

September 25th, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Wednesday, October 11th is the school day scheduled this year for standardized testing of freshmen, sophomores and juniors at Archbishop Murphy High School. We would like to take this opportunity to clarify the current testing program at AMHS. During your student's years at AMHS, she/he will take the **PSAT 8/9** during freshman year, the **PreACT** during sophomore year and the **PSAT/NMSQT** during their junior year.

The **PSAT 8/9** that will be administered for *freshman*, is the first test offered in the Suite of Assessments in preparation for the SAT. This test measures a student's reading, writing and language, and math skills for college and career readiness.

The *sophomores* will be taking the **PreACT**. This 10th grade multiple choice assessment will help prepare students for the experience of taking the ACT. The PreACT will also provide valuable insights on college and career readiness.

The PSAT is an *aptitude test* which was developed by the College Board specifically for *juniors* as a preparatory test for its college entrance exam, the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test). The PSAT assesses *academic potential* in the areas of reading, writing and language, and math and provides students with an early indication of their educational progress relative to the skill sets and aptitudes that contribute to academic success in college. In addition to being a practice test for the SAT, the PSAT also serves as the high school qualifying exam for *juniors* in the National Merit Scholarship Program, the National Achievement Scholarship Program for outstanding Black Americans, and the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

In January, test results of the will be shared with students and parents, but they **are not submitted by the College Board/ACT or AMHS to any colleges or universities**. All test takers may **choose** to participate in the College Board Student Search Service which provides the students' self-reported GPA, core course selection, potential college major, but **not** test scores; to colleges and universities that offer degrees in the students' areas of interest.

CP teachers will be disseminating information about their perspective test with freshmen and sophomores (October 2nd) and juniors (October 4th). In addition, juniors will receive a helpful test preparation guide which includes information pertaining to the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Students have been instructed to report to their assigned testing rooms at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11th. The students' room assignments are based upon their English teacher/class period. Room schedules will be posted in the main office and exterior doors and the AMHS web site.

Students need to bring two #2 pencils and a scientific or graphing calculator. No food or beverage (including water) is allowed in the classroom based upon testing agency rules.

Your student should get a good night's rest the night before the exam and eat a balanced breakfast that includes protein.

Students will complete their testing at approximately 12:00 noon. The freshmen will be going to lunch and a skating party sponsored by LINK until 2:45. Permission slips, which will need a parent/guardian signature can be found by clicking this link [Permission Slip](#). The permission slips are due Oct. 6th. The students can return the permission slips to Ms. Huggins in room 703 or Mrs. Morales and Mrs. Thompson at the front desk.

All sophomores and juniors will be released from school at 12 noon, and should have transportation arrangements to be picked up at that time. If you have any questions, please contact counseling.

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PSAT 8/9, PRACT and PSAT/NMSQT Testing
Testing Locations by English period/teacher

English Period/Teacher	ROOM Assignment
11th graders (PSAT/NMSQT)	
1 st / Zellner	201
4 th / Zellner	402
4 th / Melum	208
7 th / Melum	205
8 th / Zellner	202
10th Graders (PRACT)	
1 st / Becher	710
2 nd / Becher	807
3 rd / Wright	804
4 th / Becher	711
5 th / Becher	808
5 th / Zellner	401
9th graders PSAT 8/9	
1 st / Mullen	707
2 nd / Mullen	703
3 rd / Campbell	702
3 rd / Mullen	704
5 th / Mullen	705
7 th / Mullen	709