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Dear Parent or Guardian:

SUBJECT: January 2021 PSAT/NMSQT® – *For 9th, 10thand 11th graders*

Arete Preparatory Academy will be administering the PSAT/NMSQT® to all 9th, 10th and 11th grade students on Tuesday, January 26th, 2021 during school hours.

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a standardized test administered by the College Board and cosponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) in the United States. The purpose of the test is to give all students an opportunity to experience taking a college readiness test. Even if your child has not yet decided to attend college, I urge you to make sure your student is in attendance and participates on January 26th. Your College Counseling Contribution, paid at the beginning of the year, has already covered the cost of this test. If you have yet to contribute, please do so on the Arete Prep Configio site.

Your student can access the Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT® study booklet here. We will be providing a hard copy of this booklet to students at the beginning of the second semester during the HL and math classes as we have dedicated some school time toward test prep.

Attention 11th students and parents:

> We highly encourage all 11th graders to prepare for the January 26th test. Only 11th grade students may be identified as National Merit Scholars based on the PSAT/NMSQT®. The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. Please note that 9th and 10th graders are not eligible for the National Merit Qualifying Scholarships.

High school students may also access test prep via Khan Academy, which is in partnership with the CollegeBoard to provide students with free, individualized test preparation.

Your student's Score Report for the PSAT/NMSQT® will arrive here at school later this spring for distribution.

If you would like additional information about the PSAT/NMSQT® and how it will be administered at our school, please contact the College Counseling department by email.

Sincerely,

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