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Dear Parents/Guardians of Sophomores and Juniors,

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (**PSAT/NMSQT**) will be administered at the high school for all sophomores and juniors this year at PTHS on Wednesday, October 16th. The exam will start at 8:05 am on the test day. **Students in grades 9 and 12 will be operating on a two hour delay and will report at 10:05 am.**

The CollegeBoard has transitioned to an all digital testing platform for their exams. In the Fall of 2023, the PSAT was offered in digital form for the first time. This change coincided with the SAT becoming a digital test this past spring. In order to ensure that students are prepared for the SAT experience using the digital tools, the online PSAT is a great opportunity for students to experience the question styles and format. Therefore, it is required that all students bring a charged chromebook on test day.

All students should plan to take the PSAT in their sophomore and junior years. **Pequannock Township High School will be paying for each sophomore and junior to take the test this year.** The score from the junior administration of the PSAT will be the one used to determine the official selection index for the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (**NMSQT**), the nation's largest independent scholarship program and this administration of the test will serve as an opportunity for all students to:

- Familiarize themselves with the material on the exam
- Practice sitting for an exam of this length
- Assess areas of academic strength and weakness in preparation for the SAT
- Begin setting college goals early
- Begin the college selection process

The following links from the College Board's website provides a detailed explanation of the exam and some recommendations for preparation and practice:

- <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/prep.html>
- <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/practice-preparation>

If you do not want your child to test or if you have any questions, please call your child's school counselor and/or case manager.

Sincerely,

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