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August 31, 2018

Dear Sophomores & Juniors:

On Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 8:00am-12:00pm, the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) will be administered to interested sophomores and juniors at Wachusett Regional High School. Sept 18th

The PSAT/NMSQT is great practice for taking the SATs. It can qualify juniors for the National Merit Scholarship Program along with giving students insight into which Advanced Placement courses they may be ready to take in the future. The PSAT/NMSQT is composed of the following sections.

- Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: Includes a Reading Test and a Writing and Language Test. Each test is composed of multi-paragraph passages and multiple-choice questions.
 - Time allotted: f 60 minutes for the Reading Test and 35 minutes for the Writing and Language Test
- Math: Includes multiple-choice and student-produced response questions.
 - Time allotted: f 25 minutes for the Math Test No Calculator and 45 minutes for the Math Test – Calculator

After you take the PSAT/NMSQT, you can get a free, tailored practice program for the SAT—based on your personal test results—through <u>Khan Academy</u>. You also get free access to the Roadmap to Careers online tool from <u>Roadtrip Nation</u> to explore majors and careers that reflect your interests.

Please see the <u>PSAT Student Guide</u> for information on how to prepare, what to bring, score reports and more. <u>It is also imperative that students report by 7:30am the morning of the test and have with them a picture ID (click <u>HERE for accepted examples of IDs) and two sharpened no. 2 pencils.</u> An acceptable calculator is also recommended (click <u>HERE for acceptable calculators).</u></u>

To register for the PSATs, please complete the permission slip below and return it, along with the examination fee of \$27.00 (CHECK ONLY: PAYABLE TO WACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL) to the counseling office by 2:15pm on Monday, September 10th. Please note, there are no refunds for absenteeism.

Sincerely,

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Student name:	Grade:
Email Address:	<u> </u>
Phone:	
Do you have CollegeBoard approved accommodations	that you will be using for the PSATs?
If you have CollegeBoard approved accommodations, J	please add your SSD #:
For participating juniors, if you qualify for a fee waive Counseling Department.	r, please see Lauren Clark in the School
Student Signature	Date
Parent Signature	Date
For Office Use Only	
Date received:	
Check #:	