

**TWO MINUTES # 4**  
**December 16, 2020**

- 9-12 **STUDENTS AND PARENTS WHO ARE STRUGGLING DEALING WITH COVID AND LIFE ISSUES** are encouraged to visit “The Child Mind Institute” web site.
- **The Child Mind Institute** <https://childmind.org/> is an independent, national nonprofit dedicated to transforming the lives of children and families struggling with mental health and learning disorders. Our teams work every day to deliver the highest standards of care, advance the science of the developing brain and empower parents, professionals and policymakers to support children when and where they need it most.
    - **For Families** <https://childmind.org/audience/for-families/> When a child is struggling, the whole family is affected. At the Child Mind Institute, we want to help you make good decisions for your kids and navigate the challenges of parenting. We explore the concerns and challenges we hear about most from parents and provide expert guidance on how to respond in the most effective way. And if you have a child who needs support, we offer resources that can help you get the best care for that child and the best outcome for your family.
- 9-12 **STUDENTS WANTING SCHEDULE CHANGES** need to see Mr. Baisden by Friday, **December 18**. Classes are very full and making a change could be difficult. Look over the master schedule, which can be found on the HS website under counselor’s corner and then high school planning. If your change is plausible, and/or possible, stop in with a plan to see if a change can be done.
- 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 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.
- 9-12 **SCHOLARSHIPS** are being updated weekly. Check out our school website each week to see what scholarship applications deadlines are coming up. Scholarships are listed in 3 categories; River Bend-Area/Regional-National. Go to the following website: <https://www.riverbendschools.org/> Then Fulton High School – FHS Counselor’s Corner – Scholarships – Scholarship Applications.
- 9-12 **SCHOLARSHIP UP-DATE** The following scholarships are found on the school’s web-site (go to [www.riverbendschools.org](http://www.riverbendschools.org) -Fulton High School-FHS Counselor’s Corner-Scholarships) and are due within the next few weeks. Go to [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) to help you with national scholarship searches.

<b><u>NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP</u></b>	<b><u>POST MARK</u></b>	<b><u>CLASS</u></b>
Porch Skilled Trade & Technology	Varies	12
Illinois Electric Cooperatives	12-31	12
Free Speech Essay	12-31	12
Children of Veteran Tuition Waiver	1-5	12
CBAI Foundation	1-6	12
Great River Bend Car Show	1-8	12
4 Year College Bound and Trade School		
Footlocker Student Athlete	1-8	12
SAT Practice Scholarship	Varies	11
Grow AG Leaders	1-14	12
Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholars	1-14	12
Timberline Billing Service (IEP students)	1-15	12
Verna Ross Orndorff Essay Contest	1-15	9-12
Profile in Courage Essay Contest	1-15	9-12
IL Society of Professional Engineers	1-22	12
QC Engineering & Science Council	1-27	12
Equitable Excellence	1-28	12
Distinguished Young Women of Illinois	2-1	11
Golden Apple Scholarship	4-1	12

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- 9-11 **PRE-REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR** will be conducted in February. Students need to start planning for next year's courses. Remember, required classes that are not passed this semester will have to be taken again next year. Talk to your teachers about class options and pre-requisites.
- 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.
- 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 35 students have complete their forms – That's only 48% of the senior class has filed their FAFSA so far.**
- To receive a diploma from a Fulton High School, the ISBE has stated that a student **must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. If you have questions or need help please refer to my website [FHS Counselor's Corner](#) and click on the Financial Aid/FAFSA button. Alternatively, a parent/guardian must file a waiver if they choose to opt a child out of this graduation requirement by completing the Nonparticipation form; students who are at least 18 years of age or legally emancipated may complete the form themselves. If you wish to opt yourself or your student out of the Financial Aid Application graduation requirement, please complete the attached form and return it to me by email or drop it off at the Student Services office.
  - Have a parent work on this with you.**
  - Step 1 - FSA ID - <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>
  - Step 2 – FAFSA - <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- 12 **JUNIORS YOUR PSAT SCORES ARE IN.** Log in to your College Board account to view your complete PSAT score report. Many of you have forgotten your username and/or your password. FHS does not have that information. It is your personal account with an outside entity. Just click on the "Forgot username or password?" Then follow the directions. **If you do not have an account**, click on "Don't have an account? Sign up". An example of the web page is below.

