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To the Class of Junior Students and Parents:

Enclosed is your child's PSAT result along with his/her test booklet. We are mailing this information to you because we feel it is important that scores remain confidential. Ardsley High School does not share these scores with anyone or any institution.

PSAT/NMSQT measures skills in three basic areas: critical reading, math and writing. This test is designed to replicate the SAT Reasoning Test. The PSAT/NMSQT scale of 20 to 80 is equivalent to the SAT scale of 200 to 800 for each section. The "Review Your Answer" section provides an answer key and explanation of the specific skills being tested. Follow the suggestions in the "Improve Your Skills" section to identify weaknesses and improve your scores. Enclosed is a detailed tutorial published by College Board. It explains each section of your score report. Free online resources are provided by College Board at www.collegeboard.com/psatextra. Your child can get an explanation for the answers to every question on the PSAT. He/she can read sample SAT essays. Your child needs to create a College Board account to access this information. Additional information concerning the test will be given at the Junior College Night.

Please join us for our **Annual Junior College Exploration and Planning Meeting** to be held on **Thursday, January 15, 2009** at **7:00 p.m.** in the **High School Auditorium**. At this time, we will discuss the college selection process and explain the Guidance Department's role in it. Understanding the process, exploring options and choosing the best school for your son/daughter can be a relatively stress free and pleasant time for the informed family. This meeting will offer you an overview of procedures and highlight important dates and activities. You will be given the opportunity to ask questions and indicate concerns.

Sincerely,

Jim Haubner
Principal

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