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Dear Sachem Friends,

We are pleased to inform you that two of our 12th grade students, Varun Bhuchar and Janine Perri, who were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program as semifinalists back in September, have advanced as ***finalists*** in this prestigious competition based on their scores on the 2009 PSAT exam. This is a significant achievement and one of pride for our community.

More than 1.5 million students took the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last October and entered the National Merit Program, a nationwide competition for recognition and awards conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Only fifteen thousand students advanced to the finalist stage of the program! This designation puts Varun's and Janine's score in the top 1% of all students nationwide.

It is an honor for any student to be designated as a Finalist, but we also know that this honor is the result of many years of hard work, dedication and commitment on behalf of Varun and Janine to their academic studies. Congratulations to Varun, Janine and their families.



Sincerely,

Mr. Manning
Principal

Sachem East seniors Varun Bhuchar and Janine Perri pictured with Guidance Counselors, Ms. Robinson and Ms. MacLellan along with Mr. Manning