

## Grayslake Central High School District 127

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Future Rams, Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Grayslake Central High School! We hope you have experienced a positive start to the school year and are enjoying 8<sup>th</sup> grade! We are already planning for your arrival at Central and to ensure your Freshmen year is a success, are hosting placement testing for incoming Freshmen. District 127 is now using the SAT suite of assessments as a key tool to measure student skill growth and college readiness. The PSAT 8/9 will be our new placement test for all incoming Freshmen. Information on the PSAT 8/9 and the suite of assessments can be found at <a href="https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9">https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9</a>.

The test will be held <u>Saturday, October 22, 2016</u> in the <u>Grayslake Central Field House</u>. Students should arrive at <u>7:50</u> <u>a.m</u>. and bring a <u>calculator and 2 sharpened pencils with erasers</u>. Only students that are testing will be allowed to enter the building. Therefore, parents please use the enclosed map with drop off procedures to minimize traffic congestion. Testing will be completed around 11:30 a.m. and your student should be ready for pick-up at that time. Students with Individualized Education Plans or 504 Plan accommodations may require additional time and will be finished once testing has been completed. We will work with middle schools to identify those students who may need accommodations for the placement tests.

The test being administered is a national assessment, therefore unfortunately there is **no fall make-up exam available**. We ask that students and families make every effort to participate in this assessment so we can accurately place students into courses, particularly if honors classes are desired for Freshmen year. In the event that a student is ill or has an extenuating circumstance, final academic placement will be delayed until an alternate assessment has been administered, which may not be available until early Spring.

On a final note, we would like to formally invite you to attend the <u>Class of 2021 Night</u> on <u>Wednesday, January 4,</u> <u>2017</u>. Please save the date! This event will allow incoming Freshmen to meet staff members, tour the building and learn about the extra-curricular opportunities available to them. Students will also receive a copy of their recommendations for their freshman year core classes. The Booster Club will be there selling spirit wear as well.

We look forward to welcoming the Class of 2021 and hope the next four years of high school will be exciting for you! We will count on you to help us continue the tradition of excellence in our academic athletic and activity programs.

Sincerely,

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