

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that your child will be taking the PSAT 8/9 assessment on November 30, 2022. This test is given to all 8th-grade students in Prince George's County to allow students to apply to our Specialty Program throughout the county. In order to make this test successful I need some things from our parents and guardians. This will require planning in advance.

First, students will not be allowed to eat in the cafeteria on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, because their lunchtime will be over by the time they finish their tests. I have created a google form entitled PSAT Lunch. Please respond no later than November 22, 2022, to let me know if you want lunch to be prepared for your scholar. I have spoken with our cafeteria staff and hamburgers will be provided with chips and pints of milk. If your scholar will bring their lunch that day you will not need to respond. **Please note that no response indicates to me that lunch will be provided from home.**

Next, PSAT 8/9 is a long test to administer. **I need your scholar to arrive at school by 8:00 AM** using the same doors they use daily. This will allow them time to eat quickly in their classrooms and be ready to start testing by 8:30. Breakfast pastries will be provided. It also will eliminate 8th-grade students from wandering in the hallways when school begins. Being here and being able to start right at the beginning of school is the difference in scholars being able to eat by 1:00 pm vs 1:30 pm. CollegeBoard regulations say that students can not eat until the completion of their test.

Pre-administration work- Each CollegeBoard assessment has work that can be completed prior to the tests. Doing this work in advance will save your scholar another 30 minutes if completed early. I intend to complete this work through Mrs. Delp's technology classes on Friday, November 18 for Hampton, NC A&T, & UMES and today I met with Howard, Brown, & Upenn.

Lastly, expectations of your scholars. This is a digital test. Your scholar should come to school with a fully charged device along with his/her charger. Cell phones nor any other

electronic devices will not be permitted in the testing classrooms exception would be medical devices. Teachers will read the instruction at least 3 times to ensure compliance. After that, if a device is found on your scholar he/she will be removed from the exam and it will be report to CollegeBoard.

A virtual parent townhall meeting to answer any other questions will be conducting on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Please feel free to stop in to ask any other questions may have.

Again, we can not do this with out the support from you.

Sincerely,
Ms. Jones
Testing Coordinator

Lunch Form- <https://forms.gle/McUmXAXCCKBHYoHx6>

Virtual Parent Link- <https://pgcps-org.zoom.us/j/82275145030>