



## MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

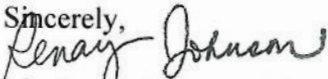
On Tuesday, January 26, 2021, Montgomery Blair High School will be offering the PSAT/NMSQT to only 11th grade students, *as health and safety conditions allow*. The PSAT/NMSQT is a two hour and forty-five minute exam that measures academic abilities important in college work. This test is a practice for students preparing for their first SAT. Scores are used to help predict how well one may do on the SAT. Only students who take the PSAT in the junior year will be considered for the National Merit scholarship Program, or the National Hispanic Scholar Awards Program.

There will be a \$17 charge for each student to sit for the exam. To register for the exam by December 11, 2020, please go to: [bit.ly/BlairPSAT2021](https://bit.ly/BlairPSAT2021) **Payment for the exam will be made in January.**

To comply with the College and Career Readiness and College Completion Act (CCRCCA) of 2013, 11th grade students, except for ESOL 1-2 and METS students, are required to take a MSDE approved college readiness assessment (ACT, SAT, ACCUPLACER) by the end of Grade 11. Students who take the PSAT in their junior year may qualify for the National Merit, National Achievement, or National Hispanic Scholar Programs. Juniors who take the PSAT, will be required to take the SAT or ACT by the end of their eleventh-grade year.

Registration for the PSAT is **DUE** by Friday, December 11, 2020. All procedures, and updates will be communicated to the students who have registered.

If you have any questions, please email the PSAT Testing Coordinator Mr. Dirk Cauley, [Dirk\\_D\\_Cauley@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Dirk_D_Cauley@mcpsmd.org).

Sincerely,  
  
Ms. Renay Johnson, Principal  
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