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September 20, 2020 – Automated Message sent to 12th Grade LHS Parents and Students regarding upcoming SAT Testing on 9/23/20

Dear Parent and Guardians,

Hello, this is LaSalle High School Principal Gregg Fettig. This message is for parents/guardians of LaSalle High School seniors regarding the expectations for SAT testing coming up this week. This includes students who are enrolled in both face-to-face instruction and virtual online instruction. A copy of this message will be posted on the district and LaSalle High School website under the headlines section, labeled “Fall 2020 Return to School Information Center.”

By law, the State of Michigan requires that all public schools administer the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP). The purpose of the test is to measure each student’s academic proficiency. This test was scheduled for last April, but due to COVID-19 was postponed. The SAT with Writing portion has been rescheduled for this coming Wednesday, September 23rd.

The test will be administered in the LHS gymnasium. It is crucial for your student to attend and complete the test as it is state mandated and a LHS graduation requirement. If your student is unable to test on the 23rd due to being sick, there is only one make-up date which is October 27th.

On test day, students should arrive no later than 8:00 A.M. in order to be seated by 8:15 A.M. Those who arrive after test booklets have been distributed will not be allowed to test. Testing should end around 1:15 PM. Lunch will not be provided for students testing as the test rules do not allow it. As a result, once testing is complete, seniors who took the test will be finished for the school day. This will allow them time to go and eat. Students will not be allowed to remain in the building after testing and are allowed to leave for the rest of the day. If your student is involved in an after-school activity, he/she should return to LaSalle no earlier than 2:50 p.m.

During testing, students will be assigned to a seat. Eight-foot tables will be used with two students to each table. This allows for at least 3 feet between students. All students will be facing forward and face masks are required. Students are allowed to bring an approved calculator to use on one portion of the test. **Students are not allowed to bring cell phones or other electronic devices into the testing room or have them in their possession at any time during the test including breaks.** This is not a LHS rule, but a SAT rule, and disobeying it results in dismissal from the test.

In closing, I want to emphasize the importance of this test. In addition to being a state requirement and LaSalle graduation requirement, it is an opportunity for your student to take the SAT with Essay **free of charge**. I encourage all students to put forth their best effort. Please be sure your son/daughter gets a good night's rest the night before the test, eats a nutritious breakfast, brings an approved calculator, and arrives on time. If you have any questions about the test administration, please call or email our high school guidance counselor Connie Olsen with your question(s). She can be contacted at 643-8800 Ext. 326 and her email address is colsen@eupschools.org. Thank you and have a great evening!

Sincerely,

Gregg Fettig
LaSalle High School Principal