

**St. Teresa's Academy**  
**PSAT Fact Sheet – Wed., Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:45am-11:00/30 am**

The PSAT is a practice exam for the SAT and is administered to sophomores & juniors. Students are automatically registered for the test. The exam date is a required attendance day – no make-ups are available. The fee is included in the book/technology fee.

**What to bring:**

- Two No. 2 pencils
- A four-function, scientific or graphing calculator. Students may not share calculators. Students may not use laptops, calculator with QWERTY, calculators with paper tape or those that require an external power source. Calculators are not necessary to answer the math questions; however, it is recommended that students use them.
- Students may be out of uniform.

**Format:**

Four Sections:

Section 1: 60 minute Reading – 47 questions.

Section 2: 35 minute Writing and Language – 44 questions

Section 3: 25 minute Math (No Calculator) – 17 questions

Section 4: 45 minute Math (with calculator) – 31 questions

Test Design: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/test-design>

**Scoring:**

The PSAT will be scored on a scale between 320 and 1520. You can score on a range from 160 to 760 for math and 160 to 760 for Reading and Writing/Language. In addition to these section scores, your score report will also tell you sub-scores for Math, Reading, and Writing and Language between 8 and 38. This will give you a sense of which sections you're best at and where you need improvement. The PSAT gives **no penalties for wrong answers.**

Scores are returned to juniors in mid-December during an activity period. Scores are returned to sophomores in early January through English classes. All students receive their original test booklet with their score report.

**National Merit Scholarship Program (juniors only):**

Approximately 50,000 high scorers are identified to compete in the National Merit Program (approximately 34,000 are named Commended students; about 16,000 are named semifinalists and complete an application for finalist status). The Selection Index is used for determining National Merit. The Selection Index is the sum of your scores and varies by the state PSAT was administered.

**Test Preparation:**

Juniors – review your test booklet and score report from your sophomore year!

All students will receive an information book with a practice test about 3 weeks prior to the test. Books will be distributed through English classes. For more information about the test and preparation go to <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>

**Wed., Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – PSAT begins at 8am (no advisory check in), approximate dismissal – 11:00am. NOTE – testing begins at 8am, be in your assigned room by 7:45am!**