

SEPTEMBER 2023

TO: ALL 11TH GRADERS

FROM: Principal's Office

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST/NATIONAL  
MERIT SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING TEST (PSAT/ NMSQT)

DATE OF TEST: Saturday, October 14, 2023

TIME OF TEST: 7:45 - 11:00 a.m. (*approximate*)

**\*\*The deadline to sign up for the exam is Wednesday, September 20.** The cost for the exam is \$30 cash or check payable to **BH-BL High School**. Fees will be collected in the Principal's Office or by mail (BHBL High School, Attn: Amy Scrivener, 88 Lakehill Rd., Burnt Hills, NY 12027). **Spots are reserved at the time the fee is collected.**

At this time, all Juniors are eligible to take the PSAT. The test is intended to give you:

1. Your rank among Juniors (or Sophomores) across the U.S. in the verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities measured by the test. You can compare your test performance with that of nationwide groups of students.
2. An impartial assessment of your ability to do college work. Your scores will be helpful to you in discussing your further education and choice of college with your school counselor and parents.
3. A "trial run" for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), required by many colleges for admission. The PSAT/NMSQT is a shorter version of the SAT and your PSAT/NMSQT scores can be used to estimate your probable performance on it.
- 4. An opportunity to be selected for two scholarship competitions administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).**
5. The chance to participate in the Student Search Service of the College Board. Many students who participated in the service in past years received materials from colleges or other post secondary institutions telling them about educational and financial aid opportunities they might have otherwise overlooked.

It is important that you read the 2023 Digital PSAT/NMSQT student bulletin. **READING THE STUDENT BULLETIN WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON YOUR SCORES.** The digital bulletin will be shared electronically after the exam fee is collected to secure your spot. **Students who register for the exam are required to attend an informational session with their school issued chromebook; the session date and time will be listed in the daily announcements and emailed to students.**

Students will use their school issued chromebook for the digital exam on Saturday, October 14. If you have any additional questions, check with your school counselor.