

September 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, at 8 a.m., Pearl River High School will offer the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) to any interested sophomore or junior student in the 2018-2019 school year. The PSAT is a multiple-choice assessment of verbal, mathematics, and writing skills. The PSAT is an optional test that provides practice for the SAT Reasoning Test through personalized feedback of student performance with suggestions for improvement. The SAT Reasoning Test, taken later, can be used as a standardized test in college applications and may be helpful for students wanting to pursue admission to highly competitive colleges or universities. The PSAT also serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQST). Top performing juniors nationally (approximately 1%) may be eligible for money through National Merit, National Achievement, or National Hispanic Scholarship funds.

Be aware number of tests are limited, therefore they will be provided on a first come first serve basis, please do not wait to register. On the morning of the test, students should arrive by 7:45 a.m. with a photo ID, #2 pencils, and a calculator. Please note that cell phones are prohibited and calculators or batteries will not be supplied to students. Testing will conclude by approximately 11:30 a.m. PSAT registration is available from September 17-September 28 for a fee of \$30. Cash or check (made payable to Pearl River High School) should be brought Guidance Department in the high school main office. This fee is non-refundable.

If you have any questions regarding the PSAT, please contact your child's guidance counselor.

Thank you,

Kim Haugereid

Teacher / PSAT Supervisor