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To the Class of Sophomore 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](http://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.

Sophomores will have an additional opportunity to sit for the PSAT's in the fall of junior year. Remember the best preparation is choosing the most rigorous college preparatory curriculum. Additional information will be given at the **Preparing for College Options on Thursday, Feb 5, 2009 at 7 p.m.** in the **High School Auditorium.**

Sincerely,

Jim Haubner  
Principal

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Enclosures