

FULTON HIGH SCHOOL:



TWO MINUTES NEWSLETTER

- 11-12 **SENIORS and JUNIORS**, you have 2 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. When setting up your account, please use a personal email, NOT your school email. You will use this account beyond graduation.
- 12 <u>FAFSA THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID</u> is now a <u>required step for students to earn a diploma</u> 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 can get started by creating an FSA ID by going to https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch. If you do not intend to complete the FAFSA, please contact Mrs. Facio regarding the FAFSA Non-Participation Waiver. This year's FAFSA application is set to open October 1st. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU GO CREATE YOUR FSA ID NOW. THERE IS A WAITING PERIOD BETWEEN WHEN YOU CREATE YOUR ID TO WHEN YOU CAN COMPLETE THE APPLICATION.
- 12 <u>GET EARLY COLLEGE APPLICATIONS COMPLETED NOW!!</u> You can request electronic transcripts through Parchment! Use "Parchment" and/or "Common Application" for college applications if possible. All applications should be done by November. Only 2 months to get them done!
- 12 <u>ACT SCORES</u> can be viewed online through your MyACT account. If you signed up for Score Send, your scores were instantly sent to the colleges of your choice by ACT. PreACT score reports will not be available online; however, students should have received a paper score report last Spring.
- 12 <u>GET YOUR INOCULATION/SHOT RECORDS UP TO DATE</u>- 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.
- 11-12 <u>REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE FALL NACAC VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS!</u> You are invited to attend the first NACAC Virtual College Fair of the fall on Sunday, September 14th from 1-6 p.m. (ET) 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. 19th & Nov. 9th. Register here for free: https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs
- **9-12 <u>TUTORING</u>** is available to all FHS students after school. Start the semester strong! Please see Mr. Parsons or Mrs. Bowers to get signed up for this **free service!**
- **9-12** IMPACT hours must be completed and submitted through Sauk's online portal by May 31st in order to remain eligible for the IMPACT program. Do not miss out on Earned Tuition at Sauk! Start on your volunteer hours NOW!

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12 <u>SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES</u> Are being updated in Counselor's Corner on the school website as applications open. Scholarships listed in <u>RED</u> have been updated for the 25-26 school year. Additional scholarship applications can be found by visiting scholarships.com.

11-12 <u>US SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM</u> 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 3rd. To apply, please visit: https://www.isbe.net/Documents/USSYP_42-60.pdf

11 <u>PREACT TESTING</u> will take place on October 8th for all juniors. The assessment will be digital, so make sure your Chromebooks have been charged!

11 <u>PSAT/NMSQT TESTING</u> In addition to the free fall Pre ACT & Spring ACT that all juniors will take, Fulton High School is also offering juniors the chance to take the PSAT/NMSQT this fall for a small fee. This nationally recognized exam opens doors to scholarship opportunities—including the National Merit Scholarship Program—and provides valuable feedback on college readiness. The cost of the exam is \$18 and can be paid to the main office. Interested juniors should contact Mrs. Facio by Friday, September 26th to register. Testing will take place the week of October 27th.

11-12 <u>COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES</u> The following is a listing of colleges that will have representatives here in the next few weeks. All college representative visits will take place in the Student Services office. You must scan the QR Code on our College Visit signs around the school to sign up, or stop in and sign up with Marie in Student Services. We have to let representatives know ahead of time if anyone has signed up. So, sign up early and don't miss out on the opportunity to get all of your college questions answered!

- Educators of Beauty- Thursday, Sept. 25th @ 2 PM
- University of Dubuque- Monday, Oct. 6th @ 2:30 PM
- Coe College- Friday, Oct. 17th @ 2 PM
- St. Ambrose- Monday, Oct. 20th @ 2:30 PM
- Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville- Wednesday, Oct. 22nd @ 10 AM
- Sauk Valley Community College- Monday, Oct. 27th @ 2:30 PM

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, e 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- YEAR- OLD MALE? If you are, you are required by law to register with the Selective Service. You can register as early as 17 years and 3 months old. By doing so, you will be eligible for student loans and grants, job training, and government jobs. Failing to register can lead to a 5-year prison sentence and up to a \$250,000 fine. Register at the post office, DMV, or online at https://www.sss.gov/.