## Mayfield High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As partners in your child's education, it is important to ensure that they are prepared for each step along their educational journey. One way to determine student preparedness is through assessment. Therefore, MHS will administer the PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

- All ninth and tenth grade students will take the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test). The PSAT/NMSQT measures developed reading, mathematical reasoning, and writing and language skills important for successful academic performance in college. It assesses the ability to reason with facts and concepts rather than the ability to recall and recite them, and places priority on critical thinking skills. This test also gives students a forecast of how they might do on the SAT Assessment that is taken in the spring of junior year to be used for college admission and placement. In addition, students receive free college planning tools to help them start their college search and feedback on the types of AP courses for which they may be particularly well prepared.
- All eleventh grade students have been encouraged to sign up for the PSAT/NMSQT. Any eleventh grade student that has elected not to take the PSAT/NMSQT will not attend school on October 11<sup>th</sup>. These students will use this day to work on college applications, college visits or career planning. In addition to gauging academic achievement, the PSAT/NMSQT serves as an indicator for National Merit Scholarship winners and provides opportunities for entering scholarship competitions. Only junior students qualify for this scholarship. The PSAT/NMSQT also gives students personalized feedback on their performance to help improve their skills before taking the SAT in the spring.
- Twelfth grade students will not attend school on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. These students will use this day to work on college applications, college visits, or career planning.

There will be a late-start on Wednesday, October 11 with testing set to begin at 8:30 am. The busses will run at the normal time in the morning and there is an early release in the afternoon (see attached schedule). Students riding a morning bus will report to the cafeteria or the wood gym before testing begins. Please be sure that your children are well rested and had a good breakfast in order to for them do their best.

Best regards,

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## PSAT/NMSQT High School Testing Day Wednesday, October 11, 2017

## **PSAT/NMSQT Schedule**

8:30 am	Late Start – students report to testing room
8:35 am	Preadministration Session
9:30 am	Reading Test begins
10:30 am	Five minute break
10:35 am	Writing and Language Test begins
11:10 am	Math Test – No Calculator begins
11:35 am	Five minute break
11:40 am	Math Test – Calculator begins
12:25 pm	Testing concludes – "Grab & Go" lunch available in cafeteria
1:00 pm	Afternoon busses depart high school