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Dear PSAT Test-takers and Parents,

The PSAT scores are in, and once again, the students at Raleigh Charter High School have done well. This table shows the Mean Scores of our school for 2011:

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Critical Reading</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Writing Skills</i>
9	53.1	53.6	48.9
10	57.4	59.4	53.9
11	59.8	62.3	57.6

A response sheet and the test booklet are given to students to assess their strengths and areas that require improvement.

Now that students have their PSAT scores, there are free resources available which we encourage them to use to help improve their test-taking skills and to explore, plan and prepare for college at [www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart) as well as logging in to [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org) and exploring the career assessment key to explore possible career options that match their interests.

**Scoring.** PSATs range from 20 to 80 per test and a score of 50 is near the mean. Scores come from three sources—Critical Reading, Math, and Writing Skills. A student who scores 50 on the Math part of the PSAT should score in the vicinity of 500 on the Math part of the SAT. Predicted SAT score ranges based on current PSAT result are provided on the test report. The data provided are for college-bound, high-school juniors.

**NMSQT.** For juniors, the PSAT is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The Selection Index (SI) is the sum of the three scores— Critical Reading, Math, and Writing Skills. National Merit qualifying begins with a student's achieving a certain Selection Index for North Carolina, but the further competitions depend on the student's application.

Success at Raleigh Charter High School is all about an individual student's doing as well as she or he can; it's about growing academically as much as possible. Becoming familiar with the SAT's content and format will have many benefits. We also know that the profile of a student who will be successful in college includes more—much more—than a simple number based on a test on a single day. We are pleased that you have taken the PSAT and encourage you to continue to improve your academic strengths.

Sincerely,



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