September 2019

Dear Junior Class Parents and Students:

On Saturday, October 19, 2019, an important scholarship qualifying examination, the PSAT/NMSQT, will be given throughout the district. The PSAT is an excellent practice test for the SAT, as well as the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. All Juniors are encouraged to take the exam. Sophomores may benefit from the practice element, but are not eligible for scholarship consideration. Additionally, we are pleased to offer a cost-effective and highly successful PSAT preparation course for the 23rd consecutive year! The course is designed specifically to meet the needs of our college-bound students by concentrating on test format, instruction in math, verbal and writing skills as well as current test taking strategies. Two complete practice exams (a pre-test and a post-test) will be administered. Test-prep data confirms that success in these programs is directly related to attendance- the more students attend, the better they do.

The course cost is $145 per student. This includes all study materials, access to the Khan Academy curriculum, as well as both a pre-test and a post-test with analysis. Students MUST supply their own calculator, highlighter, pens and pencils, and their District-approved iPad, earbuds and charger, for the preparation course. The courses will be offered with a choice of afternoon or evening sessions. (go to the school website for schedule details)

The preparation course DOES NOT include the cost of, or registration for, the actual PSAT exam, which includes a $20 fee charged by the College Board. If students are registering for both the PSAT course and the PSAT exam, you must do so with the school’s finance clerk at the same time.

PLEASE NOTE: The District will be administering the PSAT 10 exam to all 10th graders in the District on April 28, 2020. This test is FREE for all students!

Two Important Reminders
- Each school in the District organizes its own course schedule.
- Students must register for the PSAT exam on their own.

Registration will be September 9th-13th only. 12 (2 hour) Sessions will run September 16 to October 18. Return the attached registration form and payment to the finance clerk in the main office of your building.

If you have any questions, please speak to the PSAT Liaison at your school:

Elmont- Ms. Irina Kimyagarov (Math Chairperson).
Ikimyagarov@sewanhakaschools.org

Sewanhaka- Ms. Patricia Aiello (Math Chairperson).
Paiello@sewanhakaschools.org

H. Frank Carey- Mr. Robert Pontecorvo (Math Chairperson)
Pontecorvo@sewanhakaschools.org

Floral Park- Ms. Marcella Fini-Jackman (Math Chairperson)
Mfini-jackman@sewanhakaschools.org

New Hyde Park- Ms. Melissa Argaman (Guidance Counselor)
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There will be no sessions held on September 30, October 1, 9 & 14 due to school holidays

Sincerely,

Scott Greene
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
FALL 2019 PSAT REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly and return this form along with payment to the finance clerk at your school starting September 9, 2019.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Street Address: __________________________________________________

Town: _________________________ Zip:______________________________

Phone: _________________________ School: _________________________

Parent’s Email Address: __________________________________________

Although preference for a particular session cannot be guaranteed, each school will attempt to offer classes on days and times that are convenient. In most cases, you will be registered immediately into the classes when you return this form along with payment.

Since the program has recently changed format to allow for more personal instruction, each PSAT Preparation classroom will be limited to the first 25 students who submit their registration with payment.

If you have questions about the schedule, contact your school representative located on the informational letter that accompanied the registration form.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

• The 12 (2 hour sessions) will run from September 16 through October 18
• Check for $145.00 made out to SEWANHAKA CHSD
• Check for $20.00 for cost of the PSAT Exam
• Please indicate School and phone number on checks
• Please note: Please contact your schools Pupil Personnel Department regarding registration for the PSAT Exam that will be administered Saturday, October 19, 2019
• This is an AMAZING opportunity for your child to receive test taking preparation skills and possible scholarship opportunities.