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#WeAreSachem

Sachem Central School District

Sachem High School East

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The **PSAT/NMSQT** (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be administered in school to all Sachem sophomores and juniors on **Wednesday, October 13, 2021**, during regular school hours. In order to accommodate such a large number of test takers and ensure a safe, secure, and productive testing environment, we will be running an alternate schedule for all high school students on this day. Below is the itinerary for each grade level. For our tenth-grade students the PSAT can serve as an entry point to the college search process. This exam serves as a key component to the eleventh-grade college planning process as well as practice for the SAT exam for our tenth and eleventh grade students. ***The exam will be administered to the Sachem students at no cost.***

SENIORS

LATE ARRIVAL: Using the club bus routes (at 10:20am), **seniors will report to the building at 10:35** and will go to the cafeteria until an announcement is made to move to their 5th period class. They will then follow their normal day (periods 5-8). Any students arriving earlier than 10:35 will report to the cafeteria.

****The Late Bus Routes list can be found on the Sachem website under the 'Departments' tab in 'Transportation'.***

SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

Report for a normal 7:20 start time. Morning buses will run on a regular schedule for this group. Upon arrival students should report to the test location area they were previously assigned. Students should come with a few sharpened pencils and their calculator. They will take the PSAT exam during periods 1-5 and then report to their period 6 class at the conclusion of the exam. They will then follow their normal day (periods 6-8). Any students arriving later than 7:35 will not be allowed into the test and will be escorted to the cafeteria until 6th period. Sophomores and juniors who have lunch scheduled periods 2-5 should bring a bag lunch, which they will be allowed to eat during 6th period class. If a student forgets their lunch, they will be allowed into the cafeteria to quickly purchase something to eat and return immediately to class.

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FRESHMEN

Report for a normal 7:20 start time. Morning buses will run on a regular schedule for this group. Upon arrival students should report directly to the auditorium. Their schedule will consist of an SEL presentation during periods 1-4. At the conclusion of the exam, the 9th graders will report to their normal period 5 class and continue with a normal day (periods 5-8). Freshman who has lunch scheduled periods 2-4 should bring a bag lunch, which they will be allowed to eat during 5th period class. If a student forgets their lunch, they will be given the opportunity, during period 5, to go to the cafeteria, quickly purchase something to eat and return immediately to their 5th period class.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Students who attend school on our minibuses will report to school at their regular time and should report to their regular 1st period classroom, unless taking the PSAT exam. These students will be incorporated into the presentation in addition to following their normal classes. **AM BOCES Students** will follow a normal schedule on this day unless they are taking the PSAT exam.

As stated, our goal is to provide our sophomores and juniors with the best opportunity for success on the exam while also giving the freshman a fun and productive opportunity to work together as a group. We appreciate your patience, understanding and cooperation in this endeavor. Please contact your child's guidance counselor if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lou Antonetti
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