

Dear Bishop Brady Parents,

Your child will take the **PSAT™ 8/9** at school on **Wednesday, October 14, 2020**. This test is a pressure-free way to start exploring their path to college and a future career. It helps them:

1. **Recognize strengths.** A personalized online PSAT 8/9 score report will include detailed information about your child's strengths and areas for growth. It helps students lean into areas they're good at and identify places where they need to improve to be ready for college.
2. **Explore future careers.** Students can explore college majors and careers that align with their personal interests with Roadmap to Careers, a unique online tool created by Roadtrip Nation and the College Board. The tool connects students to potential careers based on the things they love, showing where they can lead.
3. **Choose high school courses.** Knowing where they excel and what skills they should work on can help them choose other 9th- and 10th-grade classes.

In addition, student score reports will **suggest AP® courses that are a great match for them**. AP courses can give your child an edge in the admission process and allows them to **earn college credit** while in high school, which could save time and money in college.

The **PSAT™ 8/9** measures students' **math, reading, and writing skills**. If students find themselves struggling with a multiple choice question, we encourage them to take their best educated guess as they will not be penalized for incorrect answers.

Freshmen will **arrive at Bishop Brady High School by 7:45 AM and begin testing by 8:00 AM**. The PSAT 8/9 takes approximately **two hours and 25 minutes to complete**. This will be a **dress down day** for students and they will leave the building once they have finished their test.

Students are required to bring **two number 2 pencils** and are **encouraged to bring a scientific / graphing calculator for the math portion of the test**. You will find the link to the list of approved calculators at the bottom of this email. Students may bring a **water bottle**; however, **food will not be permitted**. In addition, students are **required to have cellphones shut off for the duration of the test**. Lastly, we recommend students get a great night's sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast.

To learn more about the **PSAT™ 8/9** and everything it can do for your child, we encourage parents and families to visit the College Board website listed below.

Sincerely,
Miss Wojtas & Miss Perrault

For more details on the PSAT™ 8/9, visit College Board at:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>

Calculator resource link:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat-subject-tests/taking-the-test/calculator-policy>