



KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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TODD TUNNELL
PRINCIPAL

October 8, 2015

Dear Parent or Guardian:

On Wednesday, October 14, 2015, Timber Creek High School will administer the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT) to the following TCHS students: all sophomores, all juniors and freshman students who pre-registered to take the test. The 9th, 10th, and 11th graders taking the exam will be instructed and notified of their testing centers prior to the October 14th PSAT test administration and they will be expected to report to their testing center at 8:30am. ***The testing center assignments link will be emailed to all students and can also be found on the TCHS website under the Academic Testing tab.*** Students arriving after testing has started will not be allowed to take the test per College Board guidelines, so it is very important for students to arrive on time to their testing centers. Tardy students must report to the attendance office upon arrival. Each student needs to bring a sack lunch, a calculator, and pencils for the exam. Sack lunches will be available for purchase in the cafeteria the morning of testing. Food and drinks **will not** be allowed in the testing centers so please be aware of this rule and encourage your child to come to school on the 14th well rested and well nourished. These students are pre-registered and require no further action.

All non-testing students, which include all seniors and 9th graders who did not register for the PSAT, will report to school at 11:00am. The following students report to **Large Gym** at 11:00am for attendance: All 9th grade students who are not registered to take PSAT. All 10th and 11th grade students that arrived too late to take exam or are not scheduled to take the exam due to extenuating circumstances. The following students report to **Small Gym** at 11:00am for attendance: All 12th grade students. If any student is unable to find transportation for late arrival, they may still ride the bus or arrive at the regularly scheduled time.

Our schedule for PSAT testing does require an altered schedule which will be posted to the TCHS website and will count as a regular day of school. Please adjust your schedules accordingly. All students are expected to be in attendance.

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is a program co-sponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. For many students, the PSAT/NMSQT is the first official step on the road to college. It assesses skills developed through years of study in a wide range of courses as well as through experiences outside the classroom. Results from the October PSAT/NMSQT administration give juniors a chance to enter the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competition. The PSAT/NMSQT has three parts: Critical Reading, Math, and Writing Skills. The most common reasons students take the PSAT/NMSQT are to: help assess skills necessary for college-level work, prepare for the SAT, enter competitions for National Scholarships, and receive information from colleges.

As the principal of Timber Creek High School, I take a great deal of pride in our students and their academic and character development. We are looking forward to working with you and your student and we know the results derived from the PSAT test will provide valuable diagnostic tools in increasing our students' educational growth.

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about/bulletin.html>

Sincerely,

Todd Tunnell

Principal
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