



# *The Scholars' Academy*

*An Accelerated College Preparatory School for Grades 6-12*

*27Q323, A Teaching and Learning Organization*

*"Technology Today, Smarter Tomorrow: Removing Time and Place from Teaching and Learning"*

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Dear 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, all 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholars' students will be taking the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) in their homerooms. It is a standardized test that is administered by the College Board, and it is designed to provide first-hand practice on the SAT. It is 2 hours and 10 minutes long, and it measures critical reading skills, math problem solving skills, and writing skills. New York City has arranged for all 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Graders to take the PSAT free of charge.

It is important that your child take this exam seriously. Although it is a practice SAT and no college admissions officer will ever see your child's PSAT score, the exam is seen as a predictor of future success on the real SAT exam, which most of our students will take in the Spring of their Junior year. Thus, it is important that your child sets a high bar of success for him or herself.

All students who take the PSAT will subsequently receive a score report, which will inform them of the questions they got wrong and the areas they need to work on in order to boost their SAT results. This data is utilized by the individual student, and by the school to inform instruction and prepare students for the SAT. Students must take this exam seriously in order for this data to be effective.

For 11<sup>th</sup> Graders, an exceptional score could possibly qualify you for the National Merit Scholar program.

For more information, you can visit the College Board website at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). For any questions about the administration of the PSAT at Scholars', you can email Mr. Wong at [kwong10@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:kwong10@schools.nyc.gov).

Sincerely,

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