Dear Sophomore Parents/Guardians,

We will administer the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) to all Salem High School sophomores on Wednesday, **October 10, 2018** during regular school hours. Our students will take the Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Tests. Total testing time is approximately three hours. This week, students will receive a PSAT practice book to help them prepare for the exam. For additional individualized practice, we recommend students create an account within the support site, [www.khanacademy.org/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/sat).

The PSAT helps us to implement our curriculum standards and prepare students for college and career success. Results provide student achievement information for teachers and parents. Scores will be available via the College Board website in January, 2019 and provide valuable information for improving skills that will be assessed on next year’s SAT, college and career preparation, and recommendations for future coursework in Advanced Placement level courses. Although the PSAT is only one measure of your child’s achievement, we want all of our students to perform to the best of their abilities.

Please mark your calendar and avoid scheduling any appointments on **October 10** so that your child will be in attendance for each assessment session. Once the assessment begins, students will be expected to remain in their testing room for the full exam. There will be no make-up day. Ensuring that your child arrives on time will contribute to a positive, organized start to the day. Students should bring number 2 pencils, a calculator, and may have a bottle of water during the test. As always, we thank you for your help and support in making this a positive experience for your child.

Sincerely,

Maura E. Palmer  
Assistant Superintendent

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