

**TWO MINUTES # 2**  
**October 10, 2019**

- 9-12 **COUNSELOR'S CORNER** on the up dated district web page is new and improved with loads of information for students and parents. Simply go to this site <https://www.riverbendschools.org/> click on Fulton High School and then Counselor's Corner. There you will find the following sections; 2-Minute Newsletter, College and Career Planning, Community Resources/Help, FHS Counseling Department mission, FHS School Profile, Financial Aid/FAFSA, Helpful forms, High School Planning, SAT/ACT Test Prep, Scholarships, FHS Testing Program, and Transcript Requests.
- 11-12 **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 **October 14**, 9:30-11:30. RSVP to <https://www.svcc.edu/students/future/visit-campus/explore-sauk.html> or call 815-835-6266. Other visit day are January 22 and February 17.
- 11 **PSAT TESTING** will be on Wednesday morning, **October 16** at 8:00 am in the Agri-King facility. 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 and/or Calculus will see if those courses are a good match for their senior year schedule.
- 12 **FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP** The Annual Financial Aid Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, **October 17** at 6:00 pm at Fulton High School in the **Library**. Jennifer Schultz, the Director of Financial Assistance at SVCC, will be providing information and assistance in a two-part presentation for Fulton parents and students. The first part will focus on **FINANCIAL AID** for all types of colleges. This is a **MUST** for all parents who have seniors who are planning on attending any post high school institution. If it is going to cost money to go to school, you will want to attend this workshop. Find out about funding your student's college education (technical, 2-year, 4-year), what financial aid is available, and how to find it. The second half of the evening will be a **FAFSA COMPLETION** session. Director Schultz will help students and parents with filling out their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Parents and students planning on using this service should bring the following: **Social Security Number, Records of income**, 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. Also have **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 you (student) are not a U.S. citizen. Senior parents and students are urged to attend.
- 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](http://www.wiu.edu/coehs/leja/Open_House.php) to participate.
- 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 Student Services Office **You must sign up with Cam 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.

<b><u>SCHOOL</u></b>	<b><u>DAY &amp; DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>
Sauk Valley Community College	Thursday, October 17	2:35
Iowa State University	Tuesday, October 22	2:35
Eureka College	Thursday, October 24	2:35

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

9-12 **FIRST QUARTER** comes to an end on **October 18**. Are you doing the best you can?

11-12 **PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS COLLEGE FAIR** will be held in Chicago, Tuesday **October 24** at University of Illinois Chicago. Colleges and universities throughout the country will be represented. This is a great way to get your college-planning going. For more information see Mr. Baisden or [www.ncacfairs.org](http://www.ncacfairs.org). Register at [www.gotomypvafair.com](http://www.gotomypvafair.com)

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. Only 2 months to get them done!

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 [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) to help you with scholarship searches. Go to High Fulton School-Counselor's Corner-Scholarships.

<u>NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>POST MARK</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
Horatio Alger Scholarship	10-25	12
Coca-Cola	10-31	12
Voice of Democracy	10-31	9-12
Prudential Spirit of Community Award	11-15	9-12
ACT Scholarship Giveaway	11-8	10-12

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 do not filed yet.

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](http://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](http://www.sat.org/register).

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 **HAVING TROUBLE GETTING YOUR "OFFICIAL" SAT TEST SCORES?** 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.

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.