



CIVIC MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of CMHS Juniors:

The SAT (with Essay) will be given to all juniors (free of charge) in the state of Illinois on Wednesday, April 5th, 2017. This is the mandatory standardized test that all students enrolled in Illinois public high schools are required to take in order to earn a high school diploma. Registration for this test will be taken care of at school. The SAT also serves as a college entrance exam and placement exam. Because of this, students are encouraged to do their very best! We proctored a full length practice exam in November to all of our juniors. Classroom teachers have been working with the juniors, as well, to prepare for this important exam.

- **Because this exam is a graduation requirement, we ask that you refrain from making student appointments on this day. Please make sure your son/daughter arrives to school on time. Once testing has begun, late entries are not allowed to test per SAT's rules.**
- **Students should bring a calculator to use on the math tests and at least one No. 2 pencil (*No mechanical pencils*).**
- **Students are required to have their student ID with them on test day. Replacement ID's can be purchased through the main office if needed.**
- **Cell phones are not allowed in the testing rooms. Students are to leave their phones in their lockers or cars. If a student is found to be in violation of this policy, he/she will be dismissed from testing with a cancellation of scores.**
- **We will provide a light snack for the students to be eaten during a short prescribed break. Students should refrain from bringing their own food unless they have documented accommodations which allow for snacks.**

Testing should conclude around 12:15 on Wednesday, April 5. Juniors will be dismissed from school after testing concludes unless a serious effort on the exam is not given. Students who do not give a serious effort on the SAT will go to ISS for the remainder of the school day. If a student randomly fills in answers, puts his/her head down shortly after beginning the test, or shows in any other way he/she is not putting forth his/her best effort, then the student will not be allowed to leave school early. Phone calls will be made to the parents/guardians of any student who is kept at school. Scores from the SAT are very important to both the students and to the school. Students who do not show up or who do not try on the SAT are doing themselves a disservice.

- **Because testing runs past our lunch time, sack lunch will be provided to those who request it through the main office by Friday, March 31. Otherwise, students will be responsible for their own lunch during their early dismissal.**

Junior students received all of this information, and more, today in a class meeting. This junior presentation can be found on the CMHS School Counseling Department homepage.

We wish the best of luck to all of our juniors on the SAT. If you have any questions about the presentation or the upcoming SAT, please feel free to contact your son or daughter's school counselor.

Sincerely,

Aaron B. Kilpatrick
Principal