

TWO MINUTES # 1
September 10, 2019

12 SENIORS

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 in November. Only 2 months to get them done!

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) will be available on October 1. You and your parents will be using last year's taxes. Spend the next few weeks getting your FSA ID so you can complete your FAFSA in October. Talk to your colleges of choice about additional financial aid.

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.

HAVING TROUBLE GETTING YOUR "OFFICIAL" SAT/PSAT 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 **SENIOR & JUNIOR REMINDER** you have 3 tasks that you need to complete in September.

1. Check your e-mail (if you have not, you won't be reading this ☺).
2. Set up your parchment account. (If you already have one, great).
3. Open up your College Board account and retrieve your SAT and/or PSAT scores.

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 NEW FOR 2019-2020 – IMPORTANT

All AP students will need to register and pay exam fees by **November 8** for the May test date.

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 do not file 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 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.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DAY & DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
University of Dubuque	Wednesday, September 25	2:35
Capri College of Cosmetology	Monday, September 30	2:35
St. Ambrose University	Tuesday, October 1	2:35
Knox College	Monday, October 7	2:35
Rockford University	Tuesday, October 8	2:35
Sauk Valley Community College	Thursday, October 17	2:35
Eureka College	Thursday, October 24	2:35

11-12 **NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIRS** will be held in Chicago, Saturday **October 5** and Milwaukee, Sunday, **October 6**. Over 250 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.ncaafairs.org. Register at www.gotomyncf.com

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- 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.
- 11-12 **ACT REGISTRATION** for the **October 26** test date must be completed by **September 20**. School code is 141980. Register on-line at www.act.org .
- 11-12 **SAT REGISTRATION** for the **November 2** test date must be completed by **October 3**. School code is 141980. Register on-line at www.sat.org/register .
- 11 **ASVAB** will be given to **ALL JUNIORS** on Wednesday, **October 2nd at 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM**. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery will be administered at Agri-King. 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 **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.
- 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 1**. For application please go to the following web site https://www.isbe.net/Documents/USSYP_42-60.pdf
- 9-12 **SCHOLARSHIP UP-DATE** The following scholarships are found in Mr. Baisden's office, online or on the school's web-site and are due within the next few weeks. Go to www.scholarships.com to help you with scholarship searches. Go to High School-Guidance-Scholarships.
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| Acorn Equality Fund | 9-20 | 12 | www.acornequalityfund.org |
| Horatio Alger Scholarship | 10-25 | 12 | scholars.horatioalger.org |
| Coca-Cola | 10-31 | 12 | https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/ccsf |
| Prudential Spirit of Community Award | 11-5 | 9-12 | spirit.prudential.com |
- 9-12 **FIRST QUARTER** comes to an end on **October 18**. Are you doing the best you can?
- 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.
- 11-12 **ARE YOU 18 YEARS OLD?** 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.