

# Sarasota Middle School

*A Technology Ready College and Career School*

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Dear SMS Parent or Guardian:

Sarasota Middle School is very pleased to offer your child an opportunity to take the **PSAT 8/9** right here at SMS! The **PSAT 8/9** is the newest and first test in the **SAT Suite of Assessments**. This test is tightly aligned with **SAT** and **PSAT/NMSQT**, and establishes a baseline of achievement students as they prepare high school and strive to be college and career ready. This opportunity is for any 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade SMS student. This assessment will be offered on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Some points of interest about the **PSAT 8/9** for you and your child:

The **PSAT 8/9** will support all students with early feedback on the skills and knowledge that matter most for college and career success based on College Board Assessment criteria.

Parents, students, and educators will have an opportunity to measure and follow student performance and monitor targets of achievements as student progress through the SAT Suite of assessments. Further, student's individual assessments results will pinpoint areas for development and College Board will provide learning tutorials aligned with **Khan Academy**.

Parents, SMS will host an informational session on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Media Center. We invite you to join us if you desire additional information about the **PSAT 8/9**.

If you are interested in registering your student to sit for the December Session of the **PSAT 8/9**, please complete the attached form and turn-in along with payment to the front office by November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. (SMS will provide a Spring Session of the PSAT 8/9 on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Registration for this session will be sent out in February.)

If you have questions regarding testing, please contact our school ESE Liaison for the Gifted, Kristin McCombie at 941-361-6464 or [Kristin.McCombie@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:Kristin.McCombie@sarasotacountyschools.net).

You may also want to visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/test-design> for more information.

Together in Learning,

Mrs. Janel Dorn

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