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| Period 4 | 12:43 – 1:00 |
| Lunch    | 1:00 – 1:40  |
| Period 5 | 1:40 – 1:57  |
| Period 6 | 2:03 – 2:20  |
| Period 7 | 2:25 – 2:42  |
| Period 8 | 2:48 – 3:05  |

## 5. PSAT, October 15<sup>th</sup> – Specifics for Juniors

Detailed below is a FAQ about the PSAT. Please read this to your group.

Because we are offering the PSAT on campus during the school day, we would like to encourage as many juniors as possible to take this test. Please remind juniors that the cost is only \$18 and they must register for the exam in the Career Center. Nancy Pliskin is the point of contact for more information on the exam.

### Will my SAT score rise if I take the PSAT as a junior?

YES! Taking the PSAT can help raise your SAT score. Based on the recent College Board SAT 2006 report, students who took the PSAT in their sophomore and junior years scored a combined 233 points higher than students who did not take the PSAT at all.

- Students who did not take the PSAT at all scored an average of 1407 on SAT.
- Students who took the PSAT their sophomore and junior year scored an average of 1640 on SAT—**233 points higher** than those who didn't take the PSAT!
- Students who took the PSAT their junior year scored an average of 1513 on SAT—127 points higher than those who didn't take the PSAT.

This new data shows how much practice—especially the invaluable practice of taking the PSAT—will improve your SAT score.

### What's so important about the PSAT?

Taking—and preparing for—the PSAT can help you:

- Gain familiarity with the SAT and acquire test-taking skills
- Compare your test performance with students across the country
- Qualify for National Merit Scholarships and other awards

There are many good reasons to take the PSAT, or Preliminary SAT, in your sophomore and junior years of high school: It's an important first step in the college admissions process, so make sure you're fully prepared and familiar with the test. Thorough preparation and a high PSAT score will boost your confidence for the SAT—and help you get the higher score you need.

Think of the PSAT as an opportunity to gauge how well you'll do on the SAT and compare your skill level with students nationwide. This preparation will build and strengthen your skills for long-term success. And a high PSAT score can help you qualify for National Merit Scholarships and other awards granted to high-scoring juniors by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and other corporations, organizations, and colleges.

### **What's on the PSAT?**

Like the SAT, the PSAT doesn't ask you to recall specific information from your course work, such as dates in history; instead, it tests the critical reading, math problem-solving, and writing skills that you've developed in school.

### **Will a bad PSAT score hurt my college applications?**

The PSAT is not a criterion for college admission, so taking the test can only help you. It's an opportunity to learn more about your academic strengths and weaknesses as well as a chance to earn scholarship money for college. Take the PSAT in your sophomore and junior years to take advantage of all that a high score can offer.