

Home of the Boilermakers

700 West North Street | Bradley, IL 60915

September 30, 2020

Dear Parents of the Class of 2022,

The SAT is a state-required assessment given to all juniors in the spring. This fall, we begin to train students on the format and style of the test through the administration of the PSAT/NMSQT given on Thursday, October 29, to all juniors. The score from the PSAT/NMSQT will encourage a student to start thinking seriously about life after high school, about college and career goals and about the education needed to reach those goals. Not only is this test a precursor of the SAT, it also serves as a national qualifying test for various scholarships, a key ingredient in the affordability of college.

BBCHS provides all students the academic opportunities needed to prepare for college and careers. Participation in the PSAT/NMSQT is an important step in this process. Students and parents will receive an assessment score and information that will allow for future planning and tutorial work prior to the SAT in April. Khan Academy partnered with the College Board and released **free** interactive practice programs to support students prior to the spring testing date. The customized test preparation offers skill based videos to aid students. When students receive their test results, they can connect their College Board and Khan Academy accounts to get free personalized SAT study recommendations.

Taking the PSAT/NMSQT provides the following advantages to students:

- It measures the reading, math, and writing skills needed for college and for success in most jobs and careers in today's world
- Prepares students for the SAT
- Allows the option for students to voluntarily place their names and addresses in a pool of college-bound students interested in receiving admission and financial aid information from certified colleges, universities and scholarship agencies
- Provides practice recommendations using Khan Academy
- May qualify students for National Merit Recognition and Scholarships
- Provides valuable information to parents and students on potential for advanced academics in high school

We are looking forward to October 29. More information will be coming to you via email, social media, and the phone dialer as we get closer to that date. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Mrs. Lippoldt, Director of Counseling, Mrs. Kohl, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, or me.

Respectfully.

Dr. Brian Wright, Principal

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October 1, 2020

Dear Parents of BBCHS Students,

The State of Illinois has earmarked October 14 and October 29 as state testing days for seniors and juniors. Due to the number of faculty and staff who are proctoring the assessments, school will be closed on these days other than for students taking the tests. Students will use these two days as catch up days, working on assignments, reassessment work, etc., work that needs to be completed and submitted.

October 14	October 29
Seniors report to BBCHS for SAT	Juniors report to BBCHS for PSAT/NMSQT
Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen School Closed - Catch up day	Seniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen School Closed - Catch up day

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me via email or phone,

Respectfully,

Dr. Brian Wright, Principal