

August 31, 2017

Dear Sophomores, 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 sophomore year is an important one, since it is a time when students continue to think more about their future goals and aspirations. 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. It measures verbal reasoning, critical reading, math problem-solving, and writing skills. As sophomores, students experience a testing format that is very much like the SAT examination. Although this exam will not be used for the National Merit Scholarship, students will be considered when they take the PSAT/NMSQT again in their junior year.

Other reasons you should take the PSAT include:

- *You will be able to identify areas of strengths and weaknesses

- *These scores do not get seen by colleges

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. **After October 6th, registration will be closed and no walk-ins will be accepted on the day of the exam. Photo ID is required.** When your child registers, he/she will receive a PSAT Bulletin which provides sample questions. 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.

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
Director of Guidance & Testing, K-12