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Information Regarding PSAT Testing

October 5, 2021

Dear Sophomore and Junior Students and Parents:

On **October 13, 2020**, your student will have the opportunity to compete in the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) Program. This is a voluntary test for juniors (sophomores are also welcome to test, as space permits), and its scores are used to determine if a student is eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program. In the past, several Hiawatha High School students have reached the semi-final and finalist standing in the program. Some of these students received college-sponsored and four-year achievement scholarships as a result of obtaining high scores on the test.

Besides competing in the National Merit Scholarship program, there are other reasons you might want to consider taking the test:

- *You will gain testing experience for the Scholarship Aptitude Test and other tests. For example, the SAT is one you might take when applying for admission or financial aid for colleges outside of Kansas.
- *You can predict your own SAT scores from your PSAT/NMSQT scores.
- *You can compare your scores with other college-bound juniors across the nation.
- *You can estimate your chances of getting into and succeeding at the college of your choice.
- *You can participate in the Student Search Services and have your name sent to colleges that are looking for students with your qualities.
- *You can become eligible for other types of scholarships other than the National Merit.

The PSAT/NMSQT requires one hour for instructions and two hours for taking the test. The test measures verbal, math, and writing skills. The test will be offered on **October 13, 2020**, which is the **only** time the test is administered. There are **NO** make-up opportunities for this test.

To register to take the test, please pay \$18 to the front office by **October 11th and bring your receipt to the counseling office where you can pick up your PSAT Student Guide**. Please make checks payable to Hiawatha High School. The number of tests is limited (only 25), so sign up early! Scientific or graphing calculators are allowed. Students will eat 3rd lunch shift. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me for more information.

Thank you,

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