

Important PSAT Information for Seton Sophomores

- On **October 14th**, you'll take the PSAT. We'll begin in the Corpus Christi Building that day at 8:20. Please arrive by 8:15 with your **#2 non-mechanical pencils with erasers and an approved calculator** (see "Acceptable Calculators" on page 36 of the Student Guide).
- **Be prepared for the PSAT to be a harder and a bit longer than the PSAT 8/9 you took last year.** The total testing time is 2 hours and 45 minutes. The breakdown of the different sections is as follows:
 - Reading and Writing** 60 minutes (47 questions)
 - Writing and Language** 35 minutes (44 questions)
 - Math – No Calculator** 25 minutes (17 questions)
 - Math – With Calculator** 45 minutes (31 questions)
- PSAT scores are **NOT** sent to colleges.
- **Ways to prepare and study:**
 - 1) Take the sample test included in the Student Guide.
 - 2) Access Khan Academy for personalized online practice (satpractice.org). This practice is tailored to your strengths and areas where you might need a little more help.
 - 3) 2 more practice PSAT tests are available online at psat.org/practice.
 - 4) PSAT prep books with multiple tests and scoring guidelines are available at libraries or for sale at McKay's or new for \$10-\$15.
- If you have limited time to prepare and cannot take a full-length practice PSAT, read through Tips for the Reading and Writing Test (beginning on p. 10), Tips for the Writing and Language Test (p. 18), and Tips for the Math Test (p. 26). Each section has accompanying sample questions, answers, and explanations.
- If you know ahead of time that you will be absent from school on October 14th, please request your parent/guardian to contact Guidance as soon as possible in addition to calling the attendance line. It is important for us to be informed who will be present and absent on test day.
- **Remain peaceful and don't worry! Just do your best.** "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11