



September 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, eighth grade students will complete the *College Board PSAT 8/9*. The *PSAT 8/9* assesses reading, writing, language and mathematics reasoning focusing on knowledge and skills predictive of college and career readiness and success. The results of this assessment are considered with other information when making high school course placement determinations.

The area of reading emphasizes identifying conclusions based on passages from a variety of domains, recognizing relationships using text-based information and the determination of explicit meaning from graphics and text. The area of writing and language focuses on the effective use of punctuation, capacity to edit sentences with phrases, and incorporating information from graphics into a text. The mathematics area emphasizes applied multi-step problems involving common geometric equations, ratios, percentages, and introductory probability and statistics. For additional information concerning the *PSAT 8/9*, please see (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>).

The *PSAT 8/9* will be administered in the regular classroom setting. Administration time for each area ranges from 30 to 60 minutes. We anticipate receiving the results of this assessment in December.

Please contact your school principal should you have any additional questions concerning this assessment.

Regards,

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