

**TWO MINUTES # 3**  
**1 November 2022**

9-12 **PARENTS AND STUDENTS** seeking answers to questions about **Dual Credit Classes, College Planning, Scholarships, FAFSA (financial aid), Testing, Transcript Requests, Mental Health**, and much more. I have created a webpage to help with that information. Please follow this pathway to get to Counselor's Corner. [www.riverbendschools.org](http://www.riverbendschools.org) > Fulton High School > FHS Counselor's Corner

12 **FOR SENIORS ONLY**

**FAFSA – THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID** is now a **required step for students to earn a diploma** from an Illinois High School. FHS will be having a FAFSA completion workshop November 9 to help parents with filling out the form. 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 creating a FSA ID** by going to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> This year's FAFSA application is now available.

**FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOP** is scheduled for Wednesday, **November 9 at 5:30** pm at Fulton High School in the **Library**. Jennifer Schultz, Director of Financial Assistance at SVCC, will help students and parents with filling out their FAFSA. 1 parent and the student should have completed a FSA ID prior to this workshop. This will allow for the FAFSA to be submitted that night. Please bring 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.**

**GET EARLY COLLEGE APPLICATIONS COMPLETED NOW!!** Request electronic transcripts if needed through **Parchment**. Use "**Parchment**" and/or "**Common Application**" if possible for college applications. All applications should be done by November. Only 2 months to get them done!

**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.

**FAFSA COMPLETION WORKSHOP** is scheduled at Sauk Valley Community College November 16 from 11am-6pm. Students and parents can use the following link to register:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfnoS5qkK6FMBZefPemMjZSxCFsg5ToX6y3Fnb5MPV6AsTDA/viewform>

11-12 **2<sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER DUAL CREDIT STUDENTS.** Both CCC and SVCC registration for Spring term opens October 31 and November 7 respectively. 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 starting to be 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 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 have not filed yet.

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- 10-12 **SENIORS, JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES** Open up your College Board account and retrieve your SAT, PSAT 10 or PSAT 8/9 scores. If you are 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.
- 11-12 **ALL AP STUDENTS** will need to register and pay exam fees by **November 10** for the May test date.
- 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](http://www.imsa.edu) for applications and more information. Application and all required forms are due February 1.
- 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.
- 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 Counseling Office **You must sign up with Marie 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 &amp; DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
UW Platteville	Monday, November 7	2:35
Kirkwood Community College	Monday, November 7	2.35
US Army	Wednesday, November 16	Lunch Visit
Sauk Valley CC	Monday, November 28	2:35

- 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 High Fulton School-FHS Counselor's Corner-Scholarships. Try [www.scholarships.com](http://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
Hispanic Youth Awards	11-13	12
Cooke College Scholarship Program	11-17	12
SAT Practice Scholarship	11-31	12
Burger King	12-15	12
Golden Apple Scholarship	Starts 12-15	12
Equitable Excellence	12-16	12
Illinois Electric Cooperatives	12-31	12

- 11 **OUR UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMYS OFFER SUMMER SEMINARS.** The one-week summer seminars were established to help students better understand the academic opportunities at a service academy that thrives on small classes and frequent testing. By applying to the summer seminars you are also opening an admissions file at the Academies. Students must complete applications on line. Summer seminars are very competitive. To qualify you must be in the top 10% of your class, in a college prep curriculum, have strong test scores, demonstrated leadership, active in school activities and athletically fit. Admission is on a rolling basis acceptance so return your application as soon as possible.

**Air Force Academy** <https://www.academyadmissions.com/admissions/outreach-programs/summer-seminar/>

**Application dead line - December 1 - January 15**

**Coast Guard Academy** <https://www.uscga.edu/aim/>

**Application dead line – February 8– April 15**

**Military Academy (Army)** <http://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/SitePages/Summer.aspx>

**Application dead line February 1 – March 15**

**Naval Academy (Navy & Marines)** <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/index.php>

**Application opens January 4**