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Dear Parents of SCCS 10th and 11th Graders:

I am writing you with PSAT/NMSQT testing information. This very important test will be during our fall break on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. I have been working closely with Pinecrest High School to arrange for our students to take the PSAT/NMSQT at their location. The October 10 date is the only day offered for this test.

This is a very important test, particularly for 11th graders. Although it is not used to determine college admissions like the SAT or ACT does, a good score on the PSAT matters. Receiving a good score can qualify a student for the National Merit Scholarship. Becoming a National Merit Scholar can provide the student monetary awards towards college. Good scores can also leverage the student to secure additional scholarships. I have personally had students in the past that have become National Merit Scholars and they have received full tuition scholarships to the schools of their choice.

Strong scores on the PSAT can also be a good indicator of how a student will do on the SAT or ACT. The PSAT is a great primer for these tests. It helps familiarize students with what to expect on these college placement tests, which will boost their confidence and decrease their anxiety when they schedule themselves to take one of them.

The cost for taking the PSAT at Pinecrest High School will be \$16.00. Simply email me that your son or daughter is going to take the test and you will be charged the \$16.00 fee via RenWeb. Our school will then write one check for all our students taking the test when I register them.

The testing site will be at the Pinecrest High School and testing will start at 8:30 AM in their gymnasium. **Any SCCS student that is going to take the test should notify me by August 30.** Any 10th grade student is welcome to take the PSAT, but for 10th graders it would be considered a “practice” and will not count towards qualifying for the National Merit Scholarship. Students and parents of 10th and 11th grades should mark their calendars, and 11th grade students should especially take advantage of this opportunity to take the PSAT on October 10. Please contact me with any questions.

Serving Christ in Christian Education,

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