

December 17, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Grades 10 and 11:

We have begun preparations for the January administration of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Due to COVID-19, the administration of the October PSAT/NMSQT was postponed until the winter administration date. As a school and community, we value the experience the PSAT offers our students in preparing them for the SAT. College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) remains the most utilized assessment for Conestoga students in the college admissions process.

On Tuesday, January 26, 2021 Conestoga will administer the PSAT/NMSQT. This test date was established by College Board. Since the test administration is on a school day, all costs will be covered by the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District for all current students in grades 10 and 11 who are interested in participating in the PSAT/NMSQT. At this time, we are asking parents/guardians of ALL students in grades 10 and 11, whether hybrid or virtual, to **please complete the attached [survey](#)** by Wednesday, December 23rd to confirm whether your child will or will not take the PSAT/NMSQT. This will allow us to establish testing details and make room assignments for the test day while following health and safety guidelines.

The PSAT/NMSQT is an abbreviated version of the Reading and Math sections of the SAT. It also serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) to identify academically talented high school juniors for scholarship opportunities and recognition. Test administration will begin at 8:00a.m on Tuesday, January 26th and continue for approximately three hours. Depending on the number of confirmed testers, we may stagger the start time for each grade. Students will be dismissed following testing and are responsible for transportation to and from school on that day. If you are unable to secure transportation, please reach out to your school counselor.

We are pleased to offer this opportunity to further support college readiness and assist students in achieving their personal best during these challenging times. We encourage students and families to visit the [College Board website](#) to learn more about the *SAT Suite of Assessments* as well as [Preparation Resources](#) for the PSAT/NMSQT. Additional information will be sent to all participating students as we approach the test date. Please contact any of our school counselors with additional questions.

Sincerely,

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