

## **\*\*Attention All Juniors\*\***

### **PSAT/NMSQT Information**

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a program cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT®. It also gives students in our junior class a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures:

- Critical reading skills
- Math problem-solving skills
- Writing skills

Students have developed these skills over many years, both in and out of school. This test does not require recall of specific facts from classes.

The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are to:

- Receive feedback regarding strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. Students can then focus preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice.
- See how individual 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. Students can become familiar with the kinds of questions and the exact directions that will be on the SAT. The SAT is typically taken as early as the second semester of the junior year.



**All juniors will be taking the PSAT during the school day. This provides students the opportunity to practice taking the exam in a controlled setting. Counselors will provide PSAT information to students shortly after school starts.**

Once the exams are graded and the results are in, each student will receive their test results, their exam booklet and the answers. After reviewing their performance, students are able to focus on specific areas for growth. If students need help interpreting their exam scores, a counselor will be available to meet with them to review the results.

**PSAT test date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014  
During the School Day  
Place: Rush-Henrietta Senior High School**