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Mission: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

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Dear Parent/Guardian of a 2023 Scholar:

The junior class will be taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) **Wednesday, October 13, 2021**. All students in the 2023 Cohort will take the PSAT/NMSQT at CAHS regardless of Gifted & Talented status. Students are expected to report to CAHS on Wednesday and, if applicable, will be excused from the Career Center. We will not be able to offer make-up tests for students who are absent for any part of the day. If they need a morning bus route, please have your student see Ms. Smith in 117A or Ms. Clayborn in the main office. We will begin the pre-registration and test promptly at 7:30 a.m. Students will report to an assigned test location, which will be communicated before test day. The testing will last until lunch and then students will stay at CAHS for a building wide advisory session focused on future academic planning. Testing room assignments will be posted on the Cohort Google Classroom.

The PSAT/NMSQT test is cosponsored by the College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). This is a standardized test that provides practice for the SAT®. It also gives your student the opportunity to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools. The PSAT measures: Critical Reading Skills, Math problem solving skills, and Writing skills.

The most common reasons for taking the PSAT as listed on the College Board website are:

- Receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. You can then focus your preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice.
- See how your performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college.
- Enter the competition for scholarships from NMSC (grade 11).
- Help prepare for the SAT. You can become familiar with the kinds of questions and the exact directions you will see on the SAT.
- Receive information from colleges when you check "yes" to Student Search Service.

You will also find on page 2 information regarding test practice and preparation. Information can also be found on the Class of 2023 Google Classroom. Students will receive their results in December in the classroom with guidance from their school counselors. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or the main office.

You can learn more at [The PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 | The College Board](#).

Sincerely,

Michelle Lewis, Assistant Principal, Class of 2023

PSAT/NMSQT Resources for Class of 2023

PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide  pdf_psat-nmsqt-student-guide.pdf

General PSAT Information [The PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 | The College Board](#)

PSAT Practice Tests [PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 Practice Tests | The College Board](#)

PSAT/SAT Personalized Practice with Khan Academy

[Khan Academy Practice | SAT Suite of Assessments – The College Board](#)

Below see how to personalize your Khan Academy Practice using the PSAT 8/9 scores from your Freshman year (*scores can be found on Infinite Campus -however you must link your CollegeBoard Account made during your Freshman year to personalize the process-if you do not have an account you can also take a diagnostic test that will help personalize your practice*).

Join the CAHS Class of 2023 Practice Site to earn the chance for random prizes for those practicing!

Click on this link or follow the steps below: <https://www.khanacademy.org/join/CJ382UTS>

1. Go to [khanacademy.org/join](https://www.khanacademy.org/join)
2. Enter your class code and press “Add”. Class code: **CJ382UTS**
3. **If you don’t already have an account, press “Create a new account”. Enter your date of birth, then sign up using Google, your school email, or by creating a username.**
4. Enter your grade and course. Now you’re ready to start learning!

Below are the screens you should see-if you do you are in the right place!

