

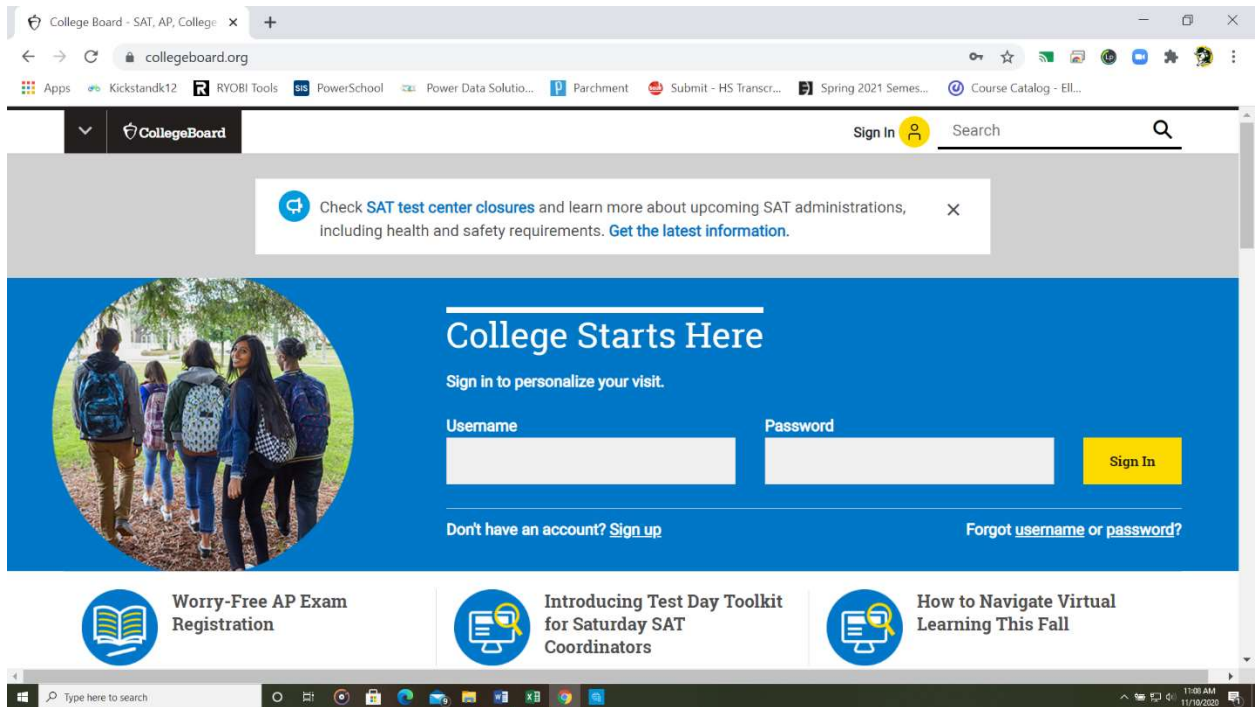
TWO MINUTES # 4
1 December 2021

- 12 **SENIORS – COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA.** (FAFSA) can now be completed using your 2020 taxes. Get your FAFSA completed and submitted. Spend some time now researching financial aid, grants, loans and scholarships. Talk to your colleges of choice about financial aid. **Only 29 students have completed their forms – That’s only 45% of the senior class that has filed their FAFSA so far.** Priority for programs with limited funds is often given to students filing the FAFSA as soon as possible.
- FAFSA – THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID** is a **required step for students to earn a diploma** from an Illinois High School. 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>
- 12 **SENIORS GET COLLEGE APPLICATIONS COMPLETED NOW!!** Request electronic transcripts if possible (Parchment or SENDeDu). Use “SENDeDu and/or “Common Application” if possible for college applications.
- 9-12 **FIRST SEMESTER** comes to an end on **December 17.** Are you doing the best you can? These grades are “**Official**” and will stay on your permanent transcript.
- 9-12 **STUDENTS WANTING SCHEDULE CHANGES** need to see Mr. Baisden by Friday, **December 17.** Classes are very full and making a change could be difficult. Look over the master schedule, which can be found on the HS website under counselor’s corner and then high school planning. If your change is plausible, and/or possible, stop in with a plan to see if a change can be done.
- 11-12 **2nd SEMESTER DUAL CREDIT STUDENTS.** Both SVCC and CCC registration for Spring term were open in early November. If you have SVCC or CCC dual credit classes on your schedule for the second semester and you have to enroll online with SVCC and CCC requires a paper registration (from Mr. Baisden). Some of the seats are starting to be populated by other students in the area. Make sure you are following the guidelines listed in the Counselor’s corner website. Some of you have gone in and registered as a traditional college student and you cannot enroll that way. You are a Dual Credit Student. Do not wait, you may lose your seat if the course(s) fill up. Make sure you let Mr. Baisden know what class(es) you have enrolled in.
- 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>
Sallie Mae Sweepstakes	Monthly	12
Golden Apple Scholarship	Starts 12-15	12 Ends 4-1
Burger King	12-15	12
Equitable Excellence	12-17	12
Footlocker Student Athlete	12-17	12
Porch Skilled Trade & Technology	Varies	12
Illinois Electric Cooperatives	12-31	12
Free Speech Essay	12-31	12
Children of Veteran Tuition Waiver	1-5	12
CBAI Foundation	1-6	12
SAT Practice Scholarship	Varies	11
Profile in Courage Essay Contest	1-14	9-12
Verna Ross Orndorff Essay Contest	1-15	9-12
Great River Bend Car Show	1-16	12
4 Year College Bound and Trade School		
Timberline Billing Service (IEP students)	1-18	12
IL Society of Professional Engineers	1-21	12
Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholars	1-25	12
QC Engineering & Science Council	1-27	12
Distinguished Young Women of Illinois	2-1	11

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- 9-12 **SCHOLARSHIPS** are being updated weekly. Check out our school website each week to see what scholarship applications deadlines are coming up. Scholarships are listed in 3 categories; River Bend-Area/Regional-National. Go to the following website: <https://www.riverbendschools.org/> Then Fulton High School – FHS Counselor’s Corner – Scholarships – Scholarship Applications.
- 11-12 **SVCC Dual Credit students** are able to apply of 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 are available now. When asked for a filed FAFSA and you have not, attach a word document that states that you are a Dual Credit Student and have not filed yet.
- 11-12 **CHECK COLLEGE WEB-SITES FOR VISIT DAYS AND OPEN HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES.**
- 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.
- 9-11 **PRE-REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR** will be conducted in February. Students need to start planning for next year’s courses. Remember, required classes that are not passed this semester will have to be taken again next year. Talk to your teachers about class options and pre-requisites.
- 11 **JUNIORS YOUR PSAT SCORES WILL BE RELEASED DECEMBER 7.** Log in to your College Board account to view your complete PSAT score report. Many of you have forgotten your username and/or your password. FHS does not have that information. It is your personal account with an outside entity. Just click on the “Forgot username or password? Then follow the directions. **If you do not have an account**, click on “Don’t have an account? **Sign up**”. An example of the web page is below.



- 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