

# LONDONDERRY HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

## Preliminary (PSAT)

**Date of test administration:** Saturday, October 17, 2009

**Where:** Londonderry High School

**Time:** 7:45 am–Approximately 11:30 am

**Cost:** \$25.00 paid by cash or check (made out to Londonderry High School) by Thursday, October 8, 2009.

**Register:** Begins September 28, 2009 until October 8, 2009 in Main Guidance during school hours. **YOU MUST HAVE CHECK (payable to Londonderry High School) or CASH to REGISTER**

**Late fee:** \$40.00 only on October 13, 2009. **THERE ARE NO REGISTRATIONS AFTER TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009.**

**Where to pay:** Main Guidance

**Total testing time:** 2 hours and 10 minutes plus 35 minutes of instruction

**What to bring:** two Number 2 pencils and a calculator

**Who:** the P.S.A.T is geared for motivated sophomores and juniors. The test is primarily focused on the junior classes across the US. The Saturday 10/17/09 test date is the only time during the 2009-10 school year that the PSAT is administered.

The PSAT Report will continue to assist you in determining your strengths and weaknesses, providing personalized feedback on academic skills. You will receive the results in December and guidance will set up interpretation sessions.

The PSAT contains:

- **Critical reading (Verbal)**

Two 25 minute sections which include short reading passages which range from 500-800 words, followed by critical reading questions. Reading passages are taken from humanities, social studies, natural sciences, and literary fiction. The PSAT will also include short reading paragraphs similar to the SAT. Sentence completions will still be included in the verbal section.

One 30 minute writing session will be included on the PSAT.

- **Mathematics**

Two 25 minute sections are included. Math content level will be enhanced. 10 student-produced response questions are included. The math content level includes levels up to advanced topics and also number and operations, algebra and functions, geometry and measurement, data analysis, statistics, and probability.

**How to Prepare:** Use the PSAT test preparation manual you receive when you register for the test. Spend 15 minutes per night Monday through Thursday for 4 weeks prior to the test reviewing this manual, for a total of 4 hours of test prep. Visit [www.collegeboard.com/psat](http://www.collegeboard.com/psat) for sample questions and practice test.

Don't be late for the test on Saturday, October 17. Room assignments will be posted as you enter the main foyer. **Remember that if you cancel or fail to report for the PSAT, THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.** If you have any questions about the PSAT, see your guidance counselor or guidance director! Best wishes!

LHS Guidance Staff.