

WELCOME

Junior Parent Night
10/2/18



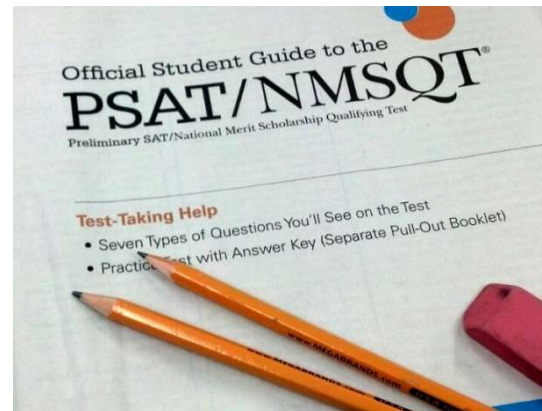
OVERVIEW

- PSAT/SAT testing
- SAT vs. ACT
- College visits
- Guidance Website
 - Planning Calendar
 - Naviance



PSAT

- ❖ **Wednesday, October 10th**
- ❖ The PSAT will prepare students for the SAT
- ❖ Test is free of charge and will be offered to all Sophomores & Juniors
 - ❖ No pre-registration required
 - ❖ Bring pencil and calculator
- ❖ Online score report will provide insight into strengths & weaknesses, help prepare for SAT
 - ❖ Available mid-December
 - ❖ Sent to email address students enter on their answer sheet (*not* their school email).



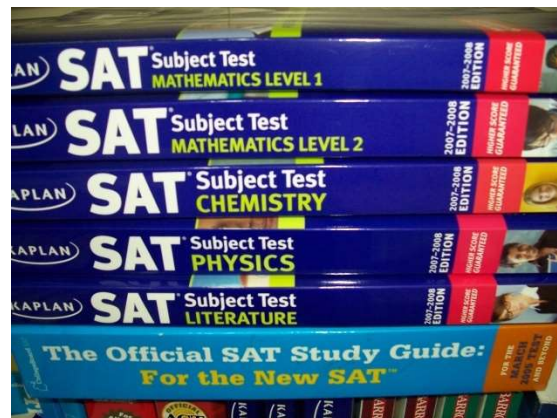
SAT

- ❖ **Test dates:** *October, November, December, March, May, June, August*
 - ❖ Note: December & August not offered at Holmdel HS
- ❖ Most students begin taking the SAT the spring of Junior year
- ❖ Register online at www.collegeboard.org
- ❖ Students will send scores to colleges
 - ❖ Some schools will require students to submit all scores, while others will allow students to submit the score(s) of their choice.
- ❖ See Guidance Department website for a list of test-prep options:
 - ❖ http://www.holmdel.k12.nj.us/schools/hs/guidance_services/index.htm



SAT 2 –SUBJECT TESTS

- ❖ Allow students to display mastery of a particular subject
- ❖ Highly selective colleges may require applicants to take one or more of these exams depending on intended major
 - ❖ Consult college websites to check requirements.
- ❖ Scored from 200-800
- ❖ Students may take up to 3 subject tests on a single day



SAT vs. ACT

WHICH IS RIGHT FOR YOUR CHILD?

SAT

- ❖ 2 Sections scored 200-800; Combined totals 600-1600
- ❖ Includes Critical Reading & Math
- ❖ Writing is now optional

- The ACT & SAT are much more similar since the recent SAT redesign
- Many colleges do require a writing score even though taking it is “optional”

ACT

- ❖ Scored 1-36 based on four section average
- ❖ Includes English, Math, Reading, **Science**; Writing (optional)

See handout for further details...





JUNIOR YEAR IS A GREAT TIME TO START VISITING COLLEGES!

Things to consider on a college tour:

- ❖ Campus location, size
- ❖ Class size
- ❖ Would I fit in with this student body?
- ❖ Campus activities/student engagement
- ❖ Accessibility of entertainment, restaurants, shops, etc
- ❖ Athletic, research, extracurricular opportunities



HHS GUIDANCE WEBSITE

[HTTP://WWW.HOLMDEL.K12.NJ.US/SCHOOLS/HS/GUIDANCE_SERVICES/INDEX.HTM](http://www.holmdel.k12.nj.us/schools/hs/guidance_services/index.htm)

The website includes information regarding:

- ❖ College Planning
- ❖ Standardized Testing
- ❖ Scholarships
- ❖ Financial Aid
- ❖ Resume Building
- ❖ Summer Programs
- ❖ Volunteer Opportunities
- ❖ Naviance
 - ❖ <https://student.naviance.com/holmdel>



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

- ❖ School Counselors will meet with juniors to discuss the college admissions process in the spring.
 - ❖ Students need not wait. They may schedule such a meeting with their counselor at any time.
 - ❖ We will see you again in April, for the spring junior parent evening.

Any Questions?

