PSAT Information Tuesday, October 26th Arrive by 7:45am

Tuesday, October 26th, all juniors will be taking the PSAT test at school.

Freshman, sophomores, seniors and any juniors who will not be testing should plan for a home study day.

Testing will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will last until approximately 12:15 p.m. Please make certain that you have made any necessary pick-up arrangements for the testing day and that your student gets a good night's sleep, eats a protein-based breakfast, and comes prepared to take the test that morning. He/she will need two sharpened #2 pencils and a calculator, see list below. Some extra pencils will be available, but not enough for everyone, so make sure your student is prepared. We will not have extra calculators.

Please do not be late. Students will not be permitted to take the test if they walk in late and testing has already begun.

Students who are absent that day will not be able to retake the test. October 26th is the national testing date, so we are not able to re-schedule testing.

The PSAT is an important testing tool. These test results will determine which of our 11th grade ONLY students will qualify as National Merit Finalists. Additionally, it is a wonderful practice for the SAT and will give students opportunities to get great early college information.

Please feel free to contact the School Counseling Department if you have any questions!

Calculators are allowed on only one part of the Math Test.

## **Bring One of These Calculators**

- Graphing calculator (most models permitted; see this approved calculator list with link)
- Scientific calculator
- Four-function calculator (not recommended)

## **Leave These Devices at Home**

- Anything that can connect to the internet
- Anything that makes noise or "talks"
- Calculators that use electrical outlets
- Calculators with QWERTY keypads
- Tablets or cellphones
- Laptops or handheld computers
- Paper-tape calculators
- Calculators with a pen-input device or stylus

## **Calculator Smarts**

- Bring your own calculator. You can't share one.
- Don't bring a brand-new calculator. Bring one you know.
- Practice for the test using the same calculator you'll use on test day.
- Decide how to solve a problem, then decide if you need your calculator. This might surprise you, but calculators don't always save time. In fact, the Math Test includes some questions where it's faster not to use a calculator, even though you're allowed to.