has helped motivate me to work harder at school and helped me bring my grades up.”

Dylan N. – Ventura HS.

“This center has prepared me everything from SAT I and SAT 2s to my A.P. classes. With the help of Mr. Kim and his highly qualified tutors, I was able to improve my SAT I score by 240 points and SAT Math 2 score by 120 points. Not only were their carefully thought out test taking strategies extremely helpful, but the they were able to instill in me the desire to better myself. Thank You!!”

Daniel C. – (Cate School graduate - Carpenteria). Currently attending U of Pennsylvania. Overall SAT improvement of 280 points.