

TWO MINUTES # 3
2 November 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 23 students have completed their forms – That’s only 35% of the senior class that has filed their FAFSA so far.**

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. All applications should be done in **November.**

11-12 **All AP students** will need to register and pay exam fees by **November 10** for the May test date.

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.

11-12 **CHECK COLLEGE WEB-SITES FOR VISIT DAYS AND OPEN HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES.**

11-13 **COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES** The following is a listing of colleges that will have representatives here in the next few weeks. All 2:35 representatives will be in the Counseling Office **You must sign up with Marie for the 2:35 visit times.** Representatives want to know if anyone will be there to visit with. Don't miss out on early planning and applications.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DAY & DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Educators of Beauty	Monday, November 8	2:35
University of Dubuque	Monday, November 15	2.35

11-12 **2nd SEMESTER DUAL CREDIT STUDENTS.** Both SVCC and CCC registration for Spring term opens November 8. 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
Green House Scholars of Illinois	11-5	12
Hispanic Youth Awards	11-14	12
Cooke College Scholarship Program	11-18	12
SAT Practice Scholarship	11-31	12
Golden Apple Scholarship	Starts 12-15	12
Burger King	12-15	12
Equitable Excellence	12-17	12
Free Speech Essay	12-31	12
Illinois Electric Cooperatives	12-31	12

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- 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 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 **ACT REGISTRATION** Students who would like to take or retake a College Entrance Exam the next test date for the ACT is **February 12**. Registration materials must be completed by **January 7**. School code is 141980. Register on-line at www.act.org.
- 11-12 **SAT REGISTRATION** Students who would like to take or retake a College Entrance Exam the next test date for the SAT is **March 12**. Registration materials must be completed by **February 11**. School code is 141980. Register on-line at www.sat.org/register. **ALL Fulton High School Juniors will be taking the SAT in April. The fee is paid for by the State of Illinois.**
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 11 **OUR UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMYS OFFER SUMMER SEMINARS.** The one-week summer seminars were established to help students better understand the academic opportunities at a service academy that thrives on small classes and frequent testing. By applying to the summer seminars you are also opening an admissions file at the Academies. Students must complete applications on line. Summer seminars are very competitive. To qualify you must be in the top 10% of your class, in a college prep curriculum, have strong test scores, demonstrated leadership, active in school activities and athletically fit. Admission is on a rolling basis acceptance so return your application as soon as possible.
- Air Force Academy** <https://www.academyadmissions.com/admissions/outreach-programs/summer-seminar/>
Application dead line - December 1 - January 15
- Coast Guard Academy** <https://www.uscga.edu/aim/>
Application dead line – February 8– April 15
- Military Academy (Army)** <http://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/SitePages/Summer.aspx>
Application dead line February 1 – March 15
- Naval Academy (Navy & Marines)** <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/index.php>
Application opens January 4