

TWO MINUTES # 2
21 October 2020

- 12 **SENIORS** October is Financial Aid Month – You need to complete your FAFSA **NOW!**
FAFSA – THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID is now a **required step for students to earn a diploma** from an Illinois High School. FHS will **NOT** be having a workshop later this semester to help parents with filling out the form due to COVID 19. For more information, go to the Financial Aid/FAFSA tab under FHS Counselor’s Corner on the district website. Students and parents need to start by creating a FSA ID by going to <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>
- GET EARLY COLLEGE APPLICATIONS COMPLETED NOW!!** Request electronic transcripts if possible (Parchment or SENDeDu). Use “SENDeDu” and/or “Common Application” if possible for college applications. If you have not done so, set up your parchment account. If you already have one, great, if not you have gotten an invitation in your email inviting you to set up your account. Many schools have waived their application fee for the months of September and October. All applications should be done by November. Only 1 month to get them done!
- GET YOUR INOCULATION/SHOT RECORDS UP TO DATE.** Check with your physician, health department and/or FHS to make sure you have all shot records in ONE location and ready to deliver to the college of your choice.
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- 11 **PSAT/NMSQT TESTING** will be on Thursday morning, **October 29** at 8:00 am at FHS. This is a pre-SAT assessment that will help **ALL Junior** students prepare for the SAT they will be taking in April. Also, students who are planning on taking any AP courses such as English and/or Calculus will see if those courses are a good match for their senior year schedule.
- 11-12 **SVCC Dual Credit students** are able to apply for scholarships to help pay for their credits. Students should check the svcc.edu web site on the **first of each month** to apply for scholarship help. They are also encouraged to apply for scholarships for 2nd semester classes. Those applications become available in October. When asked for a filed FAFSA, attach a word document that states that you are a Dual Credit Student and have not filed yet.
- 11-12 **All AP students** will need to register and pay exam fees by **November 7** for the May test date.
- 11-12 **COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES** Due to Covid 19, colleges will not be sending representatives to FHS to meet with students this fall. Students are encouraged to contact colleges by way of email. Many schools have virtual visits and tours set up for prospective students.
- 9-12 **SCHOLARSHIP UP-DATE** The following scholarships are found on the school’s web-site and are due within the next few weeks. Go to High Fulton School-FHS Counselor’s Corner-Scholarships. Try www.scholarships.com to help you with scholarship searches.

<u>NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>POST MARK</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
Horatio Alger Scholarship	10-25	12
Celebrating High School Innovators	10-23	12
Cooke College Scholarship Program	10-30	12
Debt Free Scholarship Giveaway	10-31	12
Coca-Cola	10-31	12
Voice of Democracy	10-31	9-12
Green House Scholars of Illinois	11-1	12
Prudential Spirit of Community Award	11-10	9-12

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11-12 **ARE YOU AN 18 YEARS OLD MALE?** If you are you must register with selective service. You can register as early as 17 years and 3 months old. You are required by law to register. By doing so you will be eligible for student loans and grants, job training and government jobs as well as avoiding a 5-year prison sentence and up to \$250,000 fine. Register at the post-office, drivers licensing facility, or on line at <https://www.sss.gov/>. Another way a young man can register is to check a box on the application form for federal student financial aid (FAFSA). Check "Register Me" on Box #22 of that form, and the Department of Education will furnish Selective Service with the information to register you.

9-12 **XELLO – CAREER EXPLORATION** Not sure what career you want to pursue? Hit the **XELLO** button on “Counselor’s Corner”. Here you can explore your own personal career options. Using your own interests, personality type and learning style this program will help you explore careers that match your wants and needs. It will help you decide what type of training you will need whether it is “On the Job Training” or Post-High School education in a college of some sort. With this program, you get to be in the driver’s seat.

9-12 **COUNSELOR’S CORNER** – If you have any more questions or are looking for more information go to the following link;
<https://www.riverbendschools.org/> - Fulton High School – FHS Counselor’s Corner

