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Dear Parents of Math 1 and Math 2 Students:

Dillard Drive Magnet Middle School will offer the PSAT to Math 1 Students on October 21st. This is for DDMMS students only and this opportunity is not open to the public.

The PSAT is a standardized, multiple-choice test that includes three sections: critical reading, mathematics and writing. The test provides practice for the PSAT and SAT that they will take again in high school. It also offers insight for advising and counseling students.

Students must register by September 17th to be allowed to take the PSAT at Dillard Drive Magnet Middle School. There is an administration fee of \$16.00 (\$15.30 + online payment fee) that is due by September 17th. By paying the fee, you are registering your child. You must pay the fee in order for your child to take the test. You will pay online through SchoolCash Online. Instructions are on the back of this letter for setting up you SchoolCash Online account and making a payment.

When taken in 11th grade, the PSAT gives students the opportunity to potentially qualify for a National Merit scholarship if they receive a very high score (generally the top 1%). We offer the test at DDMMS to our Math 1 and Math 2 students, so that they can see what the test is like and get feedback in the areas they need to improve. The test does require Algebra 1 and Geometry knowledge - which Math 1 students will not have mastered until the end of the year, but taking the PSAT now, allows them to see what they know and where they need to grow.

Please feel free to contact Ms. Ashworth, AIG coordinator or Ms. Nelson, Testing Coordinator with any questions you might have about the administration of the PSAT test at DDMMS.

Again, to register your Math 1 or Math 2 student to take the PSAT, you must complete the online payment of \$16.00 by September 17th. By paying the fee you are also registering your child. The test will be held on Oct 21, 2024, in the DDMMS's media center from 9:15am to 1pm. Payment is made through SchoolCash Online and instructions are on the back of this letter.

For more information, please visit https://blog.collegeboard.org/parents-guide-psat-nmsqt

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Regards,

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