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Dear Parents/Guardians of 8th and 9th Grade Students:

We would like to take this opportunity to apprise you of an upcoming opportunity for your student to take the PSAT 8/9 exam during the school day on February 26, 2020. This test is a pressure-free way to start exploring their path to college and a future career. It helps them:

- **Recognize strengths.** A personalized online PSAT 8/9 score report will include detailed information about your child's strengths and areas for growth. It helps students lean into areas they are good at and identify places where they need to improve to be ready for college.
- **Explore future careers.** Students can explore college majors and careers that align with their personal interests with Roadmap to Careers, a unique online tool created by Roadtrip Nation and the College Board. The tool connects students to potential careers based on the things they love, showing where they can lead.
- **Choose high school courses.** Knowing where they excel and what skills they should work on can help them choose other 9th- and 10th- grade classes. In addition, student score reports will suggest AP® courses that are a great match for them. AP can give your child an edge in the admission process and allows them to earn college credit while in high school, which could save time and money in college.

The PSAT 8/9 will be administered on Wednesday, February 26, at 7:45 a.m. in the Middle School Multipurpose Room (MPR) and will run approximately three hours. Students who wish to register for the exam should bring cash or check (made payable to Earl L. Vandermeulen High School) in the amount of \$12.00, by Monday, February 10, 2020. High school students should submit their check to the HS Counseling Office and middle school students should submit their check to the MS Main Office.

Students who have testing accommodations will be provided with a separate testing location and the appropriate accommodations for the exam. Please be advised that the registration for the exam is first come, first served; there are 50 spots for students in each grade level.

We hope your student takes advantage of this unique opportunity to begin their journey to college and a future career. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to call the High School Counseling Office at (631) 791-4457 or the Middle School Counseling Office at (631) 791-4433.

Sincerely yours,

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