

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student and Parent:

August 26, 2019

Your student is invited to take the **Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) on October 16, 2019.**

The PSAT is a national assessment that measures critical reading, math reasoning, and writing skills that are important for successful academic performance in college. Additionally, students who achieve a score of 550 or higher on the Reading/Writing section or 530 or higher on the Mathematics section will qualify as a South Carolina Junior Scholar. Qualifiers will be recognized at a local awards ceremony and will receive an Award of Merit and a Junior Scholar bumper sticker. Parents can elect to receive information about tuition based summer opportunities from South Carolina colleges and universities

**The cost to take the test is \$17.00. If your student is interested in taking this optional assessment, please submit payment online by following these instructions:**

1. Access the website: <https://www.studentquickpay.com/fort-mill/>
1. Log in or create an account
2. Click on the tab for your GHMS student
3. Click on “PSAT Test Fee” to add this to your cart
4. Click on “View Cart” and Checkout

**PSAT test fees must be paid no later than Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. No late payments will be accepted.**

*If your child qualifies for free/reduced lunch or other financial hardship and you would like to request a FEE WAIVER to cover the cost of this test, please complete the “PSAT FEE WAIVER Request and Permission Form”. Return this completed form to the guidance office by September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. \*You only need to return this form if you are requesting a fee waiver, otherwise your payment online will be your registration for the test – no need to turn in any other forms. .*

Prior to the test date, students will receive a PSAT student guide which includes test-taking tips and a full-length practice test. For more information about the PSAT, please go this website:  
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>

The results of the test will be sent to GHMS by January 2020. Students will then be given copies of their score sheets, with instructions on how to access online reports and resources.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for your interest in taking the PSAT!  
Sincerely,

Marc Wesseling  
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## **PSAT FEE WAIVER Request**

I would like to request a FEE WAIVER to pay for the cost of my student to take the PSAT at Gold Hill Middle School on October 16, 2019.

Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Return this completed form to GHMS Guidance office by September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.*