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To the Parent/Guardian(s) of a Charter Arts 9th, 10th and/or 11th grade student,

For the 17th consecutive year, the School Counseling Department of Charter Arts is pleased to announce the opportunity for 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students to register for the **Practice SAT** (also known as the **PSAT**). The PSAT is an excellent opportunity for your child to gain familiarity with the standardized tests used in the college admissions process. The PSAT assesses students in the following areas: evidenced-based Reading and Writing as well as Math skills.

*It is with great excitement that we are able to allow ALL 10th grade students to take the PSAT, free of charge, as supported by a funding source from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Therefore, each member of the Class of 2022 is pre-registered and will be taking the PSAT this school year (no further action is needed)! For 9th and 11th grade students, there are a limited number of assessments available as per our allocation from the College Board. Therefore, we will be registering all other interested students for the PSAT with priority given to members of the Class of 2021 (juniors). 9th grade students can register for the PSAT "waitlist" and will be able to take the PSAT once we have met the demand for any and all juniors who desire to take the assessment.*

Registration for the PSAT will open starting on Monday September 9th during school hours. Registration will also be available at Back to School Night (9/18/2019) in the Commons Cafe, beginning at 6pm. During school hours starting on 9/9/2019, PSAT registration will be available before the start of first period and during the lunch block periods through Friday October 4th. Registration reservations are on a first-come, first served basis. We will activate the 9th grade PSAT waitlist on Monday October 7th, as space allows. IMPORTANT: no new registration(s) for the PSAT will be permitted after Friday October 4th.

The cost for the PSAT is \$20.00, cash or check payable to Charter Arts, except for the Class of 2022, where the assessment fee is subsidized by PDE. A \$20.00 payment reserves a test for your child. As a receipt of payment, you or your child will be given an informational booklet about the PSAT which includes a full-length practice test. *Fee waivers are available for any current junior student who qualifies; please contact your child's School Counselor if you are in need of a fee waiver.*

If your child is a current junior and took the PSAT last year, *please register your child to take the PSAT again this year.* Juniors who take the PSAT are eligible for their score to be considered for the highly competitive National Merit Scholarship Competition. All students, especially juniors, will be identified for potential college admissions recruitment by their PSAT participation.

The test date for the PSAT is Wednesday October 16, 2019 and will be proctored in classrooms at Charter Arts. Test administration begins promptly at 8:00am; hence arrival to school should occur as early as 7:05am but not later than 7:40am as per school attendance policy. Late arrivals will be refused without a refund. Testing generally concludes around 12pm. Being that the PSAT is being offered on a regular school day, transportation to and from Charter Arts will occur as scheduled for a normal school day (i.e. bus transportation, carpool, and/or walk). On test day, students are required to provide their own #2 pencil(s) and a calculator.

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's School Counselor.

Sincerely,

Stephanie H. Covelle  
Director of School Counseling  
PSAT Testing Coordinator

#### Mission Statement

*The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts provides a unique environment that fosters a creative, rigorous academic approach to learning and a development of talents in the arts. Built on passion, discipline and a commitment to excellence, this integrative educational experience inspires all students to believe in who they are and in what they can accomplish.*