

TWO MINUTES # 6

March 5 2024

12 FOR SENIORS ONLY

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.

1 parent and the student should complete a FSA ID to begin with: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. This will allow for the FAFSA to be submitted.

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.

SENIORS – LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE DUE FRIDAY MARCH 22 get them done ahead of time so you don't miss the due date. See page 2 for more information.

8-11 **REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR** will be completed in the next 2 weeks. Make sure your Teacher Recommendation forms are completed and turned in to the Student Services Office.

2024-25 Registration by class

10th – March 7 & 8 -- **11th** – March 11 & 12 -- **8th** – March 13 -- **9th** - March 14 & 15

Late March-Early April – Student requests tabulated and Master Schedule parameters set for scheduling.

9-10 **2024 RURAL HEALTH CAREERS CAMP** is a three-day (June 24-26), 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/>.

9-12 **ALL SCHOOL - STATE TESTING DAY!** Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 10**. 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 **Friday, April 5th**.

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

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- 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 **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>
Illinois Chemical Education Foundation	3-8	12
Illinois Elks Children’s Care	3-8	12
SAT Practice Scholarship	Starts 3-9	11
Kathryn G. Hansen	3-11	12
Rock River Chapter DAR	3-15	12
Horatio Alger	3-15	11
Whiteside Sherriff’s	3-15	12
Tri-County Opportunities Council	3-15	12
Whiteside County Republicans	3-15	12
Sauk Valley Area Manufacturing	3-15	12
Sauk Valley Hispanic Business Leaders	3-15	12
Human Service Career College	3-15	12
Dubuque Area Labor Management	3-15	12
WACC Scholarships	3-21	12
Flikkema Foundation	3-22	12
River Bend Educational Foundation	3-22	12
River Bend Educational Foundation-Nursing	3-22	12
River Bend Educational Found.-Vocational	3-22	12
Zimmerman Memorial	3-22	12
Ralph F. Schepler	3-22	12
Becky McLuckie Memorial	3-22	12
River Bend Education Association	3-22	12
KEY Club	3-22	12
DuTrac Community Credit Union	3-22	12
Whiteside County Farm Bureau	3-29	12
Cornerstone Credit Union	3-29	12
Knights of Columbus	3-31	12
Stand for the Silent	3-31	12
Mercy Healthcare Foundation	3-31	12
Illinois Federation of Women’s Clubs	4-1	12
TBK Bank	4-1	12
Lockheed Martin STEM scholarships	4-1	12
Golden Apple Scholarship	4-1	12
Whiteside Retired Teachers	4-1	12
Albany Lion’s Club	4-3	12

- 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.