

CARDINAL O'HARA *High School*

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Dear Sophomore & Junior Parent(s),

On Wednesday, October 12, 2011, Cardinal O'Hara High School will be administering the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) examination. The PSAT is a comprehensive tool that serves as an excellent resource for students as they prepare to take their SAT exam. Any junior or sophomore interested in taking the test during the school day must register in the Business office by Wednesday, October 5th. There are a limited number of exams available, so please register early.

The PSAT assesses critical reading, mathematical reasoning, and writing skills. We strongly encourage all juniors to take the PSAT as an important piece of the college preparation process and to receive feedback on their academic performance. It also enters juniors in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. After receiving the PSAT results, juniors should take the SAT exam at least one time during the school year. It is a key component in the college application process and a strong score will improve your child's chances for acceptance, as well as scholarship opportunities.

In addition, we would like to invite any interested sophomore looking to get a jumpstart on their college preparation to sign up for the PSAT. Last year a number of 10th grade students opted to take the exam to gauge their current performance on the assessment and become familiar with the types of questions that will be asked.

The cost to take the examination is \$20.00 payable to Cardinal O'Hara High School. Students need to complete and return the bottom portion of this form by Wednesday, October 5th. There are **limited** tests available. Students will need to bring: photo ID, 2-#2 pencils, paid receipt and calculator. Should you have any questions regarding the PSAT exam, please visit www.collegeboard.com or contact the Guidance Office at 695-2600, extension 313.

Sincerely,

Michelle L. Willard
School Counselor

PSAT Registration by Wednesday, October 5th

_____ Yes, I would like my child to take the PSAT exam on Wednesday, October 12th, from 7:45 am - 11:00 am at Cardinal O'Hara High School.

Student's Name (please print): _____ Grade: _____

Return To: Business Office Payable To: Cardinal O'Hara High School Cost: \$20.00