September 1, 2021

Dear Parents of our Grade 10 and 11 Students:

The Wantagh High School Guidance and Counseling Department will administer the PSAT/NMSQT on Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 7:45AM until approximately 12:00PM. This test, the first of several regular college admission tests, is a practice SAT. For a very few juniors, it may result in a scholarship through the National Merit Scholarship program.

Registration and payment for this exam will begin on September 13, 2021 and end on October 1, 2021.

In that 3 week period, students are asked to pay for their PSAT exam fee online at www.MySchoolbucks.com

If you are already using MySchoolBucks to pay for school meals, your account is already set-up and ready to go! Just login and click on School Store.

- 1. Go to www.MySchoolBucks.com and register for a free account.
- 2. Add your students using their school name and student ID.
- 3. Choose the PSAT exam and make purchases with your credit/debit card or electronic check.

If you have any questions, contact MySchoolBucks directly:

- support@myschoolbucks.com
- 1-855-832-5226
- Visit myschoolbucks.com and click Help

The fee for each exam is \$20.

It is essential for exact ordering of exam materials that we register students in advance. I appreciate your cooperation.

We urge all college-bound 11th grade students to take the PSAT. Special Education students may take the PSAT with testing accommodations approved by the College Board.

Since this exam is designed for eleventh graders who have completed two units of Mathematics and English, we ask parents of **10**th **grade** students to consider whether taking the PSAT this year is the best choice for their child. For many sophomores, the PSAT will serve as a practice for the very competitive National Merit Scholarship test in 11th grade, which uses the PSAT results. Other sophomores may opt to take the PSAT once in their junior year. The choice is yours.

As a reminder, all Wantagh students have access to Method Test Prep, which is a free, web-based preparation program for the PSAT, SAT and ACT exams. It is available to all Wantagh students and may be accessed through this link:

https://app.methodtestprep.com/WantaghHighSchool/signup/tkn33556355

You may learn more about free PSAT/NMSQT preparation at: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10 and

https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice/full-length-practice-tests

- Keep in mind that Cell Phones are prohibited in the testing area on the day of the PSAT.
- Students should arrive no later than 7:30AM in the High School Lobby for check in.
- Dismissal for students using standard timing will be approximately 12:00PM.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school counselor or me.

Sincerely,

Frank Muzio Director of Guidance