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Dear Eleventh Grade Student and Parent:

On Saturday, October 14, 2023, students who attend Smithtown High School West will take the **PSAT** examination at <u>Smithtown HS West</u> from 7:30am to approximately 1:00pm. Students typically take the **PSAT** in their junior year in preparation for the SAT and to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

The Smithtown Central School District uses an online payment processing system, **SchoolPay** to allow parents easy and convenient online access to pay fees 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Parents must make a PSAT payment of \$33.00 using SchoolPay on the <u>Parent Resources</u> section of the school's website (click on SchoolPay). You will have to make an account. You can pay with an Echeck, debit or credit card. Registration will be open August 29th 8:30am through September 30th at 3pm. We are unable to accept registrations beyond the September 30th deadline.

Starting with the fall 2023 exam, the paper version of the PSAT will no longer be offered and all PSATs will be administered in a digital format unless a paper version is required through an approved SSD accommodation from the College Board (see Accommodations for Digital Testing). Your child will be required to use their SCSD managed Chromebook to take the exam. In order to access the PSAT exam, your child will be required to use a digital application called **Bluebook**. SCSD is working on bulk downloading the Bluebook to all 10th and 11th grade Chromebooks ahead of test day so you have time to get familiar with it before you take the exam. We will send out a notification once the App is downloaded. On exam day, you will access, complete and submit the PSAT completely online through the Bluebook app.

Your receipt from SchoolPay is your child's admission ticket. Your child must present the admission ticket (receipt), along with a photo ID on the day of the test. Bring two #2 pencils (sharpened) and a Calculator

Students will not be permitted to go to lockers before the test.

If you have any further questions regarding the PSAT examination, please contact your child's school counselor.

Sincerely,

Kevin Colon

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