



Dear Parents of Current 8th Grade Students,

Stafford Middle School 8th graders will take the Preliminary SAT 8/9 (PSAT 8/9) on **October 14, 2020** for all Face-to-Face students or on **October 15th** for all Virtual students. The PSAT™ 8/9 is the first test in the SAT Suite of Assessments. Designed for eighth and ninth graders and tightly aligned with the SAT® and PSAT/NMSQT®, the PSAT 8/9 establishes a baseline for college and career readiness as students enter high school. Stafford Municipal School District funds this initiative for 8th grade students in an effort to better prepare them for college level entry exams. Virtual students, if you plan to attend, please register in advance on the testing webpage. <https://www.staffordmsd.org/academics/assessment-testing>

On testing day, students must **report to the back of the school by 7:30 am.**

This test will be administered face to face. It is essential that everyone is on time so that we may begin testing by 8:00am. It is a timed test and the start time cannot be delayed. Testing will take approximately 3 hours to complete. ***If your student has opted in virtual learning, you may pick them up in the front of the middle school beginning at 11:00 am. There will be no bus transportation for virtual students.*** We encourage students to get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast prior to testing so they are focused and ready. Grab and go lunches will be provided to all students at the end of testing.

Please bring:

- Student ID
- Mask (if you do not have one, one will be provided)
- Pencil

Students can prepare for the PSAT 8/9 by doing their best in school. Students may also visit Khan Academy at www.satpractice.org to create a **free** account to access personalized practice recommendations based on previous years' test results or the results of a series of diagnostic tests.

We hope that you will take time to review all available resources and help your student prepare for their upcoming test. If you need any further assistance please reach out to our Campus Testing Coordinator, Jerrae Bazile, jbazile@staffordmsd.org.

Thank you,

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Ginny Gayle, Principal