

TWO MINUTES # 7

7 March 2023

- 9-11 **REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR** is underway. 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. **2023-24 Registration** by class
8th – March 15 -- 9th - March 10 & 13 -- 10th – March 13 & 14 -- 11th – March 15 & 16
 2. **Late March-Early April** – Student requests tabulated and Master Schedule parameters set for scheduling.
- For more information, check out the **2023-2024 Course Handbook** located in the Fulton High School Section of the district website in FHS Counselor's Corner – High School Planning
- 9-12 **ALL SCHOOL - STATE TESTING DAY!** Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 12**. These state mandated tests are **required** of all Illinois high school students grade 9, 10 and 11. The 9th and 10th grade students will be taking the PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 respectively. The 11th grade students will be taking the SAT College Entrance Exam. Please do **NOT** be absent on that day. If you are, you will have to make up the exam. Seniors will have a career day. They will be able to go on a college visit, job shadow, take college placement exams on site, complete college enrollment on site or attend FHS for the day. Permission forms need to be returned to the FHS main office by **Thursday, April 6th**.
- 9-11 **STUDENTS INTERESTED IN BECOMING TEACHERS** are encouraged to check out the Educational Pathway Endorsement you can earn at FHS. See Mr. Baisden or Ms. Frohling for more information.
1. Students can earn college tuition incentives and scholarships if they possess this endorsement.
 2. Includes earning at least 6 college credits.
 3. Students gain experience while in high school to see what it would be like to become a teacher.
 4. Includes educational seminars and group projects.
- 12 **27 SENIORS NEED TO COMPLETE FAFSA's OR WAIVER.** 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 going to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>
- 12 **SENIORS YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO COMPLETE COLLEGE APPLICATIONS!!** 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 **CHECK COLLEGE WEB-SITES FOR VISIT DAYS AND OPEN HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES.**
- 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 **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 **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.

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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	12-1 to 4-1	12
WACC Scholarships	3-13	12
Rock River Chapter DAR	3-13	12
Kathryn G. Hansen	3-13	12
Horatio Alger	3-15	11
NW Illinois Economic Development	3-17	12
SAT Practice Scholarship	Starts 3-9	11
Rock River Chapter DAR	3-13	12
Whiteside Sherriff’s	3-15	12
Flikkema Foundation	3-24	12
River Bend Educational Foundation	3-24	12
River Bend Educational Foundation-Nursing	3-24	12
River Bend Educational Found.-Vocational	3-24	12
Zimmerman Memorial	3-24	12
Ralph F. Schepler	3-24	12
Becky McLuckie Memorial	3-24	12
River Bend Education Association	3-24	12
KEY Club	3-24	12
Tristian Toppert Memorial	3-24 approx.	12
Tri-County Opportunities Council	3-24	12
Bridging the Dream	3-27	12
Whiteside County Republicans	3-28	12
Cornerstone Credit Union	3-31	12
Knights of Columbus	3-31	12
Mercy Healthcare Foundation	3-31	12
DCFS Scholarship	3-31	12
DuTrac Community Credit Union	3-31	12
Lockheed Martin STEM scholarships	3-31	12
SVCC Foundation	4-1	12
Whiteside Retired Teachers	4-1	12
Sauk Valley Area Manufacturing	4-1	12
Albany Lion’s Club	4-3	12

9-12 **2023 RURAL HEALTH CAREERS CAMP** is a three-day (June 26-28), overnight educational program for high school students interested in the healthcare field. Students will participate in hands-on learning activities and labs that represent different healthcare careers and stay at an overnight facility to experience living on a college campus. Some of the healthcare careers already scheduled are: medicine, nursing, social work, dentistry, physical therapy, occupational therapy, medical lab sciences, and many more! For more information and for the application to apply, please visit this webpage: <https://ncrhp.uic.edu/programs/experiences/rural-health-careers-camp/>.

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 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.

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