

TWO MINUTES # 3
November 1, 2019

- 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, attach a word document that states that you are a Dual Credit Student and have not filed yet.
- 10 **ALL SOPHOMORES WILL BE ATTENDING MANUFACTURING DAY** hosted by Morrison Tech, on Wednesday, November 6. Manufacturing Day is an experience designed to expose area students to opportunities in various fields that support manufacturing and to highlight local opportunities. These opportunities include the skilled trades and engineering that directly focus on manufacturing, and the many professional support roles such as management, finance, logistics, and IT. A skilled workforce and retention of our young people is vital to local and regional sustainability and quality of life. The manufacturing day activities will give students experiences that may help them discover new interests and make informed educational decisions in the future.
- 9-12 **WHITESIDE AREA CAREER CENTER HOSTS AN OPEN HOUSE** on Thursday, **November 7 from 5:30-7:30 pm**. The Career Center provides hands-on, experienced-based learning to students from 19 high schools in Northwestern Illinois. Community members, parents and students are encouraged to join them for building tours, program overviews and to see the amazing class projects and student achievements. Refreshments will be served and over 100 door prizes to be given away to those in attendance. The Career center is located at 1608 Fifth Avenue in Sterling, IL.
- 11-12 **All AP students** will need to register and pay exam fees by **November 8** for the May test date.
- 11-12 **ACT REGISTRATION** for the **December 14** test date must be completed by **November 8**. School code is 141980. Register on-line at www.act.org.
- 11-12 **SAT REGISTRATION** for the **December 7** test date must be completed by **November 8**. School code is 141980. Register on-line at www.sat.org/register.
- 9-12 **CAREERS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE OPEN HOUSE AT WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY** Students will get to experience first-hand the methods and technologies used to process crime scenes, to respond to emergency incidents, and to assist the public in real-world situations. Persons who attend will interact with the faculty to process fingerprints, take tire or foot impressions, engage in accident reconstruction, interview individuals and detect deception, analyze blood spatter, delve into arson investigations, and prepare for natural or manmade disasters using drone and GIS. This opportunity will be held on **November 11**, 2019 from 9 am to 3 pm. Sign up here http://www.wiu.edu/coehs/leja/Open_House.php to participate.
- 11 **JUNIORS WILL BE ATTENDING “WORK IN THE REAL WORLD”** on **November 22**, at Sauk Valley Community College. This will be an excellent opportunity for students to hear from local employers about various kinds of careers and positions within a wide variety of different career sessions. Students self-selected 3 or 4 careers from a possible 23 career pathways to learn more about potential careers. There will also be an Education Panel at the end of the day. The panel will consist of a representative from SVCC, WACC, MIT and a transfer college.
- 11-12 **CHECK COLLEGE WEB-SITES FOR VISIT DAYS AND OPEN HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES.**
- 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**.
- 12 **SENIORS – COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA.** (FAFSA) can now be completed using last year’s 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 46% of the senior class has filed their FAFSA so far.**

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- 12 **GET YOUR INNOCULATION/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.
- 12 **SENIORS NEEDING YOUR OFFICIAL SAT TEST SCORES** and have had trouble getting them need to call this number for customer service 866-315-6068. For those of you planning on going to college you will need to get this cleared up to be able to send official SAT scores to your college.
- 11-12 **JUNIORS AND SENIORS** should be completing your **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES LIST** and e-mailing the form to Mr. Baisden. <http://riverbendschools.org> – HS – Counselor’s Corner – Forms – Extra Curricular Activities List & Information for Recommendations.
- 9-12 **SCHOLARSHIP UP-DATE** The following scholarships are found on the school’s web-site (go to www.riverbendschools.org -Fulton High School-Counselor’s Corner-Scholarships) and are due within the next few weeks. Go to www.scholarships.com to help you with national scholarship searches.
- | <u>NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP</u> | <u>POST MARK</u> | <u>CLASS</u> |
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| Prudential Spirit of Community Award | 11-15 | 9-12 |
| ACT Scholarship Giveaway | 11-8 | 10-12 |
| Greenhouse Scholars of Illinois | 12-22 | 12 |
- 9-12 **FIRST SEMESTER** comes to an end on **December 20**. Are you doing the best you can? These grades are “Official” and will stay on your permanent transcript.
- 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 **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 – April 1
- Military Academy (Army)** <http://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/SitePages/Summer.aspx>
Application opens January 15
- Naval Academy (Navy & Marines)** <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/index.php>
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