

August 27, 2012

Dear Sophomores, 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 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 20** at 7:45 a.m., 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 with Mrs. Walter in Guidance West from Thursday, September 6 through Thursday, October 4. Checks must be made payable to Huntington High School in the amount of \$29.00. Please be advised that a \$2.00 late fee (making the total cost = \$31.00) will be accepted until Wednesday, October 10. **After the 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 September 20, 2012, during Back to School 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 guidance counselor.

Sincerely,

Kitty Klein  
Director of Guidance & Testing, K-12

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