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Dear Parent/Guardian of a WCASD student:

The West Chester Area School District is administering the PSAT test free of charge to all 10th and 11th grade students on Wednesday, October 13. The PSAT is a valuable assessment tool designed to prepare students for the SAT, monitor academic progress, and connect students to scholarship opportunities. Results of the PSAT may qualify students in grade 11 for commendation through the National Merit Scholar Program. Students in grade 10 will use the PSAT as a practice and benchmarking opportunity. Taking the PSAT is therefore required of all 10th and 11th graders unless the student has been granted an exemption from assessment testing for religious reasons.

The PSAT tests will be administered to 10th and 11th grades on Wednesday morning, October 13th starting at 7:30 a.m. Accommodating these students will require an adjustment in the schedule for classes to begin at 11:15 a.m. for all grade levels. At 11:15 a.m., all grade levels will report to their homerooms and the regular classroom schedule for periods 4 through 8 will resume at 11:29 a.m. The change in the morning schedule is detailed below.

9th Grade Students

9th grade students should report to their homerooms at the regular school time of 7:30 a.m. They will spend the morning with their counselors and administrators in sessions that include presentations on student assistance, QPR (suicide prevention program), and the 9th grade Naviance program.

10th and 11th Grade Students

10th and 11th grade students will report to their homerooms at the regular school time and will take the PSAT in those homerooms. After attendance and some administrative preparation, the PSAT will be given according to the College Board requirements from 7:30-11:05 a.m. Upon test completion, students may visit their lockers. Students must return to their homerooms by 11:15 a.m. **TCHS students will board the bus at 11:10.**

12th Grade Students

12th grade students should report to SCHOOL between 11:05 and 11:15 a.m. **12th grade students should not report to school prior to that time.** It is advised that 12th grade students utilize this time to work on college applications or any schoolwork. Once they return to SCHOOL, 12th graders will follow their regular schedule for periods 4 through 8. **TCHS seniors should report to SCHOOL between 11:05 and 11:10, check in and board the bus to TCHS.**

Lunch

All lunches will be served on the regular schedule.

We believe these tests will be helpful to the district in assessing student progress. In addition, they will remove any financial hardship presented by the need to pay for the tests in the past. For more information and student resources related to the new PSAT, please visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org>. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Sincerely,

Dawn Mader
Director of Equity and Assessment

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