

TWO MINUTES # 1
9 September 2020

- 11-12 **SENIORS & JUNIORS** you have 3 tasks that you need to complete in September:
1. Check your school email (if you have not, you won't be reading this ☺)
 2. Set up your parchment account. If you already have one, great, if not you will get an invitation to set up your account.
 3. Open up your College Board account and retrieve your PSAT scores and prepare for your Fall Testing. If you are having trouble getting into your College Board account call this number for customer service 866-315-6068.

SENIORS – School Day **SAT** at FHS on **October 14**

JUNIORS – **PSAT/NMSQT** at FHS on **October 29**

12 **FOR SENIORS ONLY**

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. Many schools have waived their application fee for the months of September and October. All applications should be done by November. Only 2 months to get them done!

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 be having a workshop later this semester to help parents with filling out the form. For more information, go to the Financial Aid/FAFSA tab under FHS Counselor's Corner on the district website. Students and parents can get started by creating a FSA ID by going to <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm> This year's FAFSA application will be available on October 1.

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.

- 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 **US SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM** is available for junior and senior students who are currently serving in an elected capacity in student government with the intention to take government courses in college. Two students from the state of Illinois will be selected to experience U.S. government in Washington D.C. Applications are due by **October 1**. For application please go to the following web Site https://www.isbe.net/Documents/USSYP_42-60.pdf

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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 **FIRST QUARTER** comes to an end on **October 16**. Are you doing the best you can?

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>
Acorn Equality Fund	9-18	12
Horatio Alger Scholarship	10-25	12
Coca-Cola	10-31	12
Voice of Democracy	10-31	9-12
Prudential Spirit of Community Award	11-10	9-12

11- 12 **JUNIORS AND SENIORS** should be completing your **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES LIST** and emailing the form to Mr. Baisden. <http://riverbendschools.org> – HS – FHS Counselor's Corner – Forms – Extra Curricular Activities List & Information for Recommendations.

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 **IMSA - FRESHMAN WHO HAVE EXCEPTIONAL TALENT IN MATH AND SCIENCE** are encouraged to consider the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy. The IMSA provides a three-year residential experience designed to promote mathematics and science learning within a context of a comprehensive problem-centered and integrative program. Parents and students are encouraged to visit the IMSA web site at www.imsa.edu for applications and more information. Application and all required forms are due February 1.