

# SOPHOMORE STEP-UP DAY

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

## About the PreACT

- **What is the PreACT and why are we doing this?**
  - This assessment prepares you for the ACT assessment, which many of you will take later in year junior year. Additionally, this assessment will provide you with a student interest inventory that will help you target further academic and occupational interests.
- **How long is the PreACT?**
  - The PreACT lasts about 3 hours and consists of 4 tests sections and a student interest inventory.. These sections consist of math (with calculator), science, reading comprehension, and grammar subject matters. **The PreACT does not have an essay or writing component.**
- **Can I use a calculator?**
  - Yes, but only on the math test that permits a calculator.
- **When do I get my scores?**
  - You will get your scores early next semester in guidance seminar.
- **How do I register?**
  - **Log-on to the Wellesley Public Schools “FEE PAYMENT”. Click “GUIDANCE” & “PreACT REGISTRATION”. The cost is \$18.**
- **What time does it start and end?**
  - The test begins at 8:05am (block 2 on a half day). All block 1 classes are canceled. Students without extended time will be finished at 11:30am. Students with approved College Board accommodations should see their guidance counselor or special educator for more information about timing. **You may not submit your test early or leave early.** Doing so will invalidate your scores.
- **What if I arrive late?**
  - Once your room begins testing, you cannot enter that room. Go to room 406 for help. We cannot guarantee that you can test if you arrive after 8:05am.

## Important Notes

- **You must ARRIVE AT 8:05AM**
- **Room assignments will be posted outside the main office and outside the house suites.**
- **No lunch is served (it’s a half day!), but you will have a snack break.**  
**Bring snacks and water.**

# JUNIOR STEP-UP DAY

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

## About the PSAT/NMSQT

- **What is the PSAT and why are we doing this?**
  - This assessment prepares you for the SAT assessment, which many of you will take next spring. Additionally, this assessment determines eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship.
- **How long is the PSAT?**
  - The PSAT lasts about 3 hours and consists of 4 tests sections. These sections consist of math (with and without calculator), reading comprehension, and grammar subject matters. **The PSAT does not have an essay or writing component.**
- **Can I use a calculator?**
  - Yes, but only on the math test that permits a calculator. See the reverse side of this page for specific calculator information.
- **When do I get my scores?**
  - You will get your scores early next semester in guidance seminar.

## Day-Of Information

- **How do I register?**
  - Log-on to the Wellesley Public Schools “FEE PAYMENT”. Click “GUIDANCE” & “PSAT REGISTRATION”. The cost is \$20. Registration opens September 15.
- **What time does it start and end?**
  - The test begins at 8:05am (block 2 on a half day). All block 1 classes are canceled. Students without extended time will be finished at 11:30am. Students with approved College Board accommodations should see their guidance counselor or special educator for more information about timing. **You may not submit your test early or leave early.** Doing so will invalidate your scores.
- **What if I arrive late?**
  - Once your room begins testing, you cannot enter that room. Go to room 406 for help. We cannot guarantee that you can test if you arrive after 8:05am.
- **Do I have to take this test?**
  - All juniors who are present on Step-Up Day will take the PSAT. There are no other planned activities. We strongly encourage you to take this test, as it qualifies you to receive the National Merit Scholarship.

For even more information, please join the Guidance Department for:

**Standardized Testing Night**

**Thursday, September 14, 7pm, WHS Auditorium**