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Guidance Office**

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Dear Parents of Sophomores,

The PSAT will be administered on Saturday, October 15th here at North High School between the hours of 7:30 AM and approximately 12:00 PM. While it is our hope that most juniors sit for the PSAT exam, we want to provide sophomores the opportunity to do so as well. For juniors, the PSAT serves as practice for the SAT and as a qualifier for National Merit Scholarship consideration. **However, 10th grade students who take the PSAT do so strictly for the experience of taking the test.**

If you and your tenth grader believe he or she should take the PSAT, registration for the exam should be done electronically through the Parent Portal. The fee for the PSAT is \$24.00 and payment can be made on-line via credit card (Visa, Mastercard, and Discover) or by providing checking account information. Detailed instructions for making payments electronically can be found on the Great Neck North High School homepage. Once a payment is submitted, the student will be automatically registered for the exam. Payments must be made by Wednesday, October 5th. If a student chooses not to take the PSAT, the fee assigned to the family will be removed after the test date.

Registered students can stop by the Guidance Office to pick up a PSAT bulletin which provides more information and a sample PSAT. **All registered students should report to North High on Saturday, October 15th by 7:45 AM.**

Should your child require special testing arrangements because of religious observance, please see Ms. Fransioli in the Guidance Office as soon as possible. A letter from a clergyman will need to be provided because only a limited number of tests are available for Wednesday testing.

The last thing any of us wish to do is to add undue pressure to students' lives. Accordingly, if you believe it is too soon for your child to take the PSAT, go with your instincts as a parent, and let him or her wait until junior year, when taking the test becomes important. You are encouraged to call your child's counselor if you are uncertain as to whether he/she should register for the PSAT as a tenth grader.

Sincerely,

Michael Neary
Director of Guidance

P.S. By this time, those approved by the College Board to take the PSAT with special testing accommodations should have received notification to that effect. Unless a student is approved by the College Board, the PSAT and SAT must be taken under regular testing conditions.

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