



December 2016

Dear Students and Parents,

The PSAT 8/9 was administered in November to all 8th graders in our school division. We wish to thank our instructional coordinators who helped facilitate this process. As you may know, this exam is used to establish a baseline in terms of college and career readiness as students begin to transition to high school. It is also a way for students to practice for the PSAT/NMSQT (practice SAT and scholarship program typically taken in 11th grade) and later for the SAT that is used in the college admissions process.

PSAT scores arrive the week of December 15th and our school counselors will be talking with students during the month of January to explain test scores and to establish a College Board/ Khan Academy account. This is an important next step because your child will be able to obtain personalized instruction from Khan Academy that is designed to increase student learning and future success on the SAT. There is no need to pay for test prep for your student because Khan Academy and SAT staff are working together to provide it for free.

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that we will be linking the College Board (PSAT information) with Khan Academy (test prep). We wanted you to know what information is being collected so that you are aware. The College Board will be collecting the student name, birth date, gender, email address, zip code, school name, user name and a password will be collected. Khan Academy is the test prep provider and students will be sending their test scores to Khan Academy so that individualized instruction plans can be developed. Both companies agree to respect your privacy by not selling your information and students can opt out at any time. Students do have the opportunity to sign up for a monthly newsletter designed to assist them in the college admissions process.

As parents, we encourage you to set up a College Board account as well. If you would like to establish your own account, please visit this webpage
<https://account.collegeboard.org/iamweb/smartRegister?appId=292&DURL=https%3A%2F%2Faccount.collegeboard.org%2Fprofessional%2Fdashboard>

Privacy policies for both companies can be found by clicking the links below:
<https://www.collegeboard.org/privacy-policy> <https://es.khanacademy.org/about/privacy-policy>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's counselor or instructional coordinator.

Sincerely,

School Counseling Department

