

January 13, 2021

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

The 9th grade has two special programs coming up during the next few weeks, and essential details are listed below.

PRACTICE PSAT Test- Tuesday, January 26, 2021

9:00am-1:00pm

This test will be taken at home

All 9th grade students will be taking a virtually proctored practice PSAT through Revolution Prep instead of attending classes. This PSAT practice exam is mandatory for the class of 2024. This practice exam will help students build testing endurance and give a real-time snapshot of their testing performance. The purpose of this practice test is to give students an opportunity to see what type of questions will be on the PSAT in the future. The results of this practice test will be provided to students and the school.

Due to the time constraints and administration by an outside test prep company, we are not offering extended time accommodations for this practice test.

The day prior to the test, students and parents will receive an email from Revolution Prep with the necessary login information.

For additional information about the Practice PSAT and other resources provided by the school, please refer to the [College Counseling Parent Resource page](#) on the Tampa Prep website.

9th Grade On-Campus Class Activities - Friday, February 5, 2021

***8:50 am - 1:00 pm - Students with last names beginning with the letters A-I**

*** 11:50 am-4:00 pm - Students with last names beginning with the letters J-Z**

We are excited to bring the 9th grade on campus on this day for class bonding and the Pathfinder experience that had to be postponed in August due to COVID. 9th graders will not be attending Zoom classes since they will be participating in this program.

Each student will be assigned a Pathfinder group and participate in a 3-hour program with outdoor education facilitators and Tampa Prep faculty. Students assigned to the

morning session will work with Pathfinder from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. The students assigned to the afternoon session will work with Pathfinder from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. The entire class of 2024 will congregate on Shimberg Field from 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch and fun activities. This will be the first time the entire 9th grade class will be on campus together!

In order to participate, students **must** have a signed Pathfinder waiver. The waiver can be accessed [here](#). Please complete the waiver no later than Wednesday, January 27, 2021. On the day of the event, parents will need to complete the Magnus form. Temperatures will be taken upon arrival at school. All of the safety protocols that we practice on a regular school day will be followed on this day.

Students are required to wear closed-toed shoes when participating in the Pathfinder program. They will be permitted to wear Tampa Prep t-shirts and athletic shorts and sweatpants. Students need to bring a water bottle with them to school that day.

If you have any questions about these two events, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best,
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