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Dear 11th & 10th Grade Students, Parents and Guardians:

You are receiving this letter because, as of this writing, your child is scheduled to attend school on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, in order to take the PSAT (Preliminary SAT test). All-virtual students and hybrid students will be provided with transportation on that date. If you and/or your child elect not to attend, your child will be marked absent. Any student who elects to drive and who is late for school will be unable to take the test if they are late. There is no opportunity to retake the PSAT at a later date. Please understand that this is the only scheduled PSAT for this year. There are no make-ups for students who are absent or who arrive after 7:45am or if it should be canceled for an emergency. Should circumstances change and we are unable to administer the PSAT, you will be notified. Please click on the link for the PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide . Student Guides will also be available from Tuesday, 1/19/21 through Friday, 1/22/21 and will be located outside of the main entrance in the bin.

The test will begin at 7:50 am sharp, and is scheduled to culminate at approximately 11:50 am. Transportation will be provided home for those students and the bus will leave JTHS at the regularly scheduled dismissal time of 12:30 pm. Students will receive their room assignments for the PSAT test upon arrival to school.

Students who receive extended time/small group accommodations will finish their test by 1:05 pm. They will be provided transportation home during a late bus run which will leave the building at 2 pm. Those students are urged to bring a snack to school and will be provided with supervision until the scheduled bus pick up time. Parents or student drivers can choose to leave at 1:05 provided they have their own transportation.

Since the test will be taken on a Tuesday, Tuesday will be JTHS asynchronous day for all JTHS students (replacing the week's Wednesday schedule). On Wednesday, January 27th, all students and teachers will be working synchronously, from home, instead of reporting to school for instruction.

As a reminder, this test serves as an opportunity for our students to prepare for the full-length SAT, which most students elect to take during the second half of their junior year and beyond. This test also serves as a pathway for students to meet ELA and Mathematics Assessment Graduation requirements needed for the Class of 2022. The January administration will have the same benefits as the October PSAT/NMSQT, including eligibility for programs administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Current 11th grade students who score in the top percentiles may receive recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Award Program.

The College Board is scheduled to release testing results from the PSAT in mid-March. Students and parents will be able to access score reports online through the College Board website. More detailed information will follow regarding access to score reports.

It is important to note that PSAT results are not reported to colleges, and the scores are not used as part of the college admissions process. If your student is absent or late to school on the date of the test, there is not an opportunity to retest.

Thank you and be well!
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