September 18, 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As the year opens, we have begun preparations for the administration of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). As a school and community, we value the experience the PSAT offers our students in preparing them for the SAT. College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) remains the most commonly utilized assessment for Conestoga students in the college admissions process.

On Wednesday, October 14, 2026, Conestoga will administer the PSAT/NMSQT and the PSAT 8/9. Since the test administration is on a school day, all costs will be covered by the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District. Current 11th and 10th graders will be automatically registered for the PSAT/NMSQT. Current 9th graders will be automatically registered for the PSAT 8/9. **Seniors will NOT report to school on Wednesday, October 14th to provide an opportunity for college visitation and post-secondary planning.** Any parent/guardian wishing to exempt their child from the PSAT opportunity should notify their counselor by October 2nd.

The PSAT/NMSQT is an abbreviated version of the Reading and Math sections of the SAT. It also serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) to identify academically talented high school juniors for scholarship opportunities and recognition. The PSAT 8/9 assesses similar skills as the PSAT/NMSQT in a grade-level appropriate manner. Test administration will begin at 7:50a.m. on Wednesday, October 14th and continue for approximately three hours. Students will be dismissed following testing. Bus service will be provided midday and at 2:50 for students utilizing College Board approved extended time testing accommodations.

As a reminder, College Board has transitioned to digital testing for both the PSAT and SAT. Students in grades 9 and 10 should come prepared with their fully charged district laptop on October 14th. Students in grade 11 will receive a Chromebook (provided by College Board) in their testing room the day of the PSAT. Please be reminded that BYOD devices are **NOT** permitted during school hours.

We are pleased to offer this opportunity to further support college readiness and assist students in achieving their personal best. We encourage students and families to visit the College Board website at this link to learn more about the *SAT Suite of Assessments* as well as preparation resources. Please contact any of our school counselors with additional questions.

Sincerely,

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