



# PASCACK HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

## PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian of Grade 10 Students:

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) will be administered only once this year at Pascack Hills High School on the morning of **Saturday, October 19, 2019.** **Students should report at 7:45a.m.**

The District encourages sophomores to take the PSAT; however, the district will not assume the cost of the testing. The rationale to participate in the PSAT is: 1) to provide the students with the opportunity to assess their critical reading, mathematical and writing skills; 2) to experience a test very similar to the SAT Reasoning Test, and; 3) to allow the schools to receive detailed information on how well students applied knowledge and skills taught in our curriculum.

The PSAT parallels the SAT Reasoning Test. Like the SAT Reasoning Test, the PSAT is based on the principle that the test should more closely align to high school curricula and college skills. The PSAT Score Report Plus will continue to help students determine their strengths and weaknesses by providing personalized feedback on academic skills.

Divided into three sections, the PSAT will consist of: Critical Reading, Writing and Language, and Mathematics. Students are strongly encouraged to bring calculators for the mathematics portion of the exam. Important information and practice materials will be provided to students.

It is important to note that the PSAT/NMSQT was constructed for administration to high school students in their junior year. Some sophomore students have not completed the necessary course work that would enable them to answer some questions which are on the test. Considering this, the Board of Education's policy pertaining to Pupil Records stipulates that *sophomore* PSAT/NMSQT scores are not included on a student's permanent record unless the student is a three-year graduate.

To register for the October 19<sup>th</sup> PSAT exam, click on the following link. <http://aptsusa.com/pascackhills>.

**Please know registration is only available online and must be completed by September 27.**

**The exam fee is \$31.00.**

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's counselor at 201-358-7020, Ext. 22008.

Sincerely,

*Sean Struncis*

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District Supervisor of Guidance & Counseling Services