



## Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School

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Dear Parent & Student,

I am excited to announce that every 8<sup>th</sup> grade student will have the opportunity to sit for the Preliminary SAT 8/9.

The PSAT 8/9 evaluates the skills each student has developed in critical reading, mathematics and writing; and also provides tools for a student to reach his or her college and career goals. Because the PSAT 8/9 evaluates the same skills as the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT, taking this assessment is an effective way for a student to start getting ready for the SAT. Additionally, the PSAT 8/9 gives each student personalized feedback about their academic strengths and weaknesses, helping each student to prepare for success in college and careers.

Every student who takes the PSAT 8/9 is provided with a comprehensive results report that commends the student on areas they have mastered and provides feedback on the areas they need to focus for improvement.

One additional way that a student can benefit from participation in this assessment in future years is by performing stronger on the PSAT/NMSQT assessment in high school, particularly in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT in 11<sup>th</sup> grade may be eligible to enter competitions for college scholarships and other academic recognition programs. Additional information will be provided to you during the spring of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade year in preparation for the upcoming test in the fall of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade year.

Students attending school face-to-face will be automatically registered for the test. MyPCS students must use:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb\\_3ye\\_PH\\_01JNjdsVDpEvz7-KiTAtAThUOUpWWDRUNVhPTzNCU0FMS1M5WDM4OUo3Ri4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb_3ye_PH_01JNjdsVDpEvz7-KiTAtAThUOUpWWDRUNVhPTzNCU0FMS1M5WDM4OUo3Ri4u)

to register for the PSAT 8/9 no later than Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> so that we are able to properly plan for each test session. (Please note – parents of MyPCS students are responsible for transportation to and from the school on test day.)

Parents, we appreciate your support of this assessment as your student continues their journey through middle and high school and beyond.

Students, we hope you will put forth your best effort on test day, to allow us to support your unique needs on your journey toward college and career success.

### Test Schedule for Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School:

- Students who attend classes in person will test during the school day on 10/27/2020
- Students who attend classes through myPCS will test on either 10/28/2020 or 10/29/2020 from 8:00am-11:00am in which parents MUST provide transportation at these times.

**What to bring: 2 No. 2 pencils & a scientific calculator**

Respectfully,

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