

ATTENTION: All Eleventh Graders

The (New) Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)

Saturday, October 15, 2016

We recommend that all Juniors who are thinking about attending college when they graduate from high school take this test on Saturday, October 15, 2016.

What is the test all about? The PSAT is a shorter practice version of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) which many colleges require for admission. The newly designed PSAT reflects the new SAT which was first administered in March 2016. The PSAT exam contains questions to test a student's verbal and mathematical aptitude along with their writing skills. When you pay for the exam on the Campus Parent Portal, you will automatically be registered for the PSAT exam. Come to the Guidance Office with your receipt, and you will be given as *student bulletin* which includes an entire sample test which you can try before the test date. This version of the PSAT will be in the same format as the SAT, with the exception that there **will not** be an actual writing sample.

What are the reasons for taking the PSAT?

1. Find out what the SAT is like. That's the College Board test you'll probably take when you apply for admission to college. The PSAT is a lot like it.
2. Predict your own SAT scores from your PSAT scores.
3. Estimate your chances of getting into and succeeding at the colleges of your choice.
4. Enter the competition for scholarships awarded through the National Merit Scholarship Program or the National Achievement Scholarship Program for outstanding black students.
5. Have your name sent (if you want to) to colleges that are seeking students in your score range.
6. Whether you're thinking of a 2 year or 4 year college, it makes sense to take the PSAT. If you have any questions at all, please talk with your counselor.

When and Where is the test given? Saturday morning, October 15, 2016

at William A. Shine Great Neck South High School. If registered, you must report to the **MAIN HALL** no later than **8:15 am**.

How do I register? All payments for the PSAT exam will be done on-line through the Campus Parent Portal using the district's new RevTrak system. The fee for the PSAT exam is **\$25.00**. Your parents will be able to pay for the PSAT exam using Visa, Mastercard or Discover. Detailed instructions for making payments electronically can be found on the Great Neck South Homepage. You will be automatically registered to take the PSAT exam upon confirmation of your payment on-line. All fees for students who chose not to take the exam will be removed after the due date.

NOTE: All payments for the PSAT must be made before SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016.

Can I study for the test? We recommend you become familiar with the test questions which are in the *student bulletin*. Don't forget to obtain one after you register. **Good Luck!!!**