

## **What: PSAT/NMSQT Test**

**When:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018  
8:00am to 11:15am

**Where:** CMHS

**Who:** Academically talented students who will have junior status during the 2018-2019 school year.

**Cost:** \$20 (Fee waivers available to juniors who receive free or reduced lunch.)

**Why take The Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test?** The PSAT/NMSQT serves as excellent practice for the SAT Reasoning Test, and juniors who take the test may qualify to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation programs. For more information about the competition, visit

<http://www.nationalmerit.org/s/1758/start.aspx?gid=2&pgid=61>.

Most importantly, the test is a comprehensive tool that gives valuable feedback to the student and the school. Students will receive scores in critical reading, math reasoning, and writing and will see how their scores compare to those of other juniors across the country. Post test date, through a question-by-question review of answers, students will be able to refer to the original test booklet for additional practice for the SAT. Best of all, with their score report, students receive a personalized statement of specific academic skills that need attention, along with suggested steps to improve those skills.

### **Content:**

- The suite of SAT exams was completely redesigned in 2015.
- 60-minute critical reading sections containing a total of 47 questions
- 70--minute math section containing a total of 48 questions
- 35-minute writing and language skills section containing 44 questions
- The penalty for incorrect answers no longer exists!

### **Preparing for Test:**

- A PSAT study guide will be provided in September to each registered student.
- Although no question requires calculator use, students are strongly encouraged to bring a calculator—a scientific or graphing calculator is recommended.
- Visit: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice> for early practice.

**Interested students need to sign up in the Counseling Office by Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Payment is required to sign up. Cash or checks (made payable to CMHS) will be accepted.**

**Junior students who receive free/reduced lunch need to notify Ms. Trish.**