

# PSAT 9: Wednesday, April 12th

## What Freshmen Parents and Students need to Know

*Hello 9th Grade students and families,*

*Wednesday, April 12th, will be a big day at Tri-Valley High School! Normal classes will not be taking place as freshmen and sophomores will take the PSAT, juniors will be off-campus taking the SAT, and seniors will be off-campus to job shadow, visit a college, or participate in community service.*

***Because this is an unconventional day there is a lot you need to know!*** Please read over all the information provided below so your son/daughter has a positive, stress-free testing day on Wednesday.

*Sincerely,*

*Frank Arnolts  
TVHS Principal*

### **(1) About the Test, Practice & Resources:**

- All freshmen will be taking the PSAT 8/9. This is the students' first step in preparing for the SAT, which serves as both the Illinois high school assessment and college entrance exam.
- Students are not supposed to practice for the PSAT 8/9 as this test is designed for students to get a baseline of where they stand.
  - Students need to create a [College Board Account](#): Your student should set up a College Board account to see their test scores.
  - [Khan Academy](#): Get personalized recommendations for future tests.

### **(2) What students need to Bring:**

- Two No. 2 pencils (**non-mechanical**) and erasers
- Approved calculator (see SAT [Calculator Policy](#))
- A watch without an alarm (Not necessary but recommended)
- Extra batteries or a backup calculator (Not necessary but recommended)
- Water or snacks for breaks.
- The College Board has a long list of what not to bring. Basically, you should not bring anything that is not on the above list. **Please consider leaving phones in your cars or lockers.**
- **If a device you are carrying makes noise or you are seen using it at any time, including during breaks, you may be dismissed immediately, your scores will be canceled, and the device may be confiscated to inspect its contents.**

### **(3) Important Notes:**

- All Freshman and Sophomore students will be dismissed as testing activities are completed. **Dismissal for Freshman will approximately be 11:45/11:55. [If you plan on having your student stay for all/part of the day after testing is complete, please fill out this Google Form.](#)** These students will be in a supervised study hall for the afternoon.

- Breakfast will be provided by the TVHS kitchen staff, beginning at 7:30 AM in the Commons. On the menu: The price will be just a regular lunch price of \$2.92 and will follow the same guidelines as lunch (with one entrée, fruit, potatoes, juice or milk). Entrees are either a breakfast casserole or donut/muffin.
- Students who come late to school on this day **will not** be able to enter testing rooms or complete the test. We ask that you avoid scheduled appointments until after testing is finished.

**(4) Schedule on Wednesday, April 12 for Freshmen:**

7:30 AM:	Breakfast!
8:10 AM:	Students report to assigned rooms
8:30 AM:	Testing Begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading (55 minutes)</li> <li>• Break 1 (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Writing &amp; Language (30 minutes)</li> <li>• Math w/o Calculator (20 minutes)</li> <li>• Break 2 (5 minutes)</li> <li>• Math w/ Calculator (40 minutes)</li> </ul>
11:10 - 11:40 AM:	Preadministration Questions
11:45/11:55 AM:	Students dismissed for the day!

\*\*Please note that this schedule will be different if your student is using testing accommodations due to an IEP or 504; their testing may run longer. Please watch for an email from Mrs. McCane with info.

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