## HOTCHKISS

Upper Mids have the option to take the PSAT on Thursday, October 29. Registration is not automatic.

The PSAT is a preliminary SAT (2 hours and 45 minutes) which measures skills in critical reading, math, and writing.

Third year high school students (those who haven't repeated 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> grade) who take the PSAT are entered in the National Merit Scholarship competition. "National Merit" standings have little or no bearing on college admissions. More information about this competition can be found at <u>https://www.nationalmerit.org/</u>.

The cost of this test is \$22. Students must complete and submit a registration form (sent to students via email) to Mrs. Grusauski by Friday, October 9. Families will then receive a bill from FACTS Tuition Management. There will be a \$5 late fee charged after October 9. Students who are eligible for fee waivers will be notified directly.

Since this is meant to be practice, it is not suggested that time be devoted to studying for the PSAT, but College Board does offer free practice tests at <u>https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice</u>.

Scores for the PSAT will be available by mid-December. They are for student use only and DO NOT become part of the student transcript.