

Testing Day

Wednesday, October 19th, 2016

Wednesday, October 19th, is our annual testing day at Chaminade College Preparatory. This day is for the Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior classes. The Freshman class will be taking the ACT Aspire and are expected to be dismissed by 12:30pm (at the latest). Sophomores and Juniors are taking the preliminary SAT (PSAT/NMSQT) and are expected to be dismissed by 12pm. Room assignments will soon be posted on Blackboard as well as around campus for students. There will be 2 short breaks during testing, so students may bring a quick snack to eat between sections as needed. The cafeteria will not be open.

FRESHMEN are taking the ACT Aspire to familiarize them with the ACT, one of the two college admissions exams that they will take as Juniors and Seniors. It is also a tool to monitor progress towards college and career readiness. The intent is to expose the students to this style of testing and then provide some feedback after test results are calculated. This will highlight areas of strength and areas on which students should focus more attention as they prepare for the “real” ACT in their junior year. It is not a test that they should study for in advance. Students should report to their assigned classroom by 8am and will be released by 12:30pm. They should bring a calculator and at least two #2 pencils with them.

SOPHOMORES will be taking the PSAT. We distributed practice books to all Sophomores two weeks ago so that they may become familiar with the material. However, for their Sophomore year, students do not need to prepare ahead of time for the exam. This is simply a practice test and results and feedback will be provided to the students by December. The PSAT is modeled after the new version of the SAT, and these results will help to identify each student’s areas of strength as well as subjects on which to focus for the “real” exams next year. Sophomores should report to their assigned classroom by 8am and will be dismissed before 12pm. Please bring a calculator as well as two #2 pencils.

JUNIORS will also be taking the PSAT. We distributed practice books to all Juniors two weeks ago so that they may become familiar with the material. This test is one for which students can and should prepare. We recommend that students use free resources such as Khan Academy and Shmoop to study for the PSAT, in addition to the practice booklets. Students who do well on this test may qualify for National Merit Scholarship consideration. This is also the last official “practice” SAT they will have before taking the SAT in the spring. Juniors should report to their assigned classroom that morning by 8am and will be dismissed before 12pm. Please bring a calculator as well as two #2 pencils.

SENIORS have Wednesday, October 19th off from school and are strongly encouraged to use this day for visiting local colleges and working on their applications.