



OHR HATORAH YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL

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To: All 10th Graders and Their Parents
From: Ohr Hatorah Yeshiva High School Office
Re: PSAT's Administration and SAT Information

We welcome our 10th graders to the commencement of the college admissions process. The (PSAT/NMSQT) **Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test** measures evidenced based reading and writing and mathematical reasoning abilities. Taking the test enables students to practice for the SAT I, enter scholarship competitions, seek information from colleges, and get feedback about academic skills before beginning the college application process. Scores are reported on a scale of 160 -760 in each of the ELA and Math components for a possible total score of 1520. A 'good' score is 1060 and above.

The actual SAT **Scholastic Aptitude Test** which will be taken towards the end of 11th grade will be reported on a scale of 200 to 800. While national mean scores are at the center of the scale, with a combined score of 800, many Yeshiva students have traditionally *averaged well above* with combined scores of 1100 and above. Obviously, we anticipate continuing outstanding scores from our students.

Registration for the PSAT/NMSQT has been handled by the Ohr HaTorah office rather than by the individual student as *it will be a requirement for all of our 10th graders to take this exam.*

This year (**2021**), the PSAT/NMSQT will be given on **Wednesday, October 13th**. The exam itself takes approximately two hours, with an additional forty-five minutes necessary for preparation and directions. The fee for the test is covered by the *Student Activity/Book Fee*. Please read the information in the **Official Student Guide** which we provided to you. A fact sheet was included, which describes the exam and provides sample questions, test taking strategies, and a practice test. If you would like further information, you might want to take a look at the PSAT/NMSQT official web-site CollegeBoard.com or another fact filled site, ivybound.net. We have attached the Parent Perspective about the PSAT/NMSQT from the College Board.

Test scores are reported directly to the Yeshiva. We will be conducting a seminar for the students to teach them how to sign up for the College Board. This will allow them to get the PSAT scores sent directly to their inbox as well as future registrations for the SAT/ACT tests. Despite the fact that this test is not going to directly impact college acceptances, it is still highly significant as a preliminary for the all-important SAT exams. It is designed to give you a good picture of what you can roughly expect to receive on your SAT scores. It therefore behooves you to take it very seriously, and to be as knowledgeable about it as best as you can.

We will provide a full rundown of what the PSAT/NMSQT is about. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the school.



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SAT Information:

It is important that both parents and students be aware of the sequence of events leading up to and taking the SAT Exams.

Each year 6 opportunities are made available by the College Board for students to take the SATs. In the future, we will have 4 such dates noted and the deadline for signing up for each on the Ohr Hatorah calendar. **Our suggestion is that each student take the May/June SAT in the 11th grade and the November/December SAT in the 12th grade.** The SAT manual from the College Board will be given out to Seniors and the Junior class right after they have taken their 2nd PSAT exams. This booklet has all of the dates and includes all of the information regarding signing up, costs, as well as other pertinent information. We will include a Sabbath Observance letter in each booklet which you will need to allow you to take the SAT on Sunday, as opposed to the standard Saturday test. **Our school code # will be included**, which you will have to put on the application. Since Scheck Hillel Community School, 19000 NE 25th Avenue, Aventura, FL, and Hebrew Academy, 2425 Pine Tree Drive, Miami Beach, FL, are already test sites, our students may have to take the test at those locations. In the interim, Ohr Hatorah is applying to be a testing site. At that time, if necessary, we will include a Student ID form that will be needed to be admitted for the test.

You will be informed about the SAT II's and the ACT tests. Depending on the colleges that you will be choosing, they may require you to take these tests. So PLEASE make sure you check this out. The College application process has already begun, but if you need any assistance, do not hesitate to call. For further information, as to what the SAT II and ACT tests are, please go to collegeboard.com for a full explanation.

SAT Prep Class:

We plan on having all of our students sign up for the College Board SAT Prep class that works in conjunction with Khan Academy that can be a valuable review for both math and language arts. This course will cover every aspect of what you can expect on the SAT's and on-line access to sample testing and much more. Additionally, our Math and ELA courses will be integrating SAT preparation into the class curriculum. We will also be offering an inhouse SAT prep course for our 11th graders. We also advise you to take another independent course if time allows (one can never prepare too much). Once again, if you have any further questions don't hesitate to be in touch.

'Kosher' College Option

As much as Ohr Hatorah is a serious college preparatory Yeshiva high school and we will help facilitate applications to whichever college you choose, we are very clear that we hope all of our Talmidim and parents understand the vital importance of continuing their Torah learning in Israel after graduation. We must also stress the importance of each young man continuing his college education in a proper Torah environment of a Kosher College option.

If any parent has any college questions, they are welcome to contact us at the Yeshiva office.