

**TWO MINUTES # 2**  
**1 October 2021**

- 12 **SENIORS-OCTOBER IS FINANCIAL AID MONTH** – You need to complete your **FSA ID** and **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. 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 **FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOP** is scheduled for Thursday, **October 14** at 5:30 pm at Fulton High School in the **Library**. Jennifer Schultz, Director of Financial Assistance at SVCC, will help students and parents with filling out their FAFSA. 1 parent and the student should have completed a FSA ID prior to this workshop. This will allow for the FAFSA to be submitted that night. Please bring the following; **Social Security Number, Records of income for 2020 (see below)**, such as income earned from work and business, child support paid or received and any other untaxed income. If you have them, refer to the W-2 Forms or Federal Income Tax Return IRS 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ, **Information about assets**, such as savings, certificates of deposit, stock options, bonds, 529 plans and other college savings programs; and investment real estate, business and farm, **Driver’s license number**, if you have one, **Dates of birth**, include the month, day and year. **Month and year of marriage, separation, divorce or other change in marital status, Alien Registration Number**, if your student is not a U.S. citizen.  
**\*Applying is easier with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool! Students and parents who have filed their 2020 federal tax return may be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to easily, accurately and securely transfer their tax information into the FAFSA form.**
- 12 **SENIORS - 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 please contact Mr. Baisden or Ms. Griser. All applications should be done by the end of **November**. Only 2 months to get them done!
- 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 8**. For application please go to the following web Site [https://www.isbe.net/Documents/USSYP\\_42-60.pdf](https://www.isbe.net/Documents/USSYP_42-60.pdf)
- 12 **EXPLORE SAUK** is an opportunity to visit the campus and talk to current students. Learn more about their many programs of study, financial aid, campus tour, clubs & organizations, student support services and so much more. Want to talk to one of the instructors about a particular academic department? Just ask! Sign up now and learn about all of the possibilities they have to offer. Next session is **October 11**, 9:30-11:00. RSVP to <https://www.svcc.edu/visit> or call 815-835-6266.
- 11 **PSAT/NMSQT TESTING** will be on Thursday morning, **October 13** 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 AP English Literature, AP Statistics and/or AP Calculus will see if those courses are a good match for their senior year schedule.
- 11-12 **ASVAB** will be given to **ALL JUNIORS and SENIORS** on Wednesday, **October 20 at 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM**. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery will be administered at the high school. The most important feature of this test is that it can help students find out what **occupations** may be a good fit for them. Plus, the results can be used if they are interested in serving in the military.
- 9-12 **FIRST QUARTER** comes to an end on **October 15**. Are you doing the best you can?
- 11-12 **All AP students** will need to register and pay exam fees by **November 9** for the May test date.
- 11-12 **CHECK COLLEGE WEB-SITES FOR VISIT DAYS AND OPEN HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES.**

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11-12 **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 &amp; DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Sauk Valley Community College	Monday, October 4	2:35
Augustana College	Wednesday, October 6	Lunch Room
Kirkwood College	Friday, October 8	2:35
US Army	Monday, October 25	Lunch Room

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](http://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
Porch Skilled Trade & Technology	10-14	12
Wendy's HS Heisman	10-19	12
SVCC In-Session Scholarships	10-29	11-12
Coca-Cola	10-31	12
VFW Voice of Democracy	10-31	9-12
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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **ACT REGISTRATION** for the December 11 test date must be completed by November 5. School code is 141980. Register on-line at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) .

11-12 **SAT REGISTRATION** for the November 6 test date must be completed by October 8. School code is 141980. Register on-line at [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register) . Next date: December 4, register by November 4.

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.