

Grades 10 & 11: PSAT/NMSQT

On October 16, all CCHS students in grades 10 and 11 will get the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT. The PSAT/NMSQT assesses the same knowledge and skills as the SAT, providing a check-in on college readiness before students take the SAT®.

Scores from the PSAT/NMSQT are reported on same scale as the SAT, so they give your student an accurate assessment on how they will perform on the SAT. The score reports also give detail reports on areas of weakness. This gives your student the opportunity to improve in those areas before taking the SAT.

In the first week of October, Mrs. Murchie will visit all 10th and 11th grade English classes to prepare students for the PSAT and to hand out the [Student Guide](#). Encourage your student to spend time going over the Student Guide so they are prepared for the exam!

[Click here for an informational handout from College Board.](#)

Grade 9: PSAT 8/9

Also on October 16, all CCHS students in grade 9 will be given the PSAT 8/9. The PSAT 8/9 is specifically designed for students in grades 8 and 9. It will assess the same knowledge and skills as the SAT® in a way that makes sense for the student's grade level.

The PSAT 8/9 establishes a baseline of college readiness to help educators and students figure out what students need to work on most so they are ready for college when graduating from high school. Score reports from the PSAT 8/9 provide detailed assessments on areas of weakness so your students as an opportunity to work on those areas before taking the PSAT/NMSQT in grade 10.

In the first week of October, Mrs. Murchie will visit all 9th grade English classes to prepare students for the PSAT and to hand out the [Student Guide](#). Encourage your student to spend time going over the Student Guide so they are prepared for the exam!

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Scores

For both the PSAT/NMSQT and the PSAT 8/9, scores are released in December. If your student already has a College Board account, they will be able to access their scores at that time. Mrs. Murchie visits English classes in January to assist any students who have not created a College

Board account and spends a class period explaining the scores. Students are also given time to explore the college and career planning resources on the College Board account.

Preparing for Exam Day

Both exams will be given at the same time on October 16. School starts at the normal time, 8:20 and gets out at noon for a half day.

Here are some tips for your student to be prepared to do their best on the exam:

- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat breakfast
- Be on time to school
- Do not schedule any appointments during this time (doctors, dentist, etc.)
- Bring an approved calculator