

Rockville Centre Union Free School District SOUTH SIDE HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Families,

Over the past few months, the College Board has announced some changes to the standardized tests that they offer. Please take note of the changes below:

<u>The SAT will be going completely digital as of March 2024</u>. Students can still take the paper and pencil version of the SAT before the changeover in March. Registration for the SATs will continue to be through your student's College Board account.

The PSAT will be digital as of this October. It will no longer be offered in a pencil and paper version. Sophomores and Juniors will be given the opportunity to take the PSAT, in school, on Wednesday, October 11th (more information to follow). Students should come to the exam with their fully charged, school issued Chromebook.

With all of the changes occurring, the SSHS Counseling Center will be offering several evening informational sessions, with speakers from Princeton Review, to help our families understand the transitions occurring and how to best navigate them as our students begin the college research process. Sessions will cover topics like understanding PSAT scores and changes to the SAT in the new digital format. There will also be a session focused on finding your best fit college, where standardized tests will be discussed as the "test optional" choice continues to be a part of college admissions.

Students will also be given the opportunity to take a free, virtual practice SAT or ACT on Saturday, November 18. The exam is taken, at home, during an allotted testing window. More information to follow regarding student registration for the practice exam.

Please see the attached flyer for the dates and more information will be given as we get closer to each event. We look forward to seeing you and please reach out to the Counseling Center if you have any questions.

Sincerely.

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From the

COUNSELING CENTER

JOIN US FOR INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS WITH PRINCETON REVIEW TO HELP UNDERSTAND THE **CHANGES TO STANDARDIZED TESTS**

Save the dates:

Dec. 20, 2023 - "PSAT...Now What?" (Virtual meeting)

Jan. 16, 2024 - "Finding Your Best Fit College" Speaker: Rob Franek - Editor in Chief for Princeton Review

Jan. 31, 2024 - "Digital SAT: What You Need to Know"



Virtual Practice Test opportunity will be offered on Nov. 18th!

More Information to follow

Questions:



