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To All Juniors

As a junior, you will be taking the PSAT (the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) on Wednesday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup>.

- Please meet in the hall outside the Schomp and Concert Hall at 7:30 am. We will walk over to Johnson and Wales together where you will be taking the test.
- Please bring 3 #2 pencils with an eraser. Pencils will not be provided.
- Calculator. See page 17 of the attached student manual for directions about calculators
- Social security number (optional) – if you are wanting to qualify for the scholarship
- Email address – optional
- You may not have food or drink during testing. Do not bring it with you.
- ***You may not have a cell phone in testing. Please do not bring it with you.***
- Please eat a good breakfast before you arrive at school on the 14<sup>th</sup>
- Late students will not be walked over and ***will not*** be able to start the test late. There is no DSA makeup test. If you miss the test and want to take it, you will have to find a location and time on your own.
- You will be done late morning. You will miss your academic classes in the morning but be able to attend your period 6 in the afternoon

Quick Content Overview

Two 25-minute critical reading sections contain a total of 48 questions

13 sentence completions

35 passage-based reading questions

Two 25-minute mathematics sections contain a total of 38 questions

28 multiple choice

10 student-produced responses

One 30-minute writing skills section contains 39 questions

20 improving sentences

14 identifying sentence errors

5 improving paragraphs

The attached student guide will answer all your PSAT questions. There are also phone numbers straight to PSAT if you have questions about score reporting, etc. There are practice study questions in this book as well as test taking tips. I suggest you take the time to read and study with this guide. Possibly most beneficial – a full length practice test is included for your use.

I will see you Wednesday morning – Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am by the Schomp and Concert Halls.

Thank you,  
Miranda Odom