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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF FRESHMAN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Dear Parents and Students,

On Wednesday, October 25, 2017 freshman, sophomores and juniors who signed up to take the PSAT/NMSQT will begin at 8:00 in the BHS auditorium. Taking the PSAT/NMSQT can encourage a student to start thinking seriously about life after high school, about college and career goals, and about the education needed to reach those goals. The PSAT/NMSQT has been designed to mirror the SAT.

Students can prepare for this exam by reviewing the information on the PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide that will be sent home with students prior to testing. There is additional practice available at: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>

Bellville ISD provides all students with academic opportunities needed to prepare them for college and beyond. Participation in the PSAT/NMSQT is an important step in preparing for college.

The College Board has partnered with Khan Academy to provide free SAT online practice. The customized test preparation will offer skill based videos and practice SAT questions to support students who have taken the PSAT/NMSQT. When students get their score report, they can connect their College Board and Khan Academy accounts to get free personalized learning plans based on test performance.

Taking the PSAT/NMSQT provides the following advantages to students:

- *It measures the reading, math, and writing skills needed for college and career planning. After the test, students will receive a score report that will highlight opportunities to strengthen academic skills. Students can use the score report to show strengths and weaknesses pertaining to college readiness.

- *Prepares students for taking the SAT.

- *The Student Search Service gives PSAT/NMSQT test takers the option to voluntarily place their names and addresses in a pool of college-bound students interested in receiving admission and financial aid information from certified colleges, universities and scholarship agencies.

- *Provides practice recommendations from Khan Academy.

- *Juniors who score well may qualify for National Merit Recognition and Scholarships.

- *It provides valuable information to parents and students on student potential for advanced academics in high school.

Score Reports will be distributed by February, 2018 at Bellville High School. Along with the score reports, PSAT/NMSQT test takers will receive a unique access code to gain access to an online score reporting portal. From there students have access to all the college and career exploration programs available on College Board.

What should students bring on test day?

No. 2 pencils and eraser

Approved calculator (four function, scientific, or graphing calculators – may not share calculators)

Email address/Home address