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**RE: Eighth Grade PSAT Test Informational Letter**

Dear Parents and Students of the Class of 2023,

McHenry High School is preparing for your student's arrival to our district next year. In preparation for this transition, eighth grade students will take the PSAT8 placement test in mid-October. This is the first of a suite of assessments that your students will take each year at MCHS culminating with the SAT for college entrance! The data generated from this test, past course achievement, and 8th grade teacher recommendations, assists us in matching courses to your student's academic needs. Appropriate course placement maximizes the probability of academic success for your child at McHenry High School next fall. The 8th grade PSAT test will also serve as a baseline measure from which we will all support your student's growth towards their personal and academic potential. Please stress to your child to take these assessments seriously and to continue to work hard in his/her 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

Your student will take the PSAT 8 exam from The College Board. This test will serve as the primary tool for determining academic placement in McHenry High School. The three-hour testing period will consist of a mathematics test and an evidence based reading and writing test. The PSAT8 is also a good tool to use in predicting college and career readiness. When the results arrive, each student will be given a copy of his or her test scores along with an informational guide on how to interpret the results. In addition, a copy will be placed in the student's permanent file at McHenry High School. As your student begins to think about and plan for his or her future, this may be a good tool to reference. Below you will see the schedule and dates for these tests as well as websites for you to learn more about the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PSAT test or the entire SAT Suite of Assessments.

<b>Morning of October 11</b>	<b>MMS, Harrison, and Montini</b>
<b>Morning of October 12</b>	<b>Parkland</b>

**College Board PSAT8 Page:** <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/inside-the-test>

**MCHS SAT resources page:** <http://www.dist156.org/sat/>

Again, we are very excited about your student becoming a "Warrior" very soon and the academic growth that will result in the next several years!

Sincerely,

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