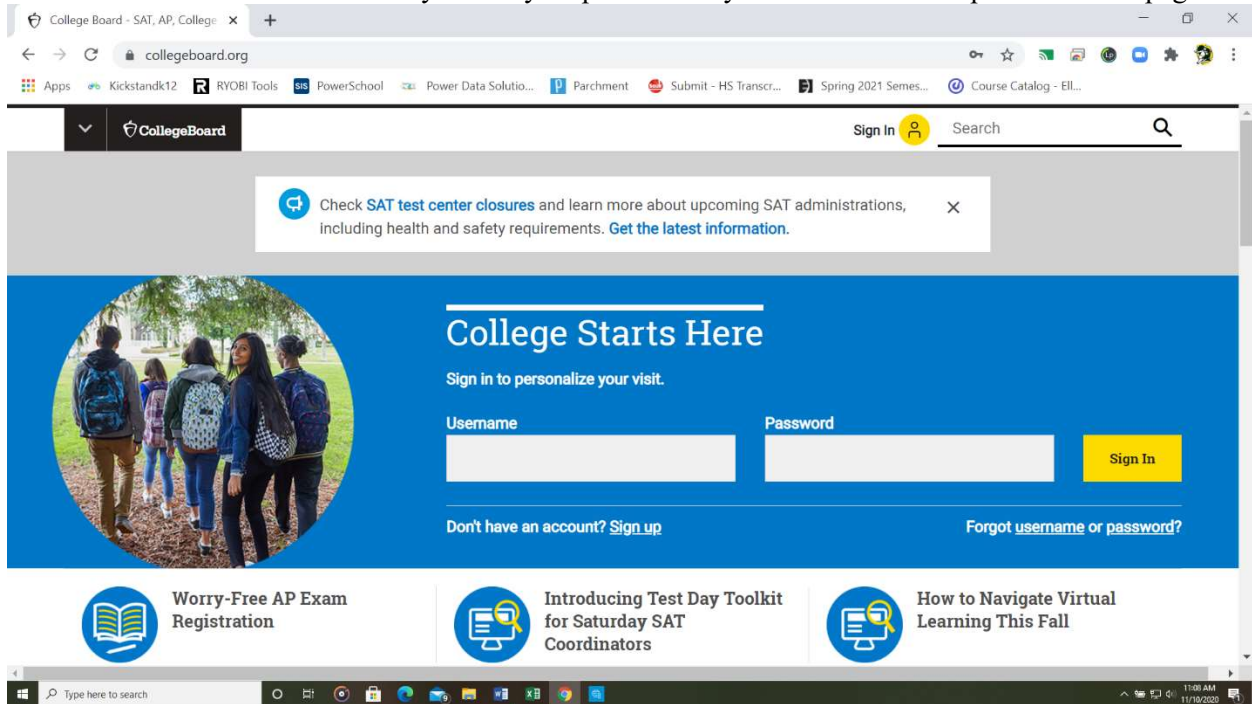


TWO MINUTES # 4
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- 9-12 **5 FHS STUDENTS NAMED ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS.** Illinois State Scholars represent the top ten percent of high school seniors from more than 700 high schools across the state. Illinois State Scholars possess strong academic potential and are chosen based on a combination of exemplary SAT test scores and sixth-semester class rank. Congratulations to **Jerrica Bormann, Landon Meyers, Arianna Moreland, Ariana Nielsen, and Elijah Stillings.**
- 9-12 **Struggling with School, Friends, Family or Life in general?** Set up an appointment with Mr. Baisden or Mrs. Facio in Student Services. - We are here to help.
- 12 **SENIORS – COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA.** This is now a **required step for students to earn a diploma** from an Illinois High School. (FAFSA) can now be completed using your 2021 taxes. Get your FAFSA completed and submitted. **Only 15 students have completed their forms – That’s only 26% of the senior class that has filed their FAFSA so far.** For more information, go to the Financial Aid/FAFSA tab under FHS Counselor’s Corner on the district website. **Students and parents can get started** by going to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> You will need the following; **Social Security Number, Records of income for 2021 (see below)**, 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, **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 your student is not a U.S. citizen.
***Applying is easier with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool! Students and parents who have filed their 2021 federal tax return may be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to easily, accurately and securely transfer their tax information into the FAFSA form.**
- 12 **SENIORS GET COLLEGE APPLICATIONS COMPLETED NOW!!** Request electronic transcripts if needed through **Parchment**. Use “**Parchment**” and/or “**Common Application**” if possible for college applications. Spend some time now researching financial aid, grants, loans and scholarships. Talk to your colleges of choice about financial aid.
- 12 **SENIORS 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.
- 11-12 **2nd SEMESTER DUAL CREDIT STUDENTS.** Both CCC and SVCC registration for Spring term are now open. If you have SVCC dual credit classes on your schedule for the second semester, you have to enroll online. CCC registration requires a paper registration (from Mr. Baisden). Some of the seats are being populated by other students in the area. Make sure you are following the guidelines listed in the Counselor’s corner website. Some of you have gone in and registered as a traditional college student and you cannot enroll that way. You are a Dual Credit Student. Do not wait, you may lose your seat if the course(s) fill up. Make sure you let Mr. Baisden know what class(es) you have enrolled in.
- 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 become available in October. Juniors 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 **STUDENTS WANTING SCHEDULE CHANGES** need to see Mr. Baisden by Friday, **December 16.** 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.

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- 9-12 **FIRST SEMESTER** comes to an end on **December 16**. Are you doing the best you can? These grades are **“Official”** and will stay on your permanent transcript.
- 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.
- 11 **JUNIORS YOUR PSAT SCORES WILL BE RELEASED DECEMBER 6.** Log in to your College Board account to view your complete PSAT score report. Many of you may 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**”. If you are still having trouble getting into your College Board account call this number for customer service **866-756-7346** they are very helpful and easy to talk to. An example of the web page is below.



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

11-12 **CAREER REPRESENTATIVES** The following is a listing of representatives that will have presenters here in the next few weeks.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DAY & DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
US Air National Guard	Monday, December 5	Lunch Visit
WACC	Monday, December 5	2:30 All sophomores

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 Fulton High School-FHS Counselor’s Corner-Scholarships. You can also go to www.scholarships.com to help you with scholarship searches.

<u>NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>POST MARK</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
Sallie Mae Sweepstakes	Monthly	12
Golden Apple Scholarship	Starts 12-1	12 Ends 4-1
Burger King	12-15	12
Equitable Excellence	12-16	12
Point Flagship Scholarship	12-21	12
Illinois Electric Cooperatives	12-31	12
Children of Veteran Tuition Waiver	1-5	12
SAT Practice Scholarship	Varies	11