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Dear Students and Families:

The College Board SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) is required for admission to many colleges. The PSAT 10 (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) is a useful study tool to help students prepare for the SAT exam. The PSAT 10 is a nationally administered exam which measures skills in two sections: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math Reasoning. PSAT 10 scores not only project how a student might score on an official SAT exam, but also compare students nationally to other college-bound students.

Please note that the PSAT 10 scores are not sent to colleges. The exam experience and score reports are intended to help students better prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT (administered to all 11th graders in October). When taken in 11th grade, the PSAT/NMSQT serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as well as a determination for qualification for the Achievement Scholarship for Outstanding African American Students and the National Hispanic Scholarship. The National Merit Scholarship organization utilizes scores from this exam to identify potential scholarship recipients across the country.

Since this examination will serve our students well as they plan for their future, we will be administering the PSAT 10 to ALL 10th graders on Wednesday, March 11 at 8:00 am. 

Please note that this exam is mandatory for all 10th grade students, no pre-registration is necessary. Students should be prepared with pencils and calculator for exam day.

Students with documented disabilities may receive test accommodations as per College Board applications and final approval letters. Parents will receive specific letters from College Board regarding such accommodations if approved. Please contact your child’s School Counselor if you have not yet applied for College Board test accommodations.

BUS SCHEDULE: Students will take their regularly scheduled bus to school. At the conclusion of the exam 10th grade students will be dismissed for the school day. Buses home will be available for students from both Long Beach and Island Park.

Dismissal for students in grades 9, 11 and 12 will remain at 2:50 pm.

Sincerely,

Kerry Fallon
Coordinator of School Counseling