

TWO MINUTES # 5
10 January 2022

12 **SENIORS – COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA.** (FAFSA) can now be completed using your 2020 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 34 students have completed their forms – That’s only 53% of the senior class that has filed their FAFSA so far.** Priority for programs with limited funds is often given to students filing the FAFSA as soon as possible.

FAFSA – THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID is a **required step for students to earn a diploma** from an Illinois High School. For more information, go to the Financial Aid/FAFSA tab under FHS Counselor’s Corner on the district website. **Students and parents need to start by creating a FSA ID** by going to <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

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.

11-12 **SVCC Dual Credit Scholarships** are available to students 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. When asked for a filed FAFSA, if you have not yet filed, 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.

<u>NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>POST MARK</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
Golden Apple Scholarship	Starts 12-15	12 Ends 4-1
SAT Practice Scholarship	Varies	11
Profile in Courage Essay Contest	1-14	9-12
Verna Ross Orndorff Essay Contest	1-15	9-12
Great River Bend Car Show	1-16	12
4 Year College Bound and Trade School		
Timberline Billing Service (IEP students)	1-18	12
IL Society of Professional Engineers	1-21	12
Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholars	1-25	12
QC Engineering & Science Council	1-27	12
IL School Counselor Association Student	1-31	12
Distinguished Young Women of Illinois	2-1	11
1 st Gateway Credit Union	2-11	12
Bi-County Special Education Scholarship	2-15	12
Bi-County Foundation Gen. Education Sch.	2-15	12
USDA 1890 National Scholars Program	2-15	12
USDA 1894 Tribal Scholars Program	2-15	12
QC Community Foundation	2-15	12
VFW Continuing Education	2-15	12
World Class Scholarship	2-15	12
Future of S.T.E.M.	2-17	12
Sharar Foundation Red & Gold Scholarship	2-26	12

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

9-12 **XELLO – CAREER EXPLORATION** Not sure what career you want to pursue? Hit the **XELLO** button on “Counselor’s Corner”. Here you can explore your own personal career options. 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.

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- 10-11 **2022-23 CEO APPLICATION - DUE FEBRUARY 25.** The Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) Class Advisory Board welcomes your application to participate in the 2022-2023 CEO Class. This course is supported by the business community in the Sauk Valley region in partnership with the member schools of the Whiteside Area Career Center (WACC). The class meets at a variety of businesses in the region and is facilitated by LeAndra Hartman in collaboration with our business partners. As a member of the CEO Class, you will be challenged in new and exciting ways, and you will learn from some of the best and brightest business minds in the area. In addition, you will have the opportunity to develop a lasting and important network of contacts. The class meets for 1.5 hours each school day (7:50-9:20) and you can plan on spending time outside of the school day following through with the work and projects of the class. The application and more info can be found on the CEO website. **The application must be completed in full and submitted by FEBRUARY 25 if you are interested in applying.** Here is a link to the website: <https://www.wacc-ceo.com/>. **Start your application TODAY.**
- 9-11 **REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR** will be conducted in February and early March. Students need to start planning for next year's courses. Remember, required classes that are not passed 1st and/or 2nd semester will have to be taken again next year. Talk to your teachers about class options and pre-requisites.
1. **Early February** – Dual Enrollment session with Sophomores and Juniors. (WACC Application)
 2. **CEO & WACC Applications** – Due February 25 & 26 respectively.
 3. **Late Feb-Early March** – Teachers Recommendations for all students 8th grade – 11th grade.
 4. **Middle of March** – Registration by class 8th grade – 11th grade.
 5. **Late March-Early April** – Student requests tabulated and Master Schedule parameters set for scheduling.
- For more information, check out the **2022-2023 Course Handbook** located in the Fulton High School Section of the district website in FHS Counselor's Corner – High School Planning
- 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** 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** 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.
- 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.**
- 11-12 **SAT REGISTRATION** Students who would like to take or retake a College Entrance Exam the next test date for the SAT is **March 12.** Registration materials must be completed by **February 11.** School code is 141980. Register on-line at www.sat.org/register . **ALL Fulton High School Juniors will be taking the SAT in April.** **The fee is paid for by the State of Illinois.**
- 9-12 **COUNSELOR'S CORNER** – If you have any questions or are looking for more information go to the following link; <https://www.riverbendschools.org/> - Fulton High School – FHS Counselor's Corner