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Dear Students and Parents:

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a program co-sponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The PSAT/NMSQT test is used to identify student candidates for the National Merit Scholarship program and to identify students for additional scholarship opportunities, as well as provide us with information about students who are likely to succeed in AP classes. In addition, the PSAT/NMSQT offers **My College Quick Start**, a free online college and career planning tool which helps students search for colleges, explore majors and careers so that they can sign up to receive free information from colleges and scholarship organizations. The students who take this test are primarily 10th and 11th graders, as it is beneficial for younger students to take the test to get a head start on improving academic skills needed for success in college. This standardized test provides first-hand experience for the SAT and will be administered to Joliet Central students on Tuesday, January 26th, 2021. This test will be administered on campus.

PSAT/NMSQT fees for 2021 are \$17. Exam costs are established by College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. **Fee waivers are available for junior students only who qualify for free or reduced lunch fees through the College Board.** Junior students who are eligible for a fee waiver will be ensured to have their costs covered by the College Board this year.

It is assumed students taking AP or Honors courses will take the PSAT/NMSQT exam. In order to facilitate the registration process and to meet College Board deadlines, all junior students enrolled in an Honors or AP course will be registered for the PSAT/NMSQT exam. Although taking the PSAT/NMSQT exam is both expected and beneficial, it is not mandatory. If your student chooses not participate in the PSAT/NMSQT exam, **he/she must submit a PSAT/NMSQT Exam Opt Out Form by Thursday, December 3, 2020 to renglish@jths.org.** After the 3rd of December, students will be registered for the test and billed the \$17 test fee while being expected to participate in the PSAT/NMSQT exam on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact, Mrs. English, Mr. Russell or Mr. Bouey as listed below. If you would like to learn more about the PSAT/NMSQT please visit: collegeboard.org/psat.

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