



RICHARD MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Wednesday, October 14, 2009, the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) will be administered to our students in grades 9, 10 and 11 from 7:30 a.m.-10:50 a.m. Richard Montgomery is committed to obtaining 100% attendance and participation on this day. Some of the benefits for our students include:

- Prepares students for the SAT's
- Creates possibilities for earning scholarships and academic recognition through National Merits Programs
- Students who take the PSAT receive FREE online access to My College QuickStart at www.collegeboard.com/quickstart
- Providing feedback in regards to student strengths for possible higher level courses that would be more challenging
- Opens the door and begins the process for college searches

Ninth-Graders: A mock PSAT will be administered to all ninth graders **at no cost** using an outside vendor. Since most freshmen will be experiencing the PSAT test-taking format for the first time, this is a great opportunity for our students to practice and prepare for the official PSAT which will be administered in their junior year. Therefore, we advise that parents encourage their ninth-grader, and remind them of the importance of *just participating* in the test-taking process. Students and parents will have the opportunity to access a comprehensive and informative analysis of the test performance on the mock PSAT.

Tenth-Graders: The formal PSAT test will be administered to all students in grade 10, and **at no cost**. Montgomery County Public Schools pays for the administration of PSAT for tenth-graders. **It is mandatory for all tenth grade students to take the PSAT on the October 14 test date.** Each student will receive a PSAT/NBSQT Student Bulletin from their English teacher. Please review this bulletin with your son/daughter prior to the test date. PSAT test results will be sent to us in December, at which time guidance counselors will review results with students.

Eleventh-Graders: The official PSAT test will be administered to all students in grade 11, **at a cost of \$13.** Eleventh graders **MUST pre-register for the PSAT by no later than Wednesday, October 7.** Registration forms are available in the main office and counseling office, as well as through the school website. Eleventh graders who take the PSAT may qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program, therefore we encourage all eleventh grade students take the PSAT on the October 14 test date. Each student will receive a PSAT/NBSQT Student Bulletin from their English teacher. Please review this bulletin with your son/daughter prior to the test date. PSAT test results will be sent to us in December, at which time guidance counselors will review results with students.

We wish your child a positive testing experience. If you have any questions regarding the PSAT testing process, please feel free to contact Josh Neuman-Sunshine, Assistant Principal by email Joshua_D_Neuman-Sunshine@mcpsmd.org or by phone at (301) 610-8000.

Sincerely,

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