



## KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS

September 16, 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On October 16, 2013, the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) will be administered to all sophomore and junior students. **Please note, this is a national testing date. It is extremely important that all of our 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students be in school on this testing day. The school will cover the cost of your child to take this test.** In the event your child is absent, **there will be no make-up test offered.**

There are many benefits for students who take the PSAT. The test results will provide information on a student's strengths and weaknesses, and personalized feedback on test performance including strategies for improvement. Students will be able to use the PSAT as a practice test before taking the SAT. By taking the PSAT as a junior in high school, he/she may qualify to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program. The 2013 PSAT consists of five sections which test Critical Reading, Mathematics and Writing Skills.

The importance of the PSAT cannot be emphasized enough. While we do not feel that students should become overly anxious about this testing, we do believe they should be made aware of the impact of the test on their academic and career goals. **Your cooperation in this matter, especially ensuring your child is present on campus by 7:45AM, is appreciated.** If a student is not present on October 16, 2013, or is late to testing, he/she will miss the opportunity to take the PSAT.

Students should bring two no.2 pencils and an approved calculator (generally four-function, graphing or scientific calculator).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 572-3228 or via email at [jebaum@ksbe.edu](mailto:jebaum@ksbe.edu).

Sincerely,

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