

DERBY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Derby High School Families,

On Wednesday, October 16, all Derby High School students in Grades 9, 10 and 11 will take the PSAT. The PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) is given across the country to thousands of students. For decades, the SAT has been the accepted standard academic measure for high school students. Connecticut now uses the SAT as the state-wide academic assessment for all students junior year. Derby High School students will have the opportunity to take the PSAT twice a year as freshmen and sophomores and once more their junior year as they prepare for the actual SAT.

Derby High School will operate on a modified bell schedule October 16th. All students in grades 9, 10 and 11 will have pre-determined testing rooms which they will be informed of prior to the test. Please encourage your student to get a good night's rest as well as a solid breakfast.

Students in grade 12 will engage in a number of post-high school planning activities during the time other students are taking the PSAT.

If you would like more information on the PSAT or SAT, you can access the CollegeBoard website at www.collegeboard.org. On the CollegeBoard website, students can access practice test materials as well as information about Khan Academy (www.khanacademy.org).

If you have any questions about the PSAT, please feel free to contact your students school counselor or school administration at 203-736-5032.

Sincerely.

Martin Pascale.

Principal

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MISSION STATEMENT

Derby High School pursues **Academic** achievement, promotes creative and critical thinking, expects appropriate **Behavior** and fosters responsible **Citizenship**.