

# **2017 PSAT/NMSQT**

(Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

**Date: Saturday, October 14th**

**Time: 7:45am-11:30am**

**Location: Grand Island High School**

**Cost: \$18.00**

Cash or check payable to: **Grand Island Central Schools**

\*Fee waivers are available for eligible students

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.**

**Registration: Thursday, Sept. 20-Friday, Sept. 29**

Registration will only be available between **8:30am-3:30pm**

Students must register with Ms. Fischer or Mrs. Keller  
in the *Guidance Office*

**Test Modifications** and **Fee Waivers** are available for students who  
qualify. Please notify the secretary when registering

**Tests are available on a first come first serve basis!**

NOTE: If you miss the registration deadline the fee for the test will be \$25.00  
and you will be placed on a waiting list.

## Top Reasons why to take the PSAT/NMSQT

- To get ready for the SAT (Standardized Assessment Test needed to apply to most four year colleges/universities).
- On average students who take the PSAT score 120 points higher on the SAT than those who don't take it.
- To receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. Once taken students will be given free access to their own personalized study plan.
- As an 11<sup>th</sup> grader you are entered into the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competitions for recognition and scholarship.

## How to Prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT

- Go to the college board website at [www.psat.org/practice](http://www.psat.org/practice) and to the PSAT section for more information

## Know the Format of the Test

- Three sections that measure skills and pinpoint areas of development
- Critical Reading- 60 minutes of multiple choice questions based on passages
- Math- 2 sections totaling 70 minutes, one portion with calculator, one portion without the use of a calculator. Some multiple choice and some will be student produced responses.
- Writing & Language section- 35-minute multiple choice questions based on passages
- There is no penalty for guessing

## Other Important Points

- \*Students need to bring TWO #2 pencils
- \*Students are encouraged to bring a calculator but they are not required!  
Approved calculators are: four function, scientific and graphing.

**We will not hand out calculators!**

\*See Ms. Kavanagh with any additional questions  
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