

Dear Parents and Students,

We have recently received updated information regarding the standardized testing for our students. The purpose of this note is to provide you with a quick update on the information. We will be providing more specifics in future communications as we get closer to the events.

1. The state Legislature has voted and the Department of Education has approved The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) in place of SBAC for all juniors as the mastery test. Juniors will take the test free of charge in the spring. The new, redesigned SAT is aligned with our curriculum standards and the Common Core.
2. We have also learned that the PSAT (Practice SAT) will only be offered on a Wednesday, with no Saturday option. With this information coupled with the news of the SAT replacing SBAC, we will be offering the PSAT to all **sophomores and juniors**, free of charge this fall. We will be implementing the new PSAT, which is designed to help students prepare for the new SAT. This will take place on **Wednesday, October 14, 2015**. Ninth graders and seniors will still report to school that day. **ALL STUDENTS** will be dismissed early at 11:45.

Thank you!