October 4, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Wednesday, October 19th all students in Grades 8-11 will be taking the PSATs. The recent change by the state of Connecticut to have the SAT as the accountability measure for all grade 11 students creates an opportunity for Region 10 to gather important baseline information for students, families, and teachers to influence academic decisions.

The newly re-designed SAT was given for the first time this past Spring. If you would like to read more about this assessment, please go to <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>. All of our grade 11 students will once again be taking this test for free in April, 2017.

To help all of our students prepare for this important test and to ensure an understanding of the expectations of this assessment, all students in grades 8, 9, 10, and 11 will all be taking the PSAT. The test will be administered in school by trained proctors on the morning of October 19th. Scores on this test align well with the SAT and will therefore provide a prediction of your child’s SAT score in the future. Information on the October tests can be found at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10> and <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>.

Here is the breakdown for October 19th for all students in grades 8-12:

Grade 8 – Will be taking the PSAT 8/9 in Har-Bur classrooms.

Grade 9 – Will be taking the PSAT 8/9 at LSM.

Grade 10 – Will be taking the PSAT at LSM.

Grade 11 – Will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT at LSM. For grade 11 students only this test is also the qualifying test for all National Merit Scholar recognitions.

Grade 12 – Will be travelling to Newport, RI on their senior trip. (Details and permission slips have already been distributed.)

The transition to all students in grades 8-11 participating in this assessment process is significant for Region 10 students and families. To better help parents understand the scores from these tests and how they will be used, we will be hosting a parent and guardian information night on **Tuesday, November 1st from 6:30-8:00 PM** in the Lewis Mills Auditorium. Parents who are unable to attend but have questions should contact either Cheri Burke – Director of Student Learning, or Chris Rau – Principal at LSM. Our contact information can be found below. We are excited about the opportunity for all students to participate in the PSAT testing process and look forward to discussing the curriculum connections and learning opportunities with you.

Sincerely,

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