

TWO MINUTES # 5
2 January 2023

- 9-12 **Struggling with School, Friends, Family or Life in general?** Set up an appointment to visit 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 21 students have completed their forms – That’s only 37% 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.
- 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.
- 10-11 **2022-23 CEO APPLICATION - DUE MARCH 18.** The Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) Class Advisory Board welcomes your application to participate in the 2023-2024 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 MARCH 18 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. **WACC Application** – Due February 24
 3. **CEO Applications** – Due March 18
 4. **Late Feb-Early March** – Teachers Recommendations for all students 8th grade – 11th grade.
 5. **Middle of March** – Registration by class 8th grade – 11th grade.
 6. **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. The new updated 2023-2024 Course Handbook will be available soon.

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

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>	
Golden Apple Scholarship	Starts 12-15	12	Ends 4-1
SAT Practice Scholarship	Varies	11	
STEM Scholarships for LGBTQ+	Varies	Varies	
College Scholarships for LGBTQ+	Varies	Varies	
Children of Veteran Tuition Waiver	1-5	12	
Bezos Scholars Program	1-12	12	
Profile in Courage Essay Contest	1-13	9-12	
Verna Ross Orndorff Essay Contest	1-15	9-12	
Quad City Regional Auto Show	1-15	12	
4 Year College Bound and Trade School			
American Indian Science & Engineering Sch.	1-15	12	
Timberline Billing Service (IEP students)	1-17	12	
Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholars	1-19	12	
IL Society of Professional Engineers	1-20	12	
QC Engineering & Science Council	1-24	12	
World Class Scholarship	1-30	12	
Future STEM Scholars	1-31	12	
USDA 1890 National Scholars Program	1-31	12	
USDA 1894 Tribal Scholars Program	1-31	12	
IL School Counselor Association Student	2-17	12	
1 st Gateway Credit Union	2-10	12	
Bi-County Special Education Scholarship	2-15	12	
Bi-County Foundation Gen. Education Sch.	2-15	12	
QC Community Foundation	2-15	12	
VFW Continuing Education	2-15	12	
Sharar Foundation Red & Gold Scholarship	2-26	12	

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 **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.

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.**

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