

Dear Bishop Brady Parents,

On **Wednesday, October 14, 2020**, your child will have the opportunity to take the **PSAT/NMSQT® (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)**, an important test that provides many benefits that can help him or her along the path to college. The **PSAT/NMSQT offers juniors the opportunity to enter competitions for scholarships that can help pay for college**. For **both sophomores and juniors**, the PSAT/NMSQT is also **great practice for the SAT®**. They'll get personalized feedback on their performance to help improve their skills before taking the SAT.

In addition, students receive **free college planning tools** to help them start their college search and **feedback on the types of AP courses** for which they may be particularly well prepared. Taking these college-level classes can help students **earn college credit while still in high school** and provide them with a competitive advantage in the college admission process. If your child is interested in hearing from colleges and universities across the country that are looking for students like him or her, remind your child to opt in to Student Search Service® when he or she takes the test.

The PSAT/NMSQT 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.

Juniors will **arrive at Bishop Brady High School at 8:00 AM** and **begin testing by 8:15 AM**. The PSAT/NMSQT takes approximately **2 hours and 45 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**. Additionally, students are **required to have cellphones shut off**. Lastly, we recommend students get a great night's sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast.

To learn more about the **PSAT/NMSQT** 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/NMSQT, visit College Board at: www.psat.org

Calculator resource link:

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