

August 31, 2017

Dear Juniors, Parents/Legal Guardians:

I would like to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year. As a reminder, the guidance department is here to assist with any questions you may have, so please do not hesitate to contact us as needed.

The junior year is an important one, since it is a time when students continue to think about their future goals and aspirations, reflecting on post-secondary plans. Therefore, on **Saturday, October 14th** at 7:45 AM, we will be administering the PSAT/NMSQT.

The PSAT (Preliminary SAT) is primarily utilized for knowledge of taking a standardized timed test. As juniors, students experience a testing format very much like their future SAT examination, which they will take in the spring. Please note, because the PSAT is **only** offered once a year, students who do not take the exam miss their one time opportunity to be considered for the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Other reasons you should take the PSAT include:

- *You will be able to identify areas of strengths and weaknesses
- *You can plan how to best prepare for the SAT Reasoning Test
- *These scores do not get seen by colleges
- *You will receive college information through the Student Search Service

PSAT Registration will take place in Guidance West from Wednesday, September 6th through Friday, October 6th. Checks or money orders must be made payable to Huntington High School in the amount of \$29.00. Fee waivers are available for students who demonstrate financial need. **After October 6th, registration will be closed and no walk-ins will be accepted on the day of the exam. Photo ID is required.** Please be advised that students and parents will also be able to register on Monday, September 25th during Meet the Teacher Night, in the library.

When your child registers, he/she will receive a PSAT Bulletin which provides sample questions. Students with disabilities who require testing accommodations, must be pre-approved by The College Board. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's school counselor.

Sincerely,

Kitty Klein
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