

# COMSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Comstock Families:

The Michigan Department of Education requires all current juniors to take the Michigan Merit Exam (MME), which will be given at Comstock High School the second week after Spring Break. The MME is one of Michigan's statewide high-school assessments, and it measures the academic content that every student needs to know to be college- and/or career-ready upon graduation. CHS is actively preparing for administration of this important exam.

## **The MME has three important components:**

1. The SAT with Essay, a college-readiness assessment by the College Board, which will be given on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 beginning at 7:55 a.m.
2. The ACT WorkKeys, a career-readiness assessment by ACT, which will be given on Thursday, April 13, 2023 beginning at 7:55 a.m.
3. The Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress, or M-Step, an online test that measures student growth regarding Michigan curriculum, which will be given on Friday, April 14, 2023 throughout the school day.

In addition to the MME that our juniors will take, our current freshmen and sophomores will be taking the College Board's PSAT assessments that same week. The PSAT is a valuable preparation for the SAT, and it tests over the same skills and knowledge as the SAT but at the 9th and 10th grade levels. Results from the PSAT may also be used to make curricular decisions for students. The PSAT will be given to our freshmen and sophomores as follows:

- 10th graders will take the PSAT 10 on Wednesday, April 12th, 2023 beginning at 7:55 a.m.
- 9th graders will take the PSAT 09 on Thursday, April 13th, 2023 beginning at 7:55 a.m.

## **Attendance**

In order to graduate from Comstock Public Schools, a student must take all components of the MME; therefore, every effort should be made to have perfect attendance during the testing window. The same attendance expectation applies for the 9th and 10th grade PSAT assessments as well.

During the testing time, students testing will be the only students in the building. This will minimize the disruptions to the students while also allowing more staff to be available to meet the testing requirements. Students not testing will come to school at a delayed start time. A schedule is on the back of this letter.

## **Other important details to note**

CHS will run buses to pick-up students testing on Wednesday and Thursday as close to normal time as possible. On Wednesday, April 12th, sophomores and seniors will be picked up at their bus stop approximately 5 hours later than their normal pick-up time. On Thursday, April 13th, freshmen and seniors will be picked up at their bus stop approximately 4 hours later than their normal pick-up time. Lunch will be provided following each test and at the time of the non-testing students' arrival.

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The only items allowed in the testing rooms on test day are photo ID, pencils and an approved calculator (visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for the list). Please have students leave everything else home and make sure your child is well rested.

#### MME Schedule:

<b>Wednesday, April 12th</b>	<u>SAT &amp; PSAT 10 Testing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Juniors and Sophomores</b> only (7:55 - 12:45)</li> <li>• Freshmen and Seniors arrive at 12:55</li> <li>• Lunch: 1:00 - 1:35</li> <li>• 5th hour: 1:40 - 2:10</li> <li>• 6th hour: 2:15 - 2:45</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, April 13th</b>	<u>ACT WorkKeys &amp; PSAT 9 Testing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Juniors and Freshmen</b> only (7:55 - 11:45)</li> <li>• All other students arrive at 11:50</li> <li>• Lunch: 11:55 - 12:25</li> <li>• 1st hour: 12:30 - 1:00</li> <li>• 2nd hour: 1:05 - 1:35</li> <li>• 3rd hour: 1:40 - 2:10</li> <li>• 4th hour: 2:15 - 2:45</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, April 14th</b>	<u>Normal Day</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Students (7:55 - 2:45)</li> <li>• Juniors will take M-Step online Michigan tests in Science and Social Studies throughout the day</li> </ul>

#### How you can help your student get ready

The best preparation for tests such as PSAT and the SAT is practice, practice, practice! The College Board has partnered with Khan Academy to offer free practice resources to Michigan students for the PSAT and SAT. Students can link their College Board test scores to Khan Academy ([www.sat.practice.org](http://www.sat.practice.org)) for personalized test practice that will focus on areas of improvement. Juniors have already linked their accounts, please encourage them to practice at home. You are also welcome to visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org> for information regarding the SAT and PSAT assessments.

You may be asking yourself, what is the big deal? The SAT is a college entrance exam accepted by all colleges in the nation. Your student's score will be a college reportable score that will be forwarded to the educational institution(s) of their choice, and will have an important impact on their admissions.

Juniors will be filling out the registration portion of the SAT/ACT Workkeys test on Wednesday, April 5th prior to actual testing. At that time, students will need to identify the colleges to which they would like to have their scores reported. At the meeting, students will have access to listings for all schools in the country. Please help your child identify the colleges they might consider applying to next fall.

Please remind your student that taking this test is required for graduation. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. We do, however, greatly appreciate your understanding and support as we begin these important assessments.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 250-8700.

With Comstock Pride,

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