

August 27, 2012

Dear Juniors, Parents/Legal Guardians:

I would like to welcome you to the 2012-2013 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 20th** 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 with Mrs. Walter in Guidance West from Thursday, September 6th through Thursday, October 4th. Checks must be made payable to Huntington High School in the amount of \$29.00. Fee waivers are available for students who demonstrate financial need. Please be advised that after October 4th, a \$2.00 late fee (making the total cost = \$31.00) will be accepted until Wednesday, October 10th. **After the 10th, 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 September 20, 2012, during Back to School 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 guidance counselor.

Sincerely,

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