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Dear Junior Class Parents and Students:

On the morning of Saturday, October 14, 2017, 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.

The Sewanhaka Central High School District is pleased to offer a **PSAT preparation course** designed specifically to meet the needs of our college-bound students. It will concentrate 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. The course curriculum has been updated to reflect the changes to the new PSAT exam. Recently analyzed test-prep data confirms that success in these programs is directly related to attendance – *the more students attend; the better they do.*

The test preparation program described in this letter is recommended for all **Juniors** and any **Sophomores who are enrolled in Math 10A**. The preparation course **DOES NOT** include the cost of, or registration for, the actual PSAT/NMSQT exam, which includes a \$20 fee charged by the College Board. If students are registering for both the PSAT course and the PSAT/NMSQT exam, they must do so with the school's finance clerk at the same time. Please note: this year the District will be administering the PSAT 10 exam in the Spring of 2018 to all 10th grade students free of charge.

The cost for this preparation course is **\$145** per student, which includes all study materials as well as both a pre-test and a post-test analysis. Students must supply their own calculator, highlighter, pens and pencils for the preparation course and for the exam. The courses will be offered with a choice of afternoon or evening sessions.

Two Important Reminders:

1. Each school in the District organizes its own course schedule.
2. Students must register for the PSAT exam on their own.

Registration will be September 11th – 15th only. Return the registration form (enclosed in this mailing) and payment to the finance clerk in the main office of your building.

If you have any questions, please speak to the appropriate person at your school:

- Elmont – Ms. Irina Kimyagarov (Math Chairperson) – 488-9235
- Sewanhaka – Ms. Patricia Aiello (Math Chairperson) – 488-9626
- H. Frank Carey – Mr. Robert Pontecorvo (Math Chairperson) – 539-9426
- Floral Park – Dr. Ron Girraffa – (Math Chairperson) – 488-9326
- New Hyde Park – Ms. Gerri Cookler (Guidance Chairperson) – 488-9520

There will be no sessions held September 21st & 22nd and October 9th due to school holidays.

Sincerely,

Scott Colvin

Sewanhaka District PSAT
Prep Course Facilitator

Dr. Cheryl Champ

Assistant Superintendent of
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FALL 2017 PSAT REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly and return this form along with payment to the finance clerk at your school starting on Monday, September 11, 2017.

*Eligible **Sophomore** students can register on **Sept. 14th** and **Sept. 15th** only.*

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 at times that are convenient. In most cases, you will be registered immediately into the classes when you return this form and check.

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 bring in their completed registration form and payment.

If you have questions about the schedule, contact the appropriate person at your school listed on the informational letter that accompanied this registration form.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

- The four-week program will begin the week of September 18th.
- Bring a check for \$145.00 for the course.
- Bring a separate check for \$20.00 for the cost of the exam.
- Make the checks out to SEWANHAKA CHSD.
- Write your PHONE NUMBER AND SCHOOL NAME ON THE CHECKS.
- Please note: participation in this preparation course will not register students to take the PSAT. Families are encouraged to contact the guidance department for assistance with PSAT exam registration.