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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In preparation for high school students taking their annual standardized tests during the 2019-20 school year, we would like to inform everyone about some changes happening this year.

During the fall of 2019 and in preparation for the SAT, juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT, National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test on October 16, 2019. The PSAT/NMSQT will prepare juniors for the SAT that they will take on April 14, 2020, and makes them eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. The National Merit Scholarship program is an academic competition for recognition and college scholarships that began in 1955. Juniors will arrive at school at the regular time but will report to the fieldhouse at 7:05am. Once juniors finish the PSAT/NMSQT at approximately 10:30am, juniors will resume their regular class schedule. Juniors who eat A lunch period will most likely have their lunch period adjusted.

Freshmen, sophomores, and seniors will attend school on October 16, 2019, and follow a regular class schedule.

During the spring of 2020, the State of Illinois will require freshmen to take the PSAT8/9 exam, sophomores to take the PSAT10 exam, and juniors to take the SAT.

Freshmen and sophomores with two-day testing accommodations will begin their test on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, and finish their test on Wednesday, April 15. Students with accommodations that require a later dismissal time will receive additional notification from their school. Freshmen and sophomores with standard-time testing will not attend school on Tuesday, April 14, but will take their test on Wednesday, April 15. All freshmen and sophomores will begin school at its regular time on their testing day(s).

All juniors will begin taking the SAT on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. Juniors with two-day testing accommodations will finish the SAT on Wednesday, April 15. Students with accommodations that require a later dismissal time will receive additional notification from their school. Juniors with standard-time testing will not attend school on Wednesday, April 15.

To provide the best testing environment for these important college admission tests, **seniors will not attend school** on April 14 or April 15, 2020.

In addition, all juniors will take the Illinois Science Assessment during one science class period between the dates of March 2 – March 20, 2020.

Please feel free to talk to your high school guidance counselor for more information about post-secondary planning, test registration, or other academic questions.

Sincerely,

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