October 18, 2017

Dear 8th Grade Parents/ Guardians:

This school year, New Cumberland School Counselors will be offering all 8th grade students an opportunity to take the PSAT 8/9 exam. We will be offering the test on Saturday, March 3, 2018. School doors will open at 7:30am and the test will begin promptly at 8:00am.

This test is designed for students who are near or have entered high school. The test provides detailed performance feedback and early access to career exploration tools. Students will also have resources available on Khan Academy (visit khanacademy.org/sat).

What you need to know:

* The cost of the test is $15.00. The fee covers all costs of the test. Checks, cash, or money orders are payable to New Cumberland Middle School. Test fee is non-refundable once the order is placed.  All money is due by Friday, December 15. Tests will be ordered the week of December 18, before the holiday break.  We cannot order a test without full payment.
* Pre-administration will be completed in school (during mods 7 and/ or 8) prior to the March test date. This will save us time on testing day.
* We are testing on a Saturday in order to not disrupt the normal school day. In addition this will provide students an experience of how formal SAT testing is conducted.  Test time (including scheduled breaks) will be 2 hours 35 minutes. Students are NOT penalized for wrong or blank responses. Students are only scored on correct answers.
* Please contact your child's counselor if you have any additional questions/ concerns.  Mrs. Marczyk is assigned to last names beginning with A-K and Mrs. Seaux is assigned to last names beginning with L-Z. We will also be available during conferences to meet, please call for an appointment☺
* Students will be required to have the following with them on test day: (2) No. 2 pencils and a calculator. If a student does not have these items we cannot administer the test to them.

Please visit our website (<http://www.wssd.k12.pa.us/webpages/ncguidance/>) for more information, handouts, and to sign up for the exam.

Sincerely,

Sandy Seaux Jennifer Marczyk

New Cumberland Middle School, School Counselors