

High School PARENTS & STUDENTS, Get Ready for the New PSAT!

This year the College Board introduces the New PSAT (Preliminary SAT)/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test). The test is a great way to practice for the SAT. As a result, there are changes in the testing procedures as noted below:

Juniors - *The PSAT is now given to juniors only! National Merit Scholarships are available to students that score high. The PSAT tests the same skills and information as the SAT – in a way that is age appropriate for this grade level. When test results are returned, juniors can connect to their College Board and Khan Academy® accounts to get free personalized SAT study recommendations. Hayworth is giving the PSAT to juniors October 28th at 8:15. A \$15 testing fee is assessed to each juniors FACTS tuition account as an incidental charge. When the fee is posted to the student's FACTS account, parents receive an email from FACTS notifying them of the charge. Parents may pay as indicated in the email from FACTS or bring a \$15 check written to HCS or a cash payment to the Guidance office. The payment will be credited to the student's FACTS account and parents receive notification of the posting. A reminder letter will go home to juniors as the test date approaches. This test is in addition to the standardized testing in the spring. Juniors still participate as usual in the Terra Nova test administered April 18 - 20, 2016 at HCS.*

Sophomores - *Another change is that the PSAT 10 is offered in the spring to 10th graders. The date for the testing is to be determined (TBD). Test will be more aligned with the student's age and subjects they have had. This test is not considered for the National Merit Scholarship but is simply practice and a good indicator as to what subject/s need additional study and preparation. This test is in addition to the standardized testing in the spring. Juniors still participate as usual in the Terra Nova test administered April 18 - 20, 2016 at HCS.*

Freshman - *There is no longer a test of this kind for freshmen. They simply participate in the Terra Nova standardized testing in the spring (April 18 - 20, 2016) at HCS.*