

**FULTON HIGH SCHOOL:**

TWO MINUTES NEWSLETTER

11-12 **SENIORS and JUNIORS** you have 3 tasks that you need to complete in September:

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. When setting up your account, **please use a personal email, NOT your school email**. You will use this account beyond graduation.
3. Open up your College Board account and retrieve your SAT or PSAT 10 scores. If you are having trouble getting into your College Board account call this number for customer service 866-315-6068.

12 **GET EARLY COLLEGE APPLICATIONS COMPLETED NOW!!** You can request electronic transcripts through **Parchment!** Use "**Parchment**" and/or "**Common Application**" for college applications if possible. All applications should be done by November. Only 2 months to get them done!

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 be available by December 1.**

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 **REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE FALL NACAC VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS!**

You are invited to attend the first NACAC Virtual College Fair of the fall on Sunday, September 15th from 1-6 p.m. (ET !) The virtual fair is a great opportunity to connect with colleges and pursue your college dreams. Have a quick video chat with a rep, drop in on a virtual presentation, send a question through chat - make a connection YOUR way! The fairs will also feature MatchMaking! At the time of registration, you will select the attributes that are most important to you in a college. You'll then receive an email that best matches you to the specific colleges and universities based on the criteria you provide. Reference this email on the day of the fair to connect with your best matches! Be sure to register early to take advantage of this great feature! Additional fairs will be available Oct. 13th & Nov. 3rd. **Register here for free:** <https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs>

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 4th. To apply, please visit: https://www.isbe.net/Documents/USSYP_42-60.pdf.

11 **PSAT/NMSQT TESTING** will take place on October 9th at 8:05 AM in the LRC Conference Room for those who signed up. The assessment will be digital, so make sure your Chromebooks have been charged.



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11 ASVAB will be given to **ALL JUNIORS** on Wednesday, **October 23rd from 8:15 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.

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 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 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 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!

- St. Ambrose University, 09/16 @ 2:35 PM
- University of Dubuque, 10/07 @ 2:35 PM

9-12 SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE 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.

| NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP | POST MARK | CLASS |
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| Acorn Equality Fund | 9-20 | 12 |
| Quest Bridge | 9-26 | 12 |
| Coca-Cola | 9-30 | 12 |
| Illinois Professional Land Surveyors | 10-29 | 12 |
| Voice of Democracy | 10-31 | 9-12 |

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. 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.