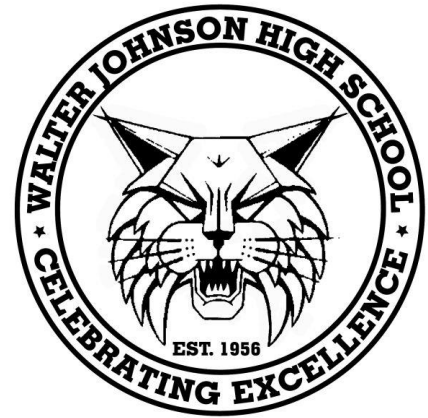


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Dear Parents/Guardians/Students of Walter Johnson High School:

This letter is to provide information regarding the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test), which will be administered on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 to all tenth and eleventh graders. A revised bell schedule, which accommodates the efficient administration of the exam, is included in this letter and is available on the Walter Johnson website. Test groups will be established and posted on our website and throughout the building prior to October 13th.

The PSAT/NMSQT pre-administration includes an optional Student Search Service questionnaire which requests personal identifying information from students (racial/ethnic background, family income, parent/guardian's highest levels of education, etc.) This service can help students with particular backgrounds or interests receive information about educational and financial aid opportunities. Students may choose to opt-out of these questions and service.

10th and 11th grade students will receive a PSAT Student Guide. This material also includes sample test questions as well as answers to the most commonly asked questions about the PSAT/NMSQT. You may also access additional information about the PSAT/NMSQT here:

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/testing/sat-school-day.aspx>

All 9th grade students will take a MOCK SAT exam. There will be no cost associated with this exam. The test is a courtesy of Capitol Educators. Results and interpretation of the results will be shared in January. **Testing accommodations will not be provided for the 9th grade practice SAT.**

All 10th grade students will take the official 2021 PSAT for FREE. This test is the official PSAT that 10th graders take before taking the PSAT/NMSQT their junior year. Tests will be scored by the Educational Testing Service. Results and interpretation of the results will be shared in January. To register or to opt out of the PSAT, please complete this [registration form](#).

All 11th grade students will take the official 2021 PSAT/NMSQT for FREE. It is extremely important that all students take this exam in their junior year in order to qualify for merit scholarships and to be placed on updated college mailing lists. Only score reports from the junior year administration can be used for this purpose. Results and interpretation of the results will be shared in January. To register or to opt out of the PSAT, please complete this [registration form](#).

Eligible 12th Graders will take the official SAT. Seniors who have not taken the SAT yet are eligible to take the SAT on October 13, 2021. **Pre-registration required.** Seniors not testing may report to school after lunch to participate in the Stressbuster/Wellness activities.

Please note, students who will take the official SAT or PSAT/NMSQT must have been granted testing accommodations through The College Board in order to receive them. Students who have already been approved for accommodations on other College Board exams (AP, SAT, etc.) do not need to re-apply.

This will be an excellent opportunity for seniors to complete college applications or to work on their college essays. The cafeteria will be open for quiet study. Please note the Media Center will not be open to seniors as it is being used for testing.

In the afternoon, our teachers are planning many fun stressbuster/wellness activities for students. Students will have an opportunity to sign-up for two activities of interest.

You may contact your child's counselor or email Mr. Heintze, assistant principal if you have any questions regarding the SAT/PSAT School Day: [James T Heintze@mcpsmd.org](mailto:James.T.Heintze@mcpsmd.org)

Schedule for Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Administration of SAT/PSAT/NMSQT

Activity	Bell Schedule
Warning Bell	7:39
Testing Block	7:45 - 11:30
Lunch	11:30 – 12:20
Stressbuster/ Wellness Activity #1	12:20-1:20
Transition	1:20-1:30
Stressbuster/ Wellness Activity #2	1:30-2:30
Dismissal	2:30

We look forward to a positive and successful testing experience.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Baker
Principal