



**Coventry High School**  
**Office of the Assistant Principal**  
**Student Services**

September 12, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On **Saturday, October 15, 2011** Coventry High School will be administering the **PSAT/NMSQT Test**. The PSAT/NMSQT stands for Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. It is a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT Reasoning Test. It also gives students the chance to enter the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) scholarship programs.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures the following:

- Critical Reading
- Math problem solving skills
- Writing skills

The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are the following:

- To receive feedback on strengths and weaknesses necessary for college study.
- To see how a student's performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college.
- To enter the competition for scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (grade 11)
- To help prepare for the SAT. Students can become familiar with the kinds of questions and directions seen on the SAT.

Although all students are encouraged to participate, we strongly recommend all **10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade college bound students** to participate in the PSAT testing.

To ensure that all test materials arrive in time for the October test date, we must finalize our test order as soon as possible. Therefore, we are requesting a registration form be submitted to the guidance office along with a cash, personal or bank check payment of **\$25** made payable to Coventry High School no later than Friday, September 30th . Registration forms are available in the guidance office and on our school website. ***Late registrations will not be accepted.***

Sincerely,

Lynne F. Burke,  
Assistant Principal for Student Services

