

# PSATs @ PHS - October 11<sup>th</sup>

## New PSAT vs New SAT vs ACT

### How Are They Different?

#### New PSAT\*

##### Timing

- 2 hours 45 minutes



##### Focus

- National Merit qualification

##### Structure

- Math (2 sections)
- Reading
- Writing
- No Essay

##### Scoring

- Composite score for all subjects
- Math accounts for 50% of score
- Top Score: 1600

##### Test Format

- 4 answer choices per question
- No penalty for wrong answers

##### Math

- Up to Algebra I, Geometry or Pre-Calculus, depending on Grade
- 2 sections; 1 calculator section, 1 no-calculator section



#### New SAT

##### Timing

- 3 hours
- +50 minutes for optional essay

##### Focus

- College-ready problem solving skills

##### Structure

- Math (2 sections)
- Reading
- Writing
- Essay Optional

##### Scoring

- Composite score for all subjects
- Math accounts for 50% of score
- Top Score: 1600

##### Test Format

- 4 answer choices per question
- No penalty for wrong answers

##### Math

- Up to Pre-Calculus
- 2 sections; 1 calculator section, 1 no-calculator section



#### ACT

##### Timing

- 3 hours
- +50 minutes for optional essay

##### Focus

- General reasoning

##### Structure

- Math
- Reading
- Writing
- Science
- Essay Optional

##### Scoring

- Average score across all subjects
- Math accounts for 25% of score
- Top Score: 36

##### Test Format

- 4 answer choices per question (5 for Math)
- No penalty for wrong answers

##### Math

- Up to Trigonometry



**All 10<sup>th</sup> grade students are preregistered for PSATs, free of charge.**

**Any freshman or junior, that wish to take the PSATs, must see Mrs. Patton in M-115.**

**The cost for freshman and juniors is \$16, and must be received by Mrs. Patton**

**no later than 2:45 on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

*\*Checks, money orders, or exact cash is accepted.\**