

**FULTON HIGH SCHOOL:**

TWO MINUTES NEWSLETTER

12 GET COLLEGE APPLICATIONS COMPLETED NOW!! You can request electronic transcripts through **Parchment!** Use “**Parchment**” and/or “**Common Application**” for college applications if possible.

12 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://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>. **This year’s FAFSA application will opened December 1. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU GO CREATE YOUR FSA ID NOW. THERE IS A WAITING PERIOD BETWEEN WHEN YOU CREATE YOUR ID TO WHEN YOU CAN COMPLETE THE APPLICATION.**

12 FAFSA WORKSHOP @ FHS: A representative from Sauk Valley Community College will be at FHS on Wednesday, January 22nd from 5-7 PM for a walk-in style FAFSA workshop. Please ensure that you have already followed the steps listed above to obtain your parent and student FSA IDs. If you would like assistance with the FAFSA prior to this date, please utilize Sauk Valley’s financial aid office walk-in hours. They will be on campus until December 20th this month. Their staff will help students complete the FAFSA even if they do not plan on attending Sauk.

12 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.

11-12 AP STUDENTS THAT SIGNED UP TO TAKE THE AP EXAM MUST PAY THEIR EXAM FEE BY MARCH 21ST The cost is \$99 or \$20 for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch. If you signed up for the exam and decide you no longer want to take the exam you will be responsible for the \$40 cancellation fee.

9-12 ACT PREP April 10th is all school test day. This means grades 9 and 10 will be taking the Pre-ACT and grade 11 will be taking the ACT. The time to start preparing is now! Make a student account on myact.org to gain access to practice questions in all subject areas, a practice question of the day, online practice exams and all of the other resources ACT has to offer. You will also be able to view test results here at a later date. The ACT is important for college applications and is a reflection of our school- it is important that you are as prepared as possible for test day!

11-12 2ND SEMESTER SAUK STUDENTS who are enrolled in courses that they are responsible for paying for must have the parental consent form completed ASAP. The form would have been sent to the parental email the student listed on their registration form. For dual credit Sauk classes taught at FHS by FHS instructors, no parental consent form is required, as the cost of those courses is covered in full.



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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 became 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 COLLEGE VISIT FORM

Junior and senior students are allowed 2 college visit days each year. The form must be completed and turned in to the Student Services Office 2 days before the visit. Parents are still expected to call in the approved absence on the day of the visit. You can view the form in counselors corner under the “Forms” tab or access it by visit the following link: <https://www.riverbendschools.org/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/5d4dd29ab8642/College%20Day%20form.pdf>.

11-12 COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES The following is a listing of colleges that will have representatives here in the next few weeks. All college representative visits will take place in the Student Services office. **You must scan the QR Code on our College Visit signs around the school to sign up, or stop in and sign up with Marie in Student Services.** We have to let representatives know ahead of time if anyone has signed up. So, sign up early and don't miss out on the opportunity to get all of your college questions answered!

- STAY TUNED FOR SPRING VISITS

9-12 SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE The following scholarships are found on the school's web-site and are due within the next few weeks/months. Go to Fulton High School-FHS Counselor's Corner-Scholarships. Try www.scholarships.com to help you with scholarship searches.

NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP	POST MARK	CLASS
IEC Memorial Scholarship	12-31	12
Verena Ross Orndoff Essay Contest	01-15	9-12
Quad City Engineering & Science Council	01-28	12
Carroll County Pheasants Forever	02-01	12
Kiwanis Dual Credit Grant	w/in 3 weeks of class start date	11-12

9-12 FIRST SEMESTER comes to an end on December 20th. Are you doing the best you can? These grades are “Official” and will stay on your permanent transcript. If you desire a schedule change for 2nd semester, please look at the master schedule to come up with a plan before seeing Mrs. Facio. Schedule changes are only permitted 2 days into the 2nd semester,

9-12 TUTORING is available to all FHS students after school Mon.-Thurs. Please see Mr. Parsons or Mr. Borgman to get signed up for this free service!

11-12 ARE YOU AN 18 YEARS OLD MALE? If you are, you are required by law to register with selective service. You can register as early as 17 years and 3 months old. By doing so you will be eligible for student loans and grants, job training and government jobs. Failing to register can lead to a 5-year prison sentence and up to \$250,000 fine. Register at the post-office, DMV, or online at: <https://www.sss.gov/>.

9-12 XELLO - CAREER EXPLORATION Not sure what career you want to pursue? Hit the XELLO button in “Counselor's Corner.” Using your own interests, personality type and learning style this program will help you explore careers that match your wants and needs.