

September 7, 2018

Dear Parents,

There will be special programming for students on Wednesday, October 10th. On that day, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will take the PSAT test. The PSAT is a practice for the SAT Reasoning Test that provides students and parents feedback about critical academic skills and college readiness. For juniors, the PSAT/NMSQT also serves as the qualifying exam for entrance into the National Merit Scholarship Program.

The PSAT is a particularly important test as it yields data utilized by faculty in determining qualification in Advanced Placement courses for the 2019-2020 school year. **Students are encouraged to take a serious approach to the PSAT due to the implications associated with accessing academic opportunities at the High School.** Score reports will be available online at studentscores.collegeboard.org in mid-December. **Students will receive an email to sign up for test-prep opportunities.** The dates are 9/25, 9/27, 10/2, 10/4, 10/9...students who sign up are required to attend all sessions. Sessions will be offered during Tiger Period and are limited to 50 students on a first come, first served basis.

On October 10th, students should report to their homeroom at 7:35am and testing will begin promptly at the start of school, 7:40 am. At the conclusion of testing, all students will be released to home. Expected release time would be around 12:30.

What is the cost of the PSAT? There is a **\$20.00 testing fee for all 11th grade students.**

All 9th and 10th grade students have been registered for the PSAT. No further action or fee is required.

When is the registration period? 11th grade students must register with Mrs. Hancock in the Counseling Office **between Monday, September 24th and Friday, September 28th**. Checks made payable to **Chagrin Falls High School** should be given to Mrs. Hancock at that time.

On October 17th, one week later, there will be a program for parents in the Performing Arts Center from 6:30-8:00 pm. Mrs. Jane Lee, Senior Associate Director of Admission at Miami University will present on college planning. Ms. Kelly Kish, Director of Athletics at Lake Erie College will present on participation in athletics at the college level. Mrs. Amy Seeley from Seeley Test Pros will present on college entrance testing. Parents are encouraged to attend this event to hear and learn from experienced professionals. Lastly, on ***Friday, October 19th at 8:30 am in the PAC Lobby***, the Counseling Department is hosting a presentation that focuses on accessing accommodations and support at the college level.

Questions? Please contact the Counseling Office at 440-247-2209.

Sincerely,

High School Counseling Department