Juniors: Sign up by Wednesday to take the PSAT/NMSQT

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test will be administered in the SC cafeteria on Wednesday, Oct. 10. The PSAT is a standardized test that is offered to St. Catherine's 11th graders. Like the college assessment (the SAT), it measures the knowledge and skills in reading, writing and math that students learn in the classroom — the same knowledge and skills your child needs to succeed in college and career. Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT could qualify for a chance to win scholarships and recognition from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and other scholarship partners.

All juniors are welcome to take the exam; however, the Guidance Department strongly recommends that juniors having an above average grade point register to take the PSAT. Those students who choose NOT to take the PSAT may use alternate testing information (Aspire9/Aspire 10/STAR) for predicting current college readiness and preparation for the ACT that will be administered on Feb. 20, 2019.

<u>Signing up for the PSAT/NMSQT is a two-step process:</u>

1. Email your counselor, to inform her, by Wednesday, Oct. 3.
2. Pay the $16 (non-refundable) registration fee in the SC Main Office. (Please make checks payable to SCHS.)

<u>Reasons to take the PSAT:</u>

- It connects students to more than $235 million in scholarships, including the National Merit Scholarship Program. It is excellent practice for the SAT.
- The test measures the same knowledge and skills and ask the same types of questions, so PSAT/NMSQT takers will know what to expect on the SAT.
- It shows which Advanced Placement Program (AP) courses your child is ready for. The PSAT/NMSQT Score Report indicates which college-level AP courses your child has the potential to succeed in.