

TWO MINUTES # 1
7 September 2021

11-12 **SENIORS** you have 3 tasks that you need to complete in September:
JUNIORS complete tasks 1 & 2.

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 SAT scores. If you are having trouble getting into your College Board account call this number for customer service 866-315-6068.

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. 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 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 English, AP Statistics and/or 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.

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. First Session is **September 15**, 9:30-11:00. RSVP to <https://www.svcc.edu/visit> or call 815-835-6266. Other visit days will be listed at a later date.

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 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.

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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

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 8** for the May test date.

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

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 & DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
St. Ambrose University	Thursday, September 16	Lunch visit
Capri College of Cosmetology	Thursday, September 16	2:35
US Army	Wednesday, September 22	Lunch visit
Western Illinois University	Monday, September 26	2:35
Sauk Valley Community College	Monday, October 4	2:35

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 Fulton High 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	9-24	12
Wendy's HS Heisman	10-19	12
Coca-Cola	10-31	12

11-12 **ACT REGISTRATION** for the October 23 test date must be completed by September 17. School code is 141980. Register on-line at 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 .

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.

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.