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School Wide testing day.

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        On Oct. 16, the only thing that will be able to be heard throughout the hallways will be the sound of pencils gliding across paper. Each student will be working their hardest as time slowly ticks on and the stress of the test increases.

     Counselors and advisement teachers have been working on helping students prepare for the upcoming testing day. All students  in the school will be taking a test that can help further prepare students for the SAT and ACT.

One test offered for seniors and juniors only is the compass test, which is a sort of entry exam for many colleges in missouri.

Teacher Steven Meek helps organize and prepare students before they take the tests with a PSAT prep class and a Princeton ACT class.

“All of these tests help students practice for taking any type of standardized tests, it makes them more comfortable with the testing environment,” said Meek.

The freshmen class will all be required to take the practice ACT. All of the others classes have the choice of taking just the test their whole grade is taking but they can also go and talk to counselors about taking another test to help them prepare along with the one their whole grade is taking. The sophomores will be required to take the PLAN test, which is a a sort of pre-ACT, or the PSAT. The juniors can take the Compass test or the PSAT. Also the seniors can take the Practice ACT or the Compass test.

“Deciding what test is to take is different for every student, for instance if some seniors plan on attending Longview or a college like that, then they definitely need to be taking the compass test,” Meeks said.

An advantage for students taking the PSAT is that it can qualify them for the national merits scholarship.

“Taking these tests help students better prepare themselves for what kind of questions will be on the ACT or SAT, we have definitely seen better scores from students who have taken these tests than students who have not,” Meek said.

Taking these tests will help teachers better understand what classes students need to be placed in next year in order for them to reach their full potential.