

TWO MINUTES # 1
6 September 2023

- 11-12 **SENIORS and JUNIORS** you have 3 tasks that you need to complete in September:
1. Check your school email (if you have not, you won't be reading this ☺)
 2. Set up your parchment account. If you already have one, great, if not you will get an invitation to set up your account.
 3. Open up your College Board account and retrieve your SAT or PSAT 10 scores. If you are having trouble getting into your College Board account call this number for customer service 866-315-6068.
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- 12 **FOR SENIORS ONLY**
GET EARLY COLLEGE APPLICATIONS COMPLETED NOW!! Request electronic transcripts if Possible 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!
- 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 workshop later this semester 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://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm> **This year's FAFSA application will be available around mid-December.**
- 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.
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- 11-12 **REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE FALL NACAC VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS!** You are invited to attend the first NACAC Virtual College Fair of the fall on **Sunday, September 10** from 1-6 p.m. (ET)! [Register now](#) for free! The virtual fair is a great opportunity to connect with colleges and pursue your college dreams. Have a quick video chat with a rep, drop in on a virtual presentation, send a question through chat - make a connection YOUR way! The fairs will also feature **MatchMaking!** At the time of registration, you will select the attributes that are most important to you in a college. You'll then receive an email that best matches you to the specific colleges and universities based on the criteria you provide. Reference this email on the day of the fair to connect with your best matches! Be sure to register early to take advantage of this great feature! Additional fairs will be available Oct. 15 & Nov. 12.
- 11-12 **13th ANNUAL CAREER & COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT** at Clinton High School. All area students have been invited to this event that will be held on **Wednesday, September 27th** from 5-7 in the Clinton High School Commons. We will have over 20 different post-secondary plans represented (military, apprenticeships, employers, trade/technical schools, 2 year colleges and 4 year colleges and universities). Throughout the entire evening there will be a career and college fair. From 5:30-6:30 Teresa Theide from CCC will present on FAFSA and financial aid.
- 11-12 **US SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM** is available for junior and senior students who are currently serving in an elected capacity in student government with the intention to take government courses in college. Two students from the state of Illinois will be selected to experience U.S. government in Washington D.C. Applications are due by **October 6**. For application please go to the following web Site https://www.isbe.net/Documents/USSYP_42-60.pdf
- 11-12 **GO "TEST DRIVE" CAREERS** On **October 8** you can participate in the following, "Hands on Activities" sponsored by Iowa Works; CDL Simulator, Welding Simulator, Engineering Simulator, Construction Simulators and Virtual Reality Headsets. The presentation will be from 2:30-6:30 pm at the Advancement Center 1951 Manufacturing Drive in Clinton. Pizza and Pop will be provided.
- 9-12 **FIRST QUARTER** comes to an end on **October 13**. Are you doing the best you can?

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- 11 **PSAT/NMSQT TESTING** will be on Thursday morning, **October 18** at 8:00 am at FHS. This is a pre-SAT assessment that will help **ALL Junior** students prepare for the SAT they will be taking in April. The assessment will be digital this day, so make sure your **Chromebooks have been charged**. Also, students who are planning on taking any AP courses such as English, AP Statistics and/or Calculus will see if those courses are a good match for their senior year schedule.
- 11 **ASVAB** will be given to **ALL JUNIORS** on Wednesday, **October 25 at 8:15 AM – 11:30 AM**. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery will be administered at the high school. The most important feature of this test is that it can help students find out what occupations may be a good fit for them. Plus, the results can be used if they are interested in serving in the military.
- 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. When asked for a filed FAFSA, attach a word document that states that you are a Dual Credit Student and have not filed yet.
- 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 & DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
University of Dubuque	Monday, September 25	2:35
Augustana College	Monday, October 16	2:35
St. Ambrose University	Tuesday, October 17	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 Fulton High School-FHS Counselor's Corner-Scholarships. Try www.scholarships.com to help you with scholarship searches.

<u>NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP</u>	<u>POST MARK</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
Fulton Kiwanis Dual Credit Grant	As Soon As Possible	11-12
Acorn Equality Fund	9-22	12
Quest Bridge	9-27	12
Pride in Diversity	9-30	12
Coca-Cola	10-2	12
Wendy's HS Heisman	10-17	12
Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association	10-29	12
Voice of Democracy	10-31	9-12

- 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/>.

- 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.